

3 May 2018



# CONCORD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

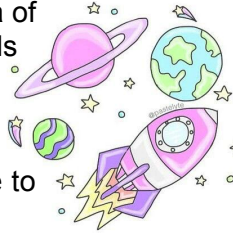
*"Together We Learn and Grow"*



Kia ora whānau

Welcome back to school everyone for another busy term. We have some exciting events happening including visits to the Art Gallery and the Planetarium at the Otago Museum. Further information will be in future newsletters.

This term the whole school is studying space and this is being taught in the senior area of the school through our Curious Minds programme, which the children are very excited about. If you know of anyone in the community that has expertise in this topic, we would love to hear from you.



**Road Safety** – We had a very near miss earlier this week when a parent and student walked behind a parked car outside the school one morning. The car started reversing but fortunately the driver saw them just in time.

We have had an accident previously and we don't want another one. I will talk to the children about this at assembly, **but please use the footpath in front of the parked cars**, and always use the road wardens' school crossing after school.

**Chicken Pox** – We have a few children away this week with chicken pox, so please keep an eye out for any signs of this in your child. They may have a runny nose, slight fever or tiredness, and a rash, bumps which then become blisters.

**BOT Meeting** – Our next BOT meeting is this Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm in the staffroom.

**Parents Group AGM** – This is being held next Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 3.15pm in the staffroom. New members would be most welcome.

**Weather** – With the weather starting to turn colder now there is always a possibility of a late start or closure due to snow and ice. Information will be on local radio stations, and on their Facebook pages, usually from 7.00am. As soon as we know we will also post it on our school's Facebook page.



**Netball** – The senior team will begin on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Lillie, Savannah K, Logan, Sarah, Hailee, Shikayla, Toby, Shakaia - and junior players will begin on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Ayla, Jimmi, Ruby - all at the Edgar Centre. Further details as they come to hand.



**Year 5/6 Camp** – This is taking place from 14-16/18 May, only a week and a half to go! Health & Safety and consent forms have gone out this week and need to be returned asap. A gear list was also included – **please add gumboots to this list** (if the children have them – no need to buy new ones).

Thank you to the camp parents for volunteering to attend camp. If any other parents would like to come out for the day please ring or text Wendy or I to confirm where we will be on the day – Steve 027 500 9181/Wendy 027 243 5021.

If there are any further questions about camp please don't hesitate to contact either of us.

## Dates to mark on your calendar:

- \* Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> May – Parents' Group AGM
- \* May 14-16/18 – Yr 5/6 Camp



Ngā mihi

Steve Turnbull  
Principal

**ABSENCES** – please PHONE 488 2204 or TEXT 027 391 9985 by **9.00am** with the reason your child is absent (sick etc)

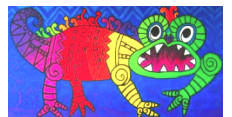
**Clever Cats** – This Friday May 4<sup>th</sup> at 1.30pm  
**Assembly** – Next Friday May 11<sup>th</sup> at 2.15pm



## The Taniwha – by Sarah, Room 5

The wind was strong and relentless, and the night was cold and dark, but where the Taniwha slept was peaceful and warm. The trees swayed softly and glow worms lit up the cave, and nothing was to be heard except the slow gentle trickling of the silver stream.

If you were to stand with the Taniwha you would not be able to tell it was night, and the beast itself was the shifting colour of emerald, sapphire, spinel, ruby and gold, the emerald and sapphire giving off the colour of the sky and the sea, and the spinel, ruby and gold giving the colour of the sun and the desert, all giving off a radiant colour, and making the cave feel like one big gem.



In fact the Taniwha's name was Gems and she had a very important job. Every day she would go into the sea and round up ninety salmon and guide them into the blood cove. It's name suits the cove well for thousands of sea urchins swarm in the warm water turning it the colour of rich red blood. Many of the fish she has caught will be killed but she only needs eighty.

Gems had to move swiftly like a snake to avoid touching the sharp poisonous blood boiling spines below her, but having been trained since she was a young Taniwha she has made it to the other side of the cove, where her mother Cristall, her father Ace, and her two sisters Sprinkles and Ocean, have been waiting to help her carry all the fish back to the den. They each take an enormous mouth full and start to fly the long journey home.

It was a sparkling dawn before the family reached their nest. There was a loud crunch of solid rock cracking as the beasts landed. Gems' father Ace pulled on a section of rock wall and a small diamond-shaped rock dropped out of the wall. Her mother Cristall dropped her mouth full of fish into the hole. Winter was coming. They could eat and drink and sleep all they like but tomorrow would be winter.

When morning came it was cold, dark, snowing, raining and hailing. The group got up and ate anything they could and when they were finished they huddled in the back of their cave to hibernate.

# Teddy Bear Hospital Community Day



**SATURDAY**  
**26 May, 10.30am**

The Hunter Centre, Corner of  
Frederick & Great King Streets

*Bring your kids and their  
sick teddies to see our  
Teddy Doctors and  
Dentists who will  
make them feel better.*

*An event hosted by  
students of the  
University of Otago.*

To book an appointment or for more information,  
please visit: [tbhdunedin.com](http://tbhdunedin.com)

**Colgate**

**MERCY  
HOSPITAL**

**VIDEO TECH**



**BELLE BABYSITTERS**

**MORE FM**  
DUNEDIN 97.4



Welcome to the following  
new students and their families:

\* Ava Creasey

\* Carter Kennedy

## Lucky Book Club



The next Lucky Book Club order for 2018 was  
distributed today and closes **next Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May**.  
Please return money and orders to the school office.

## Community Oral Health Service



**0800 TALK TEETH** (0800 825 583)  
or **0800 ORAL HEALTH** (0800 672  
543) (free from cell phones).



## HEAD LICE

Please continue  
to be vigilant in checking  
your child's hair regularly,  
and treating if needed

Don't forget to check out our Facebook page  
[www.facebook.com/concordschoolodunedin](http://www.facebook.com/concordschoolodunedin)



**magic**  
kids club

After-school Care Programme is now available for  
Concord students, at a very reasonable cost, with  
excellent subsidies available.

Please contact Magic Kids Club Office 453 3266 or  
Email [bookings@magickidsclub.co.nz](mailto:bookings@magickidsclub.co.nz) for more information

**dunedin city  
baptist**

19 Main South Road, Concord

## CHURCH FAIR

**SAT 5 MAY, 10-2**

Art & Craft  
Books  
Bouncy Castle

Café  
Silent Auction  
Plants

Clothing  
Toys  
Laser Force



A FUNDRAISER FOR  
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## HAPPINESS adventures

Fun Classes for Kids



### CLASSES INCLUDE:

Movement  
and Games,  
Stretching,  
Peer massage,  
Breathing exercises,  
Positive affirmations  
and Visualisations.

### JOIN

our joyful  
happiness adventures:  
discover, learn and share  
the amazing  
feeling of being happy!  
Learn valuable skills such as:  
- confidence, emotional resilience  
and self-esteem on an  
exciting and fun journey  
each week.

Includes passports, certificates and handouts

THURSDAYS 4-5pm @ STUDIO TULA, 286 Princes St  
TERM 2: 3rd May - 21st June  
\$88 for 8 weeks or \$13 per week casual  
Ages 6-12

TO BOOK: [www.bookwhen.com/calmingcompany](http://www.bookwhen.com/calmingcompany) or 021 065 0336

## Parenting Helpline

get support, advice  
and practical strategies

**Call 0800 568 856**

9am - 9pm Monday to Sunday

[www.parenthelp.org.nz](http://www.parenthelp.org.nz)

we can help  
with any of your  
parenting concerns

**Parent  
Help**  
Free, Practical and Friendly Support



**EVERY DAY \* EASY LUNCH \* - Reg \$5.00/**

**Lge \$6.00** - pizza bun/s, dessert, piece of  
fruit, homemade muffin and bag of popcorn

**FRIDAY \* PIZZA \* - \$2.70** per slice, meatlovers or hawaiian  
Orders and money to the office before 9.00am please

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