

10 May 2018



CONCORD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"Together We Learn and Grow"



Kia ora whānau

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

Year 5/6 Camp – This is taking place next week, only a few sleeps to go!



This year our camp is at Tirohanga, with the Year 5 students staying two nights, and the Year 6s are away for four nights. We are looking forward to a great week, full of fun and activities.

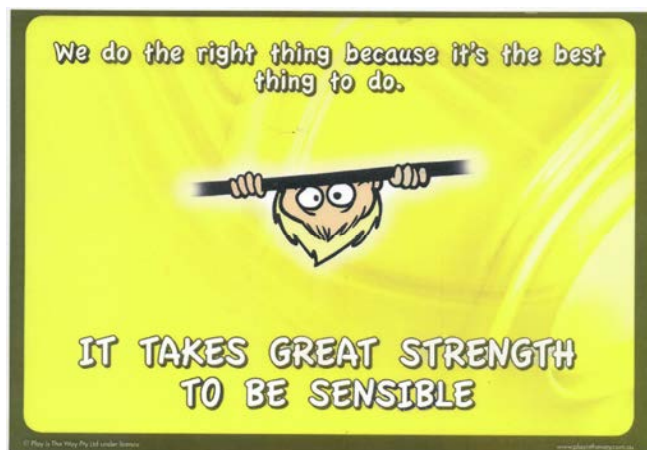
A letter has gone home with last minute details. If there are any further questions about camp please don't hesitate to contact us.

Wilson McCaskill – Last Friday we had the pleasure of hosting Wilson, the founder of 'Play is the Way', the social and emotional initiative that we deliver here at school. This was a valuable opportunity to see Wilson deliver his lessons to our children, and give feedback to the teachers regarding students and selecting games from the manual for each class to focus on.



'Play is the Way' – At Monday's assembly we talked about making sensible decisions while walking to/from school eg crossing at the coned area outside the gate and walking on the footpaths rather than behind parked cars.

We also related the yellow poster to activities on next week's Year 5/6 camp eg staying on the track while tramping, keeping together as a group.



The children are getting to know the 'Play is the Way' posters well and they may come up in conversations at home as well. It is important for the children to see that these concepts are relevant to everyone wherever they are. Copies of the posters are up on the wall in the foyer.

'Little Landers Literature' – Tomorrow we welcome two Highlanders players to be part of this very exciting programme. Groups of children will be selected each visit this term to read to the Highlanders, and listen to the Highlanders read their favourite books and books by local authors.

Video footage will be taken for a short 'School of Physical Education and sport sciences' promotional video. Photographs will be taken and may be on relevant websites and/or Facebook pages. We have only selected children who have given permission for this to happen.

Netball – Unfortunately our senior team has had to default their first game next week, as most of the team will be away at camp.

Both teams will now start on Tues 22nd May.

Sports tops – Do any touch rugby or futsal players still have sports tops at home? Please return these as soon as possible.

Weather – In the winter terms there is always a possibility of a late start or closure due to snow and ice. This decision is made by a small committee of Principals on the Otago Principals Association.



This is often a blanket late start or closure of all primary schools in Dunedin. Even if there is no snow in your area it may be deep in the hill suburbs meaning that staff cannot safely get to schools. 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.

Golf – Last Thursday we welcomed back Melanie Harper who took golf lessons with the senior students. She is back again today.



Dates to mark on your calendar:

- * May 14-16/18 – Yr 5/6 Camp
- * Mon 4 Jun – Queen's Birthday
- * Fri 6 Jul – End of Term 2



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)

Assembly – This Friday May 11th at 2.15pm
Clever Cats – Next Friday May 18th at 1.30pm



Chickenpox Fact Sheet (Varicella)

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Description

Chickenpox is an acute highly contagious viral illness that starts suddenly and affects up to 90% of children by 15 years of age.

Serious complications can result from chickenpox for:

- Children whose immune systems are weak, as in the case of leukaemia (the disease can be severe and prolonged).
- Newborn babies (5-10 days old).

Note: Shingles (*Herpes Zoster*) is caused by the same virus in someone previously infected with chickenpox. It can cause chickenpox in a child who has never had chickenpox if there is direct contact with the moist shingle rash. It is more common in older people.

Signs and symptoms

The child may have a runny nose, slight fever, tiredness and a general rash. The rash begins as bumps which become like blisters for three to four days, then leave a crusty scab. Blisters come in crops, and are more often found on covered parts of the child's body. Blisters may also appear in the mouth and nose, and on the scalp.

Time between exposure and sickness

The incubation period is 2-3 weeks (commonly 14-16 days).

Infectious period

The infectious period is as long as 5 days, but usually about 1-2 days before the rash appears until all blisters have crusted (usually 5 about days).

One infection gives long lasting immunity. Second attacks are uncommon.

Source of infection

The infection is spread by coughing and sneezing and direct contact with the moist blisters.

Parents' or Caregivers' Responsibilities

- Keep the child at home for 5 days after the appearance of the blisters.
- Inform your child's teacher or Early Childhood Centre.

Home Treatment

- To relieve the itching, use cool packs. (Calamine lotion will increase the risk of scarring and is not recommended.)
- A soothing bath with an anti-itch preparation that your pharmacist recommends.
- Keep the child's fingernails short, to stop blisters being scratched and infected.
- Allow the sores to be open to the fresh air as much as possible (especially those on baby's bottom).
- Give Paracetamol (Pamol, Panadol) to reduce fever.
- Do not give Aspirin as this may cause complications.
- Give your child plenty to drink.

If you are pregnant you are advised to contact your doctor or midwife.

Chicken Pox :
All You Need
to Know
about it !



Don't forget to check out our Facebook page
www.facebook.com/concordschooldunedin



Green Island Junior Football Club Kickits 2018



Our fun football skills program for players born in 2013 and 2014 on **Sundays** at Sunnyvale 10am \$25 for the season. To register please email gijfinfo@gmail.com



We have also have room for players born 2009 and 2011

MOVIE MAGIC under the roof



Gates open from 2.00pm with entertainment
Movie at 3.30pm

MATILDA

2PM, SUNDAY, MAY 13
Forsyth Barr Stadium

Food stalls are on site, but visitors are welcome to bring their own food & drink – no glass

Entry by gold coin donation or donation of new pyjamas or toiletries



Lucky Book Club

The next Lucky Book Club order closes
TOMORROW Friday 11th May.
Please order at the school office.



NICOLE'S BEGINNERS HIP HOP & DANCE JAM

\$5 FOR 45 MINUTES

Wednesday 4p – 4.45p
8yrs & 9yrs

Thursday 3.45p – 4.30p
6yrs & 7yrs

Wednesday 4.45p – 5.30p
5yrs & 6yrs

Thursday 4.30p – 5.15p
7yrs & 8yrs

Wednesday 6.30p – 7.15p
Advanced Class

Thursday 5.30p – 6.15p
10yrs & Over

By **TORA HAIR** Green Island

All Inquiries Welcome: Phone Marie (03) 9746243
Marie's Cell - 0275766503

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

Parenting Helpline

get support, advice
and practical strategies

Call 0800 568 856
9am - 9pm Monday to Sunday

www.parenthelp.org.nz

we can help
with any of your
parenting concerns

**Parent
Help**
Your Partner in Family 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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