



Concord School NEWSLETTER



2 February 2023

Kia ora whānau

Welcome back to all children, parents and teachers. I hope you had a relaxing summer break and you were able to do some fun things with your family.



It is great to see the hot summer weather continuing. We have been very fortunate here in the south. Our thoughts are with schools and communities in the North Island with the wet weather they have been receiving.

I realise going back to school and work can be a shock to the system. Thank you for changing routines eg bed times etc so that your tamariki are ready and energised on time for the school day.

Health and consent forms – Please complete one of these **for each child** and return to school as soon as possible. It is important for contact and medical details to be kept regularly updated, and this is also a consent form for school trips, and for the use of photos on the website etc. **The form also includes an important section on our free healthy school lunches.**

These forms are to be taken on school trips so that we have emergency contact details for each child should the need arise. **We will need all forms back before our Big Day Out.**

Water Fight – I was reminded yesterday by Orla that we missed out on our end of year water fight. Sorry for the short notice, but we have decided to hold this tomorrow afternoon, and all students will be involved. We feel this is a great way to end the first week, considering the very hot temperatures we are experiencing.

Children will need togs, a towel, and must have a t-shirt or rashie. They can also bring water guns etc if they have them. Please do not make a special trip to purchase items. We have a supply of water guns, drink bottles and containers here at school that they can be use.



Free Healthy School Lunches – We are again having our lunches provided by 'Time 4 Lunch', who provided delicious lunches last year. **Please supply your child with a healthy snack (eg not packaged food) for morning tea, and a drink bottle, each day.**

Family Fun Night – The date for this will be confirmed later in the term, as we will celebrate the opening of our new kitchen at the same time.

Big Day Out – We will be going to the Dunedin Botanic Gardens and Woodhaugh Gardens for our annual Big Day Out. This will be on Monday 13th February and with a reserve day being Tuesday 21st February. We will need parents to assist us. Please contact the office if you are able to come with us. More details to follow.

Construction Work – There has been steady progress over the holidays with our building work. Our resource room in the old dental clinic is completed, and that fencing is now down. This is an outstanding space where our resources are all well organised and easily accessible on movable shelving.

The junior block has been partially re-roofed, though there is still more work to be done. Work continues on the new Sara Cohen classrooms and this will be finished this term. At this stage we are unable to use the library and the hall.



The children continue to be respectful of the fenced off areas and I am very proud of them. Thank you for your continued support of this. It will be well worth waiting for!

Year 5/6 Camp – Notices have gone out this week to all Rātā students. If you are considering volunteering to help at camp please contact Wendy as soon as possible so that police vets can be completed in time. Camp is being held in the week of March 13-17.

School Uniform – All new school uniform items can be ordered online, and are available to purchase at **Promo-X in Hillside Rd.** Go to: <https://www.promo-x.co.nz/product-category/concord-school/> Password: **CCUF22**

We do also have a quantity of second-hand uniform items in Room 2.

Futsal/Touch – Notices went home this week regarding this term's Futsal and Touch Rugby. Teams have to be entered soon so please return the forms by **TUESDAY**. Teams will not be entered if we do not have coaches and/or managers for each team. No expertise required.

Newsletters – A reminder that we no longer print out our weekly school newsletters. It is available every Thursday on the Skool Loop app, Facebook, our website and via email. If you would still like a hard copy please contact Linda in the school office.

Stationery – Stationery lists were sent home this week. Please purchase this as soon as possible as it is important that children have all their stationery to get their year's school work properly under way. All items are available for purchase from the school office if you wish – please send the completed list to the office and orders will be made up and given to your child.

Waitangi Day – School will be closed next Monday 6th February to observe Waitangi Day.

Dates to mark on your calendar:

- * **Mon 6th Feb** – Waitangi Day
- * **Mon 13th Feb** – Big Day Out.
- * **13-17 Mar** – Year 5/6 Camp

Ngā mihi, Steve Turnbull, Principal



ABSENCES – Please PHONE 488 2204, TEXT 027 391 9985, or use the Skool Loop app, by **9.00am**, with the reason your child is absent (sick etc)



Assembly – None while the hall is out of action
Clever Cats – Next Friday February 10th at 1.30pm

Lucky Book Club

Lucky Book Club order forms were distributed today and close on **Friday 17th February**. Please return money and orders to the office.



Monday Afternoon Tennis Yr 4-6

More information is available at the school office

Tennis Otago Incorporated
Email: admin@tennisotago.org
Tel. 022 700 0058



Postal: PO Box 6236, North Dunedin 9059

Physical: Stevenson Tennis Centre, 33 Logan Park Drive, North Dunedin

Congratulations to all our 2022 end-of-year prize-winners:

- BOT Academic Achievement Award – Liam Shand
- Duffy Diligence & Attitude Award – Eli Torr
- Ashley McKeachie School Spirit Award – Mirabella Waters
- Mark Reid Good Citizenship Awards – Zavia Ross, Elijah Tahana
- Principal's Virtues Awards – Jaydon Patterson, Piere Metuakore
- Curious Minds Award – Mirabella Waters
- Pelasio Whānau Māori/ Pasifika Student of the Year – Drayden Gawn
- Pelasio Whānau Sports Person of the Year – Kaleb McKenzie



Whiti Marama (Shining Light) Awards:

- Makomako – Snow Donaldson
- Kōwhai – Nono Metuakore
- Kōtukutuku – Manu Mason
- Rātā – Eli Harradine
- Year 6 (chromebook)- Liam Shand

Welcome to all our new students and their families:

- Ollie Dalwood
- Shelby Ford
- Charlie Dalwood
- Ariella Dougherty
- Popo Tauefu
- Daniel Tauefu
- Shakara Gawn



Register now for our Parenting Groups run on Wednesdays every Term in 2023!

A child needs consistent, responsive, loving care from parents or adults in their lives. Come along to our parenting courses to learn skills and strategies to help raise the kids in your life.

Current enrolments for 2023 being taken now:
Term 1 Start date: Wednesday Feb 6th (Game On)
Wednesday Feb 22nd (Toolbox)

Term 2: May 10th / Term 3: Aug 2nd / Term 4: Oct 25th

TOOLBOX COURSES:

The 'Pre-school Years' (Babies/Toddlers)
Wednesday mornings (9.30-11.30am)
The 'School-Aged' Years (Primary/Tween/Teen)
Wednesday evenings (7-9pm)

GAME ON (FOR DADS)

Wednesday evenings (7-9pm).
This group is run for Dads by Dads and over 6 weeks covers discussions around communication, discipline and how to set goals for your children's wellbeing.
<https://www.gameonline.org.nz>

To register: office: 4553838, www.catholicsocialservices.org.nz/courses-events/
Enquiries to Michelle Morris, Toolbox Administration 0272767833
michelle@catholicsocialservices.org.nz, Marco Kleinlangevestloot, Game On Coordinator 0277554628 marco@catholicsocialservices.org.nz



Catholic Social Services, 42 Macandrew Road, South Dunedin, 9012.

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0800 568 856

www.parenthelp.org.nz

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 often and treating when necessary



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