



Concord School NEWSLETTER



9 February 2023

Kia ora whānau

Big Day Out – Unfortunately we have had to postpone our Big Day Out on Monday due to the unavailability of buses. This is a challenge at this time of year with visiting cruise ships and the closure of Otago Road Services. We are in the process of finding a new date and will let you know further details as soon as possible.

Health and consent forms – There are still a few of these forms to be returned as soon as possible please. **It is vital that we have up to date phone contacts and health information for every child at school.**

School Closure – On **Wednesday 1 March** school will close at **12.30pm** for an NZEI Union meeting for all our teachers.

Water Fight – What a fun way to end the first week of school! It was great to see all the children involved and the weather playing its part. Thanks for your support organising your children with their swimming gear at short notice.



Grandparents Reading – Next week we will welcome back our grandparent readers for the first time this year. There are 14 grandparents that volunteer their time every Thursday morning to read to and with our tamariki.

This programme has been running for nearly 15 years now and we thank everyone involved for their time and dedication. We would always welcome any older members of our community who would like to take part in this.

Office Hours – A friendly reminder that the school office is only open from 8.30am-12.30pm. While other staff try to check the answerphone before 3.00pm this cannot always be guaranteed.

Football Coaching – Jamie, who is involved in football coaching in Queenstown and is the Director of Coaching at the Green Island Football Club, will take all classes every Thursday this term for football skills and drills. Many thanks to David Hand and the Green Island Football Club for this great opportunity.

Class Newsletters – Each class will be sending out individual newsletters that describe routines, learning programmes, homework and teacher contact details. We hope these will be useful in supporting your child's learning at school.



Absences and Lateness – A major focus for us this year is on children arriving at school in the morning at least 15 minutes before school starts, and minimising absences. It is vital that we are advised by 9.00am if your child is going to be absent, and the reason why they are absent. We are required to account for all children every day.

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 – We still require a few more players in both junior and senior teams. I need to register these tomorrow so please contact me if your child wants to play.

Touch – A senior team has been entered in the Thursday Touch competition which starts next week. We will put the draw on Facebook and Skool Loop as soon as we have it.



Clever Cats – Our transition to school programme begins tomorrow and will run fortnightly on a Friday afternoon from 1.30pm. If you have a child who is 4½ or older we would love to see them for the programme. If you know of any children who are turning 5 this year please get them to contact us so we can arrange a meeting and information pack.

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.

Dates to mark on your calendar:

- * 22-23 Feb - Goal Setting interviews
- * 27 Feb - Cycle Skills Rātā room
- * 1 Mar – School closed at 12.30pm
- * 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)

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



TOTS TO TEENS

CHILDHOOD IN AOTEAROA

FOR YOUR PARENTS

Out now!

Everything is back into swing after the summer holidays, and the latest Tots to Teens digital magazine, for your newsletter, website or Facebook page is live...

<https://issue2302.totstoteens.co.nz/>

What's in this issue for parents?

- » 10 thrifty back-to-school tips
- » Parent support: Saving money
- » HELP! My kid won't go to school
- » Vegetarian kid-friendly bites
- » Childcare A-Z
- » What's on near you
- » Extracurriculars for your kids
- » Gender identity 101
- » Setting up for sleep success
- » Entertaining your kids on long trips and (as always) EPIC GIVEAWAYS

SATURDAY MORNING MUSIC CLASSES 2023

- ★ For primary school children
- ★ Small group lessons
- ★ A wide variety of instruments to choose from
- ★ Instruments available for very affordable hire
- ★ Orchestras and ensemble groups for second-year players to advanced level
- ★ Five school centres - George Street Normal, Bathgate Park, Elmgrove, Mornington and Tainui
- ★ A choice of days and times - Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays after school and Saturday mornings

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ENROLMENT DETAILS ~ SATURDAY 11 FEBRUARY at GEORGE STREET NORMAL SCHOOL MAIN BLOCK 9:30 - 11:00 or BATHGATE PARK SCHOOL FOYER 9:30-10:30, and WEDNESDAY 16 FEBRUARY at ELMGROVE SCHOOL 3:30-4:30

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PARENTING COURSES

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 Kleinlangelust, Game On Coordinator 0277554628 marco@catholicsocialservices.org.nz



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

Lucky Book Club

Lucky Book Club order forms were distributed last week and close next Friday 17th February. Please return money and orders to the school office.

A NEW JOURNEY BEGINS, DOWNLOAD OUR SCHOOL APP!

SKOOL LOOP

ANDROID APP ON Google play | Download on the App Store

FREE PARENTING HELPLINE

aggression • jealousy • sibling rivalry
social difficulties • lying • parenting alone
separation anxiety • early puberty

... and anything else you're struggling with

PARENTING STRATEGIES
SUPPORT & REASSURANCE
EXPERT ADVICE

NO ISSUE IS TOO BIG OR TOO SMALL

HELPLINE | COUNSELLING | WORKSHOPS

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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