



Concord School NEWSLETTER



17 March 2023

Kia ora whānau

Strike Day – We really appreciate your support with yesterday's Primary Teachers and Principals Strike. We apologise for the short notice and any inconvenience that it has caused.

Duathlon – Next **Friday 24th March** we will be holding our annual **senior** duathlon. This will be at Emerson Park from 1.00pm, starting with Year 4 students and ending with Year 6.

The **junior** duathlon will be held on **Tuesday 4th April** here at school starting at 1.30pm, starting with Year 1 and ending with Year 3. We have delayed this as long as possible due to the construction work around the school.

If you could help by being a marshal at either of these events please see me.

Easter Raffle – Raffle cards are going home today for our annual Easter Raffle, always a popular event. Please return these, sold or unsold, by **Wednesday 29 March**.



Mufti Day – We are having a mufti day **next Friday 24th March**. Instead of a gold coin, please bring along Easter goodies to go in the hamper prizes – Easter eggs, novelties, soft toys...

Duffy Theatre – Next **Tuesday 21 March** we will welcome back the Duffy Theatre to our school. They always put on a great show so we are looking forward to this.

Skool Loop – Please make sure you have downloaded the Skool Loop app, as we regularly use this to keep in contact with our school community. It is particularly useful to receive urgent school messages and reminders, such as if school is open/closed due to weather, as well as information for sports teams, and interview bookings each term.

Please also subscribe to your child's 2022 class, and sports team if applicable, as often messages are sent only to specific groups. Simply open the app, go to settings, 'subscribe to groups' and click on the ones relevant to your child/ren.

The app is **completely free** to use for both schools and parents, and is used by thousands of schools across New Zealand and Australia. It is available to download from both Google Play and the Apple App Store.



Wheako – Rātā room students are again participating in the Wheako leadership and skills-based extension programme this year. Parents have had separate information about this.

Please note that the date of the planned trip to meet and greet the new police officer in Green Island has been changed. It will now take place **next Tuesday 21st March** in the afternoon.

Camp – Everyone seems to be having a great time at camp! We look forward to hearing all about it next week. There are a few photos below and on the next page.

Futsal – This week the Concord Shooters played and the 'Player of the Day' was Snow. The Concord Strikers didn't have a game this week as most of the team are away at camp.

Touch – Last week's game was again cancelled due to the rain, and today's game has been cancelled because of the teachers strike.



Otago Anniversary Day – The school will be closed **next Monday 20th March** to mark Otago Anniversary Day.

Dates to mark on your calendar:

- * **Mon 20 Mar** – Otago Anniversary Day
- * **Tues 21 Mar** – Duffy Theatre
- * **Tues 21 Mar** – Wheako trip
- * **Fri 24 Mar** - Easter Raffle Mufti Day
- * **Fri 24 Mar** – Senior Duathlon
- * **Wed 29 Mar** – Greater Green Island Triathlon
- * **Tues 4 Apr** – Junior Duathlon
- * **Thurs 6 Apr** – End of Term 1



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 March 24th at 1.30pm



Fun at Camp!!



Medieval Family Day

Medieval Family Day this Sunday

We're going back to the Middle Ages for a day of family fun. Come down to the Museum Reserve and walk among the wandering minstrels, watch a sword fight, be entertained by our jester, and create something wonderful at the Medieval Makerspace. The Museum will be packed, inside and out, with blacksmithing, catapulting, weavers and crafts, and live medieval music performances. There will be food trucks onsite, and even some mulled wine to get you into the spirit of medieval merrymaking. You can take a workshop on quill making and calligraphy and listen to some fascinating expert talks from our Museum experts; there is something for everyone!

- ◆ Sword Fighting Demos ◆ Blacksmithing
- ◆ Quill Making & Calligraphy Workshop ◆
- ◆ Food Trucks & Mulled Wine ◆




Sunday 19 March
10am - 5pm ◆ FREE
 paid activities available

A NEW JOURNEY BEGINS, DOWNLOAD OUR SCHOOL APP!



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Lucky Book Club
 The next Lucky Book Club order was sent home last week and closes **next Friday 24th March**. Please return money and orders to the school office.



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Head Lice
 Please continue to be vigilant in checking your child's hair often and treating when necessary



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