



# Concord School NEWSLETTER



4 May 2023

Kia ora whānau

**Art Gallery Trips** – Makomako (10.00am-12.00pm) and Kōtukutuku (12.00-2.00pm) are away on their trips to the Art Gallery today.

Kōwhai (10.00am-12.00pm) and Rātā (12.00-2.00pm) will be going on **Friday 2 June**. Buses will leave school half an hour before each session. Parents are welcome - please contact Linda at the office if you are able to join us.

**Junior Swimming** – Our junior swimming lessons are taking place every day **next week, May 8-12**, at the DNI School pool. We will leave school each day at 12.40pm and return to school by 3.00pm.

We will need parents to help with changing, and it is school policy that you must have a current police vet to do this. If you are unsure if yours is current please check with Linda in the office.



**Parents' Group Annual General Meeting** – The AGM of the Concord School Parents' Group is on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May** at 3.15pm in the school staff room. All welcome, afternoon tea provided.

**CARE Time** – For half an hour every Friday students take part in fun activities that they choose. Last term we surveyed the students to get ideas of different activities that they would like to take part in. It is a great opportunity for students to get together across year/class levels and experience a positive, fun activity with a different staff member.

Last Friday I went around most activities and took photos of students enjoying themselves at a disco, making smoothies, own toys/games, crafts & t-ball.

**New Kitchen** – We have started using our new kitchen at the back of the hall. Thanks to Andrea and Tanya who have spent a lot of time purchasing, unpacking and setting up all the equipment and ingredients. Andrea is timetabling small groups of students across the school to learn cooking in the afternoons. Last week groups cooked some very yummy ANZAC biscuits and smoothies. This week pancakes are on the menu. The learning in this room covers many curriculum areas, including maths, reading, writing, health & PE. We would love to hear stories of students practising these recipes at home for their family.

**Official Opening** – We will be holding an official opening of our kitchen on the afternoon of Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May.

**'Keeping Ourselves Safe' Programme** – The whole school will begin the KOS programme next week. There will be a parent meeting on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May** at 3.15pm in the studio room to tell you about the programme, and our Police Education Officer Ross Greer will be able to answer any questions that you may have.

**Dates to mark on your calendar:**

- \* **8-12 May** – Junior Swimming
- \* **Wed 10 May** – KOS Parent Meeting
- \* **Wed 17 May** – Parents' Group AGM
- \* **Fri 2 June** – Art Gallery, senior classes
- \* **Mon 5 June** – King's Birthday



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** – Next Friday May 12<sup>th</sup> at 1.30pm  
**Assembly** – Friday May 26<sup>th</sup>

**Collective Statement from Principals:** You may have seen in the media that primary and area school principals who are NZEI TE Riu Roa members have voted to stop working with the Ministry of Education and to limit our work hours. We have taken this action as we believe it is necessary to highlight the significant issues that we need to address in the current round of negotiations. We are committed to continuing to lead our schools and to ensure that they are safe, healthy places where students are learning during this time.

Our day-to-day work to do this will continue, but we will no longer be working with the Ministry on their education system work or to introduce or implement new initiatives. As principals we make a significant contribution of time and expertise to this work. There is little additional resource or staffing to support this which has a negative impact on us.

We will continue to meet with our boards. We will not be available for work or to be contacted before 8am and after 5pm on weekdays. This includes sending or receiving digital communications. We also not be available at all on Saturday, Sunday or public holidays. We hope to receive an acceptable offer in negotiations and will end the work ban when that happens.



Enjoying CARE Time

**TERM 2, 2023 PROGRAMME**  
ADULT EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY CLASSES

**LEARN TO PLAY GUITAR** with Hedley Timbs  
6:30 - 7:25pm OR 7:30 - 8:25pm, Wednesdays 10 May - 28 June  
\$70. BYO guitar

**INTRODUCTION TO DRAWING** with Nancy McLennan Hughes  
7 - 9pm, Thursdays 18 May - 22 June  
\$80 includes materials

**COOKIE DECORATING FOR BEGINNERS** with Jo Smith  
6:30 - 8:30pm, Tuesdays 23 May - 27 June  
\$80 includes most materials

**FLOWER SCRAP QUILTING** with Mary Geary  
10am - 4pm, Sundays 11 June and 9 July  
\$60 BYO materials

**ART OF BEGINNERS MĀORI RARANGA** with Lucy Smith  
10 - 2pm, Sundays 7, 14 and 28 May  
\$80 includes materials

**INTERMEDIATE MĀORI RARANGA** with Lucy Smith  
(prerequisite: Art of Beginners Māori Raranga)  
10 - 1pm, Sundays 25 June and 2 July  
\$40 includes materials

**SLOW COOKING ON A BUDGET** with Jo Duffy  
6 - 8pm Mon 10 and 24 July  
\$50 includes food and lend of slow cookers

**BEGINNERS AMIGURUMI CROCHET** with Tammy Prescott  
6 - 8pm, Wednesdays 28 June - 2 Aug  
\$80 includes materials

**ART JOURNALING FOR BEGINNERS** with Sue Cheer  
7 - 9pm, Wednesdays 10 May - 14 June  
\$80 includes materials

**TAUMATA TUARUA** with Rewa Elliot-Sharpin  
(prerequisite: Te Reo with Rewa)  
5:30 - 7:30pm, Mondays 10 July - 14 Aug  
\$80

**TE REO WITH REWA** with Rewa Elliot-Sharpin  
5:30 - 7:30pm, Mondays 15 May - 26 Jun (no class on 5 June)  
\$80

**WONDERFUL WATERCOLOUR** with Ron Esplin  
10am - 4pm, Sunday 23 July  
\$50 includes materials

**PHOTOGRAPHY: GETTING STARTED** with Paul Donovan  
7 - 9pm, Tuesdays 11 Jul - 15 Aug  
\$80 BYO digital camera or phone camera

**ADVANCED WONDERFUL WATERCOLOUR** with Ron Esplin  
(prerequisite: Wonderful Watercolour)  
10am - 4pm, Sunday 30 July  
\$50 includes materials

**KNITTING FOR BEGINNERS AND ABOVE** with Alison Ford  
7 - 9pm, Thursdays 4 May - 8 June  
\$80 includes some materials, BYO materials after Week 1



Our classes are held at the South Dunedin Community Network, 278a King Edward St.  
50% discount on class fees for Community Services Card holders, upon verification.

For more info or to enrol go to: [www.dunedinwea.org.nz](http://www.dunedinwea.org.nz)



**Lucky Book Club**

The current Lucky Book Club order for 2023 closes **TOMORROW Friday 5 May**. Please return money and orders to the school office.



P3 Research



**CHILDREN'S ASTHMA STUDY**

**We are looking for children with asthma to take part in a study comparing two different asthma inhalers.**

**To take part in this study you must:**

- Have been diagnosed with asthma by a doctor
- Be aged between 5 and 15 years
- Only use a reliever inhaler

**For more information: visit: [www.p3research.co.nz](http://www.p3research.co.nz) or Phone P3 Research Dunedin on 03-974 8171**



This study has been approved by Northern B Health and Disability Ethics Committee (20/NTB/200)

**What does it involve?**

1 year


3 visits + 2 phone calls

Inhalers provided free of charge

Breathing tests + asthma education

Reimbursement for travel expenses








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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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