



Concord School NEWSLETTER



11 May 2023

Kia ora whānau

Art Gallery Trips – Makomako and Kōtukutuku had a lovely time at the Art Gallery last Thursday.

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 to join us.

Junior Swimming – This week the Makomako and Kōtukutuku classes are enjoying swimming lessons at the DNI School pool. Many thanks to the whānau who are helping with this.

There will be another week of junior swimming lessons in Term 4.



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

New Kitchen Official Opening – We will be holding an assembly and an official opening of our kitchen on the afternoon of **Friday 26th May** at 1.45pm. This will be followed by a celebratory afternoon tea (provided). All whānau welcome!

'Keeping Ourselves Safe' Programme – Our 'Keeping Ourselves Safe' programme began this week. Many thanks to the whānau who came to the parents' meeting yesterday.

Duffy Role Model Assembly – We will be having a Duffy Role Model Assembly next **Thursday 18th May** at 11.30am, and students will be given their Term 1 Duffy books which were delayed. All welcome.



Holidays During Term Time – Just a reminder that it is a **legal requirement for children to attend school every day**.

From the Ministry of Education website: "A holiday is not a good enough reason to take your child out of school, so holidays should be planned outside of term time. Events like a birthday or a special day's shopping aren't considered valid reasons for being away from school either."

If a holiday is unavoidable during term time (eg a special family event) **please notify the principal in writing** as soon as possible. Teachers will not provide work to be done while you are on holiday, but if you are going to be away for several days we suggest that your child writes a diary to share when they get back to school.

Kindy Visit – Next **Wednesday 17th May** Rātā room will be visiting Concord Kindergarten. They will be walking up, leaving school at 9.00am and back by 10.30am. If anyone would like to walk with them, they would be most welcome.

Kiwihoops – This year our players have combined with Bathgate Park School to make a team ("Bathcord") in the Year 5/6 grade. They enjoyed their first game last Thursday against the Big Rock Coasters. This week they are playing the GSNS Swifts on **Court 2** at **6.25pm**. Please be there 10 minutes before this.

Dates to mark on your calendar:

- * **8-12 May** – Junior Swimming
- * **Tues 16 May** – BOT Meeting 6.30pm
- * **Wed 17 May** – Rātā room Kindy Visit
- * **Wed 17 May** – Parents' Group AGM
- * **Thurs 18 May** – Duffy Assembly
- * **Fri 26 May** – Official Kitchen Opening
- * **Fri 2 June** – Art Gallery, senior classes



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 – **None this Friday** – swimming. It will be next Friday May 19th at 1.30pm instead.
Assembly – Friday May 26th, kitchen opening!

"The Pen – I was peacefully sitting in a drawer, when a huge hand grabbed me. It hurt me and I can't accept this! Ow! There was a fluffy beast. I shivered with fear. It was a pen's enemy - a dog!" – by Arie



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 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



WHY IS ATTENDING SCHOOL EVERY DAY IMPORTANT?

Attending school every day is essential for learning. It means your child can:

- Make progress in reading, writing, maths and other skills
- Feel confident in the classroom
- Make friends and build social skills
- Build good habits for life

When children are regularly absent from school they miss out on important learning. They may get behind in their schoolwork, find it difficult to maintain friendships, and may feel unsettled and anxious about coming to school.

How parents can support good attendance:

- Have a good routine in the morning and evening so your child is organised and prepared for school
- Switch off devices in the evening and remove from bedrooms to encourage a good night's sleep
- Arrange medical and other appointments after school where possible
- Keep family holidays and trips away in school holiday times
- Talk with your child regularly about their learning and celebrate their progress
- Talk to your child's teacher if you're having difficulty getting your child to school or have any concerns or worries.

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