



# Concord School NEWSLETTER



18 May 2023

Kia ora whānau

**New Kitchen Official Opening** – We will be holding an assembly and an official opening of our kitchen on the afternoon of next **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May** at 1.45pm. This will be followed by a celebratory afternoon tea (provided). I know the students will be busy in the kitchen with Andrea preparing food for this. All whānau welcome!

**Parents' Group Annual General Meeting** – Yesterday the Parents' Group held their AGM and we welcomed new members to the committee. Office bearers are Chairperson Sam White, Secretary Jessica Jones, and Treasurer Sarah Harradine.

The Parents' Group do a wonderful job fundraising for extras for our students. In the past year they have contributed to our Duffy books, bought iPads and a chromebook charger, and paid for some school trips, treats and visiting shows.

They are planning to hold a school disco on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**, and other upcoming fundraisers include pies/pizzas in Term 3 and a car boot sale Term 4.

**Art Gallery Trips** – Rātā (10.00am-12.00pm) and Kōwhai (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.

**Further Primary Teachers Industrial Action** – In the past week primary teachers have rejected a second offer from the government. They are now voting on next steps, which could possibly include a full day strike on Wednesday 31 May. This will not be known until at least 23 May, and we will let you know as soon as possible.

**Bad Weather** - There is a group of principals who liaise with local Police, Dunedin Taxi companies, and also look at the DCC webcams to check on the weather around the city if there are adverse weather conditions making travelling to school for students and staff difficult.

This group then decides if a widespread closure or late start will be needed to get tamariki and staff safely to school. This announcement is made on the radio stations of The Hits (they often list late starts and closures on their Facebook page, The Hits Breakfast with Callum and P) and The Breeze (Media Works). We will also put the information on our school Facebook page and on Skool Loop.



**'Keeping Ourselves Safe' Programme** – The past two weeks Senior Constable Ross Greer has been visiting for the 'Keeping Ourselves Safe' programme. The younger children have been learning about the importance of knowing their address and a parent's contact phone number.

All children have also been talking about who the adults are in their life who can help them when they have problems. We all learnt about the correct names for body parts. These are all very valuable conversations that you could have with your tamariki at home over the next few weeks. The programme with Ross will finish tomorrow.

**Duffy Role Model Assembly** – This morning we welcomed Diana Queenin as the Role Model at our Duffy Assembly. Diana has had amazing life experiences all around the world. In New York she worked as a guide in the Museum of Natural History specialising in dinosaurs and ocean life.



Diana has studied and spent time in the American deserts among the cactus and snakes, and has dived in the Caribbean, the Red Sea, and Thailand and learned much about the underwater world. She joined Project Jonah on her return to New Zealand and is very interested in Whales and Dolphins, and had some amazing things to show us.

**Kindy Visit** – This was postponed yesterday due to the wet weather, and will now happen 31 May.

**Kiwihoops** – Last Thursday the team played the GSNS Swifts in a very close game. There are no games today due to the Nuggets playing at the Edgar Centre.

### Dates to mark on your calendar:

- \* Fri 26 May – Official Kitchen Opening
- \* Wed 31 May – Rātā room Kindy visit
- \* Fri 2 June – Art Gallery, senior classes
- \* Mon 5 June – King's Birthday
- \* Fri 23 June – School Disco



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 May 19<sup>th</sup> at 1.30pm  
**Assembly** – Friday May 26<sup>th</sup>, kitchen opening!

KAI FOR OCTACAN  
ANNUAL FOODBANK APPEAL

**THURSDAY  
JUNE 22  
2023**

Lower Octagon  
7.30am - 2.00pm



# SAVE THE DATE

Family Works  Presbyterian Support Group 



More art work from the junior classes trip to the Art Gallery

## SHINE BRIGHT WITH US!



## WHAT'S ON @ OTAGO MUSEUM

### Science Showcase

Nā Te Pō ka puta ki Te Ao Mārama – from The Darkness to the World of Light and Knowledge, come one and all to Tūhura Otago Museum's annual celebration of the International Day of Light!

Our fabulous science team will be joined by scientists from the University of Otago to bring you all kinds of activities to demonstrate just how important light is, from the fields of science and technology to art and culture. There will be demos with lasers, lenses, and luminous chemicals – come and discover something wonderful with us!

Offered in partnership with Te Whai Ao Dodd-Walls Centre for Photonics and Quantum Technologies.


Free

10am – 5pm, Sunday 21 May

Atrium Level 1

Free



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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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