



Concord School NEWSLETTER



25 May 2023

Kia ora whānau

New Kitchen Official Opening – We will be holding an assembly and an official opening of our kitchen **tomorrow Friday 26th May at 2.00pm**.

This will be followed by a celebratory afternoon tea (provided). I know the students have been busy in the kitchen with Andrea preparing food for this. All whānau welcome!



Keeping Ourselves Safe – Senior Constable Ross Greer finished at the end of last week and classes have been completing follow-up activities. One discussion point was the number for NZ emergency services (111 - some children only knew overseas emergency numbers), as well as the importance of being able to make an emergency call on a cell phone. All cell phones are different, so this would be an important discussion you could have with your tamariki.

Another discussion was about what to do if someone you don't know asked you to get in their car. Ross discussed how a child should seek help, such as run back to school, go to the nearest shop, go to a close friend's place, another important discussion you could have with your tamariki.

Art Gallery Trips – Rātā (10.00am-12.00pm) and Kōwhai (12.00-2.00pm) will be going **next Friday 2 June**. Buses leave school half an hour before each session. Parents are welcome to join us.

Further Primary Teachers Industrial Action – There is still a possibility of a strike **next Wednesday 31 May**. It won't be confirmed until Sunday. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

National Young Leaders' Day – I will be taking six senior students to the National Young Leaders' Day next Tuesday 30th May in the Town Hall.

This is a day where students from many schools hear from inspirational Kiwis in their chosen fields, and is an important part of our Year 6 Leadership Programme.

Grandparents' Reading – We continue to have a dedicated group of grandparents reading with our tamariki every Thursday morning. The children are enthusiastic about going and enjoy sharing their books. If you know of an older person in the community who may like to volunteer please contact Linda in the school office.



Lego Club – We are very fortunate to have our Social Worker in Schools (SWiS), Lynda Davidson, here to work with our students every Thursday. She works one on one with some students and also works with small groups.

From next Thursday Lynda is starting a Lego club at lunchtime in the library, alternating between Kōwhai and Rātā rooms at this stage. This will be a fun, supported activity, and great for the upcoming colder months.

Music Tuition – Every Monday afternoon Hiliako laheo takes music with the Kōwhai and Rātā rooms. The students have made a choice between learning the ukulele or drums. The ukulele group is busy practising for the Ukulele Jam, while the drumming group are enjoying creating patterns and rhythms on upturned buckets, using their hands and drumsticks. It is great to see the students involved in the music and having a lot of fun with it.



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

Kiwihoops – There were no games last week due to the Nuggets playing at the Edgar Centre. Today's game is against Halfway Bush Blue at **5.15pm on Court 3**.

King's Birthday – School will be closed on **Monday 5 June** to celebrate King's Birthday.

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)



Assembly – Friday May 26th, kitchen opening!
Clever Cats – Next Friday June 2 at 1.30pm



Lucky Book Club

The next Lucky Book Club order form was distributed today and closes **Friday 2nd June**. Please return money and orders to the school office.

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