



# Concord School NEWSLETTER



1 June 2023

Kia ora whānau

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

**New Kitchen Official Opening** – Thank you to all whānau who came along to our official kitchen opening last Friday. The new kitchen is a huge asset for our school. It was a long time in the planning, but now it is time to enjoy it, and the delicious food the students will make! It will also be a welcome addition when hiring out the hall.

**National Young Leaders' Day** – On Tuesday I took a group of senior students to the National Young Leaders' Day at the Town Hall, where they listened to various inspiring speakers, along with other students from around Otago. They share some of their stories below.

**"Jumping June"** – This year we are taking part in "Jumping June", a fun way to engage children in getting active, and a fundraiser for the Heart Foundation. A brochure is coming home today with all the details about "Jumping June", as well as information on how your child can win prizes!

**Congratulations** – Congratulations to Naomi Jones on getting Honours in her recent Highland Dancing Grade 1 exam. Well done Naomi!

Please let us know if your child has great extra-curricular achievements like this – we would love to be able to acknowledge them.

**Kindy Visit** – Yesterday Rātā room had a great visit to the Concord Kindergarten, reading, playing and interacting with the children.

Kōwhai room will also be visiting the kindy on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June**. If you can join us please contact Jacqui Seque.

**Kiwihoops** – Last week the team had a great game, winning against Halfway Bush Blue, and 'Player of the Day' was Eli. Today's game is at 4.05pm on Court 1 against the Kaikorai Clippers.

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

**Dates to mark on your calendar:**

- \* **Fri 2 June** – Art Gallery, senior classes
- \* **Mon 5 June** – King's Birthday

- \* **Wed 14 June** – Parents Group meeting
- \* **Fri 23 June** – School Disco
- \* **Fri 30 June** – End of Term 2



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 June 9 at 1.30pm  
**Assembly** – Friday

### Brad Smeele

Sometimes if you fall it's not always a problem. This is not like Brad's story. Brad was a professional wakeboarder and he was in competitions all over the USA when he went through a horrible accident and nearly died.



Brad broke his neck doing a triple flip in training. He had nine hours of surgery and had to stay in a hospital for five months and he now has to deal with constant muscle spasms and pain.

Brad is now in a wheelchair, he is a tetraplegic. This means he can't move his arms and legs. He can only move his head and shoulders. He has a straw to move his wheelchair around and if he sipped hard on the straw he would move backwards. If he sipped softly he would move left and if he blows hard he moves forward and if he blows soft he turns right.

Brad didn't accept his injury at first. He became depressed and he wished the accident didn't happen or that the injury wasn't as bad. He had a lot of support from family and friends from the wakeboard community and a life coach. He has now accepted the injury and takes part in diving and holding his breath. He is positive about life and he is a professional speaker.

By Joy-Ciana & Eli



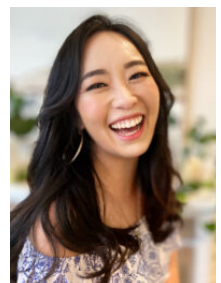
### Graci Kim

Graci Kim was a big inspiration for us. When she was little she was teased at school for being Korean. It made her very unhappy. Graci had a hard time deciding what she wanted to be when she grew up. That is when the ice cream project came into favour.

She said how do you know what ice cream flavour is your favourite if you don't try them all? This is when she would try different jobs (ice creams). First she tried handing out fliers for the circus but guess what, it failed. Next she tried being a host of a cooking show online. She started and in the first year it got over one million views but after a while having success it failed.

After that she started Thingy-ma-doodle. Thingy-ma-doodle is a programme that turns children's drawings into stuffed toys. Unfortunately it failed too.

Then she said "No one has written a book in which the main characters are Korean". She then wrote three chapter books based around her childhood. They are called 'The Last Fallen Star', 'The Last Fallen Moon' and 'The Last Fallen Realm'. They have been successful and have made the New York Times Bestsellers list. Graci said that she has found her favourite ice cream flavour, writing books.



By Ava & Naomi



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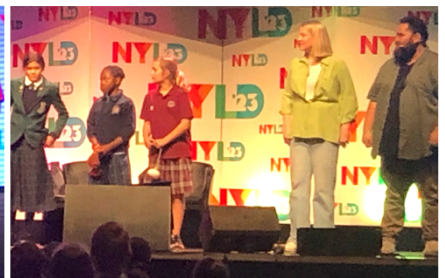
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