

Concord School NEWSLETTER



20 July 2023

Kia ora whānau

School Production – What a fantastic way to finish the term with our production! Thanks to everyone who came and supported their children. As I said in my speech afterwards, it was a real team effort from all the staff and students, so thank you to all involved.

I was very impressed with our main characters and their efforts in learning their lines outside of school time, and also with those children who stepped in at short notice to cover absences. Everyone looked great in their costumes and it was wonderful experience for them all performing on stage in front of their whānau.

The production was based on the NZ History Famous New Zealanders topic, so it really brought this learning alive, and I'm sure many of the children and audience members will remember these important people who contributed so much to our country.

Throughout the evening the staff were all so busy and forgot to take photos, so if you have any great photos please share them with us.

Congratulations to our end of term award winners: Mark Reid Super Citizen Awards – Luca Canning and Sophie Harradine;

Principal's Award - Eli Harradine & Aya Waldrom



Interviews – Mid-year interviews will take place on Tuesday 1st August from 2.00pm, and Wednesday 2nd August from 3.15pm. It is important that children also attend these interviews so that they can set goals for the rest of the year. There will also be an opportunity to talk about the mid-year written report that went out at the end of last term. Bookings can be made via the Skool Loop app from next Monday.

Piano lessons – I have a kind benefactor in the community who is willing to pay for piano lessons for a child who is keen to learn and practise. It also comes with the loan of an electronic keyboard. Please contact me if your child is interested.

Matariki Breakfast – Over the next fortnight students are learning about Matariki. To celebrate we would like to hold a Matariki breakfast next **Friday 28th July**. We will serve breakfast from 8.30am in the hall, and children will eat in the Rātā and Kōwhai rooms.

Parents are welcome to join us for a gold coin donation. Please rsvp to the office, for catering purposes, if you would like to come along. Thanks in advance to the Parents' Group for helping with this breakfast.

Elgregoe – We are very much looking forward to a visit from magician Elgregoe tomorrow. The theme for this year's show is 'Fabulous Friends', teaching students the ingredients for good friendships and featuring all sorts of illusio



ships, and featuring all sorts of illusions, live parrots, ventriloquism, and incredible props.

MASH After School Care – MASH (My After School Headquarters) is trialling an after school care programme here at Concord School for this term. For more information or to book in please go to <u>https://www.mashkids.co.nz/</u>

Life Education Bus – We are looking (forward to welcoming back Maria and Harold in the Life Education Bus next Wednesday and Thursday. This year all classes will be looking at the topic of resilience.



Pokemon Cards – Recently we have seen an increase in these cards being brought to school. We have had problems in the past where children lose them, or swap cards and then regret it. Please leave Pokemon cards at home, or they will be confiscated and given back at the end of the day.

Kiwihoops – Today's game is against the Columba Swish at 4.05pm on Court 1.

Dates to mark on your calendar:

- * Fri 21 July Elgregoe Show
- * Fri 28 July Matariki breakfast
- * Wed 9 Aug School Photos
- * Fri 22 Sept End of Term 3

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 July 21st at 1.30pm

