



# Concord School NEWSLETTER



27 July 2023

Kia ora whānau

**Matariki Breakfast** – To celebrate the end of our learning on Matariki we are having a special breakfast together **tomorrow Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July**, from 8.30am in the hall.

**Life Education Bus** – This week we welcome back Maria, Harold and the Life Education Bus, where all classes are looking at the topic of resilience.



**Interviews** – Mid-year interviews will take place **next Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August** from 2.00pm, and **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

Bookings can now be made via the Skool Loop app. The Skool Loop App is **FREE** to download. Go to Google Play or the App Store, search 'Skool Loop' and choose our school once it is installed.

To book an interview time, click on 'Bookings' - select teacher - click on preferred date and time - fill in your details and click 'Make Booking'. Please contact Linda at the school office (8.30am-12.30pm) if you need assistance with a booking.

**Otago Museum Trips** – Next week the whole school will be involved in programmes at the Otago Museum related to our 'Voyages' topic, which is a NZ History topic that focuses on emigration to NZ.

The timetable is as follows:

Tuesday 1 Aug – Makomako (10-11.30am) and Kōwhai (12-1.30pm)

Wednesday 2 Aug – Kōtuketuku (10-11.30am) and Rātā (12-1.30pm)

As with all trips we need whānau support. Please contact the office if you are able to come with us – buses will leave school 30 minutes before the session starts.

**School Photos** - Our annual school photos will be taken on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August**. These will later be available to view and order online - see the separate notice coming home today for more information. Class photos, sports team photos and individual photos of each child will be taken.



If you would like to have **sibling photos** taken of your children together (can include pre-schoolers or older children), these **must be pre-ordered**. Please complete the request on the back of the form and return it **by Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August**.

**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 <https://www.mashkids.co.nz/>

**Elgregoe** – Last Friday we enjoyed a visit from magician Elgregoe, his wife Sue, and their 'Fabulous Friends' show, teaching students the ingredients for good friendships, and featuring their beautiful live parrots, ventriloquism, illusions and incredible props. See the photos on the next page.



**Literacy Professional Development** – Over the last 18 months all teachers and teacher aides have been strengthening our professional development in oral language and literacy.

The ākonga (students) are now learning to hear and spell sounds using oral language as a basis, and linking it to reading and writing. You may have noticed a change in the way we have been sharing information in the recent mid-year report and the sound walls that are on display in all classrooms. We are seeing pleasing results in student achievement in literacy. This can be further discussed at the upcoming interviews.

**Whānau Assemblies** – We have decided to hold whānau assemblies twice a term instead of fortnightly, once at mid-term on a Friday afternoon (25<sup>th</sup> Aug), and one at the end of the term. More information to follow.

**Kiwihoops** – Last week the team played the Columba Swish. Today's game is against SSA United on Edgar Centre Court 1 at 5.50pm.



**Dates to mark on your calendar:**

- \* **Fri 28 July – Matariki breakfast**
- \* **Tues 1-Wed 2 Aug – Parent Interviews**
- \* **Tues 1-Wed 2 Aug – Otago Museum trips**
- \* **Fri 4 Aug – Wheako Fair at lunchtime**
- \* **Tues 8 Aug - School Cross Country (reserve day 10 Aug)**
- \* **Wed 9 Aug – School Photos**
- \* **Wed 23 Aug – Teacher Only Day**



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 Aug 4<sup>th</sup> at 1.30pm

## WHEAKO FAIR

A group of nine Year 5/6 students are part of Wheako (meaning experiences). Wheako is a group run by youth workers from the Greater Green Island Community Network in conjunction with the staff at Concord. They spend every Thursday afternoon between 1.30–3.00pm together. During Term 2 the group planned a Wheako Fair for the students of Concord as a fundraiser for World Vision's 40 Hour Challenge. They were inspired to do this because of the lack of access to clean water many children suffer from overseas.

The Wheako Fair is taking place in the school hall next **Friday August 4<sup>th</sup>** during lunchtime (12.30-1.15pm). There will be fun activities, challenges, and food for all the students of Concord to enjoy. Entry is free but every activity and food item costs a silver coin (20c and 50c). If you have it in your means, please send your child/children to school with some money so they can participate in the Wheako Fair. Just a few silver coins will be enough to get some food from the two food stalls and participate in an activity or two from the six activities on offer. We will have a float available if students bring gold coins or notes.

**Wheako Fair**  
For the concord students

**PRIZES** **FUN GAMES**

When: lunchtime august 4th  
Where: school hall  
What: fun school fair  
Why: to raise money For the poor children Who are dying because Of dirty water.

**40 Hour Challenge**

**FREE ENTRY**  
Silver Coin Per Activity

**COMPETITIONS** **FOOD**

Made by Alex and Drayden **40 hour challenge you can help too**

**givealittle**  
POWERED BY perpetual guardian

We have been asked to share a givealittle page for a young local girl who needs expensive life saving medical treatment in Germany. If you, or someone you know, may be able to help, please share this link -

<https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/help-olivia-eat-again>

Help Olivia eat again ... please help us fund for life saving medical treatment not available in NZ



**Lucky Book Club**

The current Lucky Book Club order was sent home last week and closes **TOMORROW Friday July 28<sup>th</sup>**. Please return money/orders to the office.

**MORNINGTON TOY & GAMES LIBRARY**

10AM-11AM THURSDAY  
10AM-11.30AM SATURDAY  
CORNER OF WHITBY & GALLOWAY STS  
[moringtontoylibrary.co.nz](http://moringtontoylibrary.co.nz)

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**OPEN DAY**

**Starts 12 noon Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July**  
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If you are unable to attend, we are very happy to organise a personalised tour at a time that suits!

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**Community Oral Health Service**

**0800 TALK TEETH (0800 825 583)**  
or **0800 ORAL HEALTH (0800 672 543)** (free from cell phones)

**Head Lice**

Please continue to be vigilant in checking your child's hair often and treating when necessary

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