



# Concord School NEWSLETTER



3 August 2023

Kia ora whānau

**Wheako Fair – \*\* TOMORROW \*\*** As advertised last week, the Year 5/6 Wheako students are running a Fair tomorrow in the school hall at lunchtime as a fundraiser for World Vision's 40 Hour Challenge. There will be fun activities, challenges, and food for all the students.

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. We will have a float available if students bring gold coins or notes.

**School Cross Country** – Our school cross country will be held **next Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August** (reserve day **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August**).

Races will start at **1.00pm**, and the order will be Year 3, Year 2, Year 1, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6.

Please make sure that your child has appropriate shoes for running, and a change of clothes to run in if they want to (eg pinafores weren't made for running in).

Spectators are welcome, but if you are bringing a pre-schooler please keep them close to you.



**School Photos** - Our annual school photos will be taken **next Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August**. These will later be available to view and order online. A separate notice went home last week with 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**.

**Interviews** – Thank you to everyone who has attended parent interviews this week. If you were unable to attend teachers will be contacting you to arrange another time.

**Otago Museum Trips** – Each class had a fun and informative visit to the Otago Museum this week. Many thanks to the whānau who came with us – we couldn't do these trips without your support.

**Kiwihoops** – Last week the team played SSA United. Today's game is against the St Clair Net at 5.15pm on Court 5.



**School Vision and Karakia** – We have recently been working with Luana Thomas, a Resource Teacher of Māori, who has assisted us with kapa haka, translating our school vision, and developing a school karakia. Please get back to me with any questions or comments.

### Karakia = Positive thinking

- E te whānau
- He mihi tēnei
- Kia tū māia
- Kia whai koha
- Kia tū tika
- Whāia te hiringa
- Ako tahi, tipu tahi
- Mauri ora
- Family & friends
- This is a tribute
- To be confident
- To be respectful
- To be responsible
- Strive for excellence
- Learn together, grow together
- Be alive & well



CONCORD SCHOOL

## VISION

Ako Tahi, Tipu Tahi

Together We Learn  
and Grow



**Matariki Breakfast** – Thanks to everyone who helped with Matariki breakfast last Friday. Special thanks to Alyse for providing the fry bread and Hugh for providing the pancakes. It was a delicious start to the day!

**Teacher Only Day** – We are holding a Teacher Only Day on **Wednesday 23 August**. All staff will be involved. We will continue our literacy professional development through Core Education.

**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/>

**Uniform Items** – Please check your child's uniform, particularly sweatshirts, to make sure they have their own. Some named ones have gone missing, and it's so easy to pick up the wrong one.

### Dates to mark on your calendar:

- \* **Fri 4 Aug** – Wheako Fair at lunchtime
- \* **Tues 8 Aug** - School Cross Country (reserve day 10 Aug)
- \* **Wed 9 Aug** – School Photos
- \* 15 Aug – BOT Meeting 6.30pm
- \* **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** – This Friday Aug 4<sup>th</sup> at 1.30pm  
**Assembly** - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Aug at 2.00pm

## Concord School Production

On the 29<sup>th</sup> of June 2023 Concord School put on an outstanding school production. I was really excited because I was one of the main characters.

Our production was called 'Shaping Our Future', where four school kids went on an adventure through time inside a chromebook with their teacher Mr Turnbull and a computer bug named Chromey. We had famous New Zealand characters such as Jean Batten, Kiri Te Kanawa, Richard Pearce, Sir Edmund Hillary, Colin Meads, Sir Peter Blake, Fred Dagg, Sir Willie Apiata, Sir Charles Upham, Snoopy and the Red Baron.

The day started with a bus ride to the Teachers College Auditorium where we did a full dress rehearsal. After school we went home for a rest before we all met again at the Teachers College Auditorium where we did our production.

The main characters went on stage and began acting, then Chromey, a computer bug, came out of a chromebook and invited us inside. That is where we met Richard Pearce. He is famous for inventing the plane. After that we met Sir Edmund Hillary who was the first one to climb to the top of Mount Everest, the tallest mountain in the world.

In between the main characters acting we had some songs with each of the classes having a dance. When it was time for the junior class to do the gumboot song by Fred Dagg, everyone was in awe because the little five year olds were dressed up as fluffy, white sheep. We also had 'Six Months in a Leaky Boat' by Split Enz. The dancing was very energetic.

At the end we all went for a bow and the audience started clapping and cheering. My heart was beating so fast and I was so happy that we eventually got to perform for our community.

by Ava Creasey

**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**  
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**500 Tiny Teddies**

Help us by making beautiful bears for little bundles of joy in Dunedin's NICU

Simply create knitted, crocheted or felt bears between 15-35cm tall

All teddies will be the stars of the show at a Family Fun Weekend

When: 10am-3pm Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 August 2023

Where: Dunedin's Golden Centre Mall

What's in store: Teddy Bear Picnic, Face Painting, Interactive Games, Teddies with Southern Character Characters and Teddy Treasure Hunt with great prizes to be won.

After the weekend, these Tiny Teddies will go to their new homes with NICU Families.

**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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