



Concord School NEWSLETTER



10 August 2023

Kia ora whānau

Wheako Fair – Congratulations to everyone involved in the very successful Wheako Fair last Friday. Thanks to Alana, Noah, Brianna, Emily and Ben from the Greater Green Island Community Network who supported the children to plan, organise and run the event.

The students taking part in the Wheako programme have been involved in this for the last couple of months. It has been an opportunity to show leadership and organisational skills planning their stall or game and running it on the day. It was evident that they had learnt a lot and were enjoying what they were doing, as were their customers. A great example of a real-life learning experience.

School Cross Country – Due to the very wet and muddy ground conditions, we will run the cross country **tomorrow** afternoon at 2.15pm, but **only the Year 5 & 6** races, due to the GGI cross country next week. We will run the other year levels when the conditions improve.



Toitū Visits – Next week all classes will be visiting Toitū Otago Settlers Museum as a continuation of our 'Voyages' topic:



Thursday 17th August – Makomako and Kōtukutuku, leaving school at 11.30am and returning about 2.30pm.

Friday 18th August – Rātā, leaving school at 9.30am, returning by 12.30pm; Kōwhai, leaving school at 11.30am and returning about 2.30pm.

We will need a few adults to accompany us on each trip. Please let us know if you are available.

Sara Cohen Opening – Did you see the great article and photo in Saturday's ODT? The whole school enjoyed taking part in the official opening of the new Sara Cohen classrooms last Friday, as well as the barbecue and cake afterwards!

'Bakehouse on Bond' – This term the Parents' Group is again running their very successful fundraiser from "Bakehouse on Bond". An order form is going home today for their pies and other delicious treats. Please return the form and money to the school office by **Wednesday 30th August**.



Teacher Only Day – We are holding a **Teacher Only Day** on **Wednesday 23 August** for all staff, continuing our literacy professional development through Core Education.

School Photos - Our annual school photos were taken yesterday. These will be available to view and order online soon - a form with your child's unique code will be sent home as soon as we get them.



KVC Production – Next **Thursday 17 August** the two senior classes have been invited to see the Kaikorai Valley Production, "Aotearoa". We will be travelling to/from KVC by bus, leaving at 10.15am, returning by 11.30am. Please let us know if you are available to accompany us.

Warm Clothing – It is always 'chilling' to see students arriving and leaving school in their t-shirts! Please ensure your child has their polar fleece and a jacket with them on these cold days.

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/>

Kiwihoops – Last week the team played the St Clair Netz. Today's game is against Andy Bay Red at 5.15pm on Court 5. Next week's game will be the final game of the season.



Dates to mark on your calendar:

- * Tues 15 Aug – BOT Meeting 6.30pm
- * Wed 16 Aug – Parents Group meeting
- * **Thurs 17 – Fri 18 Aug – Toitū visits**
- * **Thurs 17 Aug – Kōwhai/Rātā to KVC**
- * Fri 18 Aug – GGI Cross Country
- * **Wed 23 Aug – Teacher Only Day**
- * Wed 30 Aug – Pie orders in



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 18th at 1.30pm
Assembly - Friday 25th Aug at 2.00pm



Wheako Fair

New classroom eases strain

ODT Saturday
5 August 2023

MARK JOHN

A NEW special needs classroom means eight more pupils will have access to a flexible and safe learning space in Dunedin.

Pupils from Concord School welcomed classmates from Sara Cohen School at the opening of the second satellite classroom at their school yesterday.

Sara Cohen School principal Matthew Tofia said the new classroom would give pupils access to a special education that included therapists and high staff-to-student ratios.

Mr Tofia said the new classroom had features such as ceiling hoists to support children, breakout spaces, sensory equipment and cooking facilities to focus on functional skills.

"We focus on the things that are going to make their lives better and help them to have more independent lives."

As a part of the focus on functional skills the classroom was fitted with three toilets; a high-dependency toilet, a supported toilet and an independent toilet.

Mr Tofia said that he hoped the pupils would graduate from the assisted toilets to the independent toilets in their time at the school.

"Because that's one of the key areas everybody needs to feel comfortable being able to operate, especially for our kids and it's a long-term process."

Mr Tofia said the school had a huge role pressure and the new classroom was alleviating some of it.

Concord School principal Steve Turnbull said there had been a Sara Cohen School satellite classroom at Concord School for more than 20 years already and the pupils had integrated really well together.

"The students learn so much from each other in the playground and interacting so they are a really valued and special part of Concord School."

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Excited... Teachers and pupils of Sara Cohen School Billy Lees (left), 7, Carla Baldwin, Korimako Holmes-Haweturi, 5, and Mya Bartrop cut the ribbon to open their new satellite classroom at Concord School yesterday. PHOTO: PETER MCINTOSH

VIDEO: www.odt.co.nz/tv

Concord School Photos

So how did it start?

I woke up in bed after a good sleep, until I heard my mum say "Cassius, Cassius, you are going to be late for school photos." So I got up, went to go get ready and dressed up into my uniform, looking handsome as always. Then off to school we go.

The bell rang, 'ding, ding, ding', so I went to class. We did our maths, then the runner, aka Eli, came to get our classroom for our class photo. So Mrs Ross said "Line up, shortest to tallest." After that we walked to the hall.

When we got to the hall the man that was taking the class photos showed us what position we were supposed to sit in. Honestly, I don't really like school photos because I hate that very, very bright light.



After that we sat down on the benches and waited, and waited. Yay! Its my turn, so I went to sit on the chair. Cheese! Ow! My eyes are burning from the bright light. Finally its finished. Alright, I think I looked the best out of all!

- By Cassius-Jay

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who We are a caring and passionate team of **Paediatric Occupational Therapists** that support children in your community with a range of motor, sensory, behavioural & emotional skills.

what We can help children with:

- Sensory Processing Difficulties
- Behavioural problems
- Emotional regulation
- Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
- Mental Health Issues
- Gross and fine motor delays
- Handwriting challenges
- Reading and writing challenges
- Specific Learning Disorders (Dyslexia, Dysgraphia)
- Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD)
- Neurological Conditions (cerebral palsy, traumatic brain injury)

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Koru Care Otago Charitable Trust Fundraiser

We invite you to come play BINGO with us.

Come one come all and get ready to shout "BINGO" and win some great prizes with us and the Two Fat Ladies expertly calling the numbers and guiding you through the night.



Koru Care Otago is a registered charitable trust which fundraises to provide young Otago people with a disability a holiday of a lifetime

Wednesday 27th September
Doors open 6.30pm
numbers start being called at 7pm

Green Island rugby club
Miller Park, Abbotsford

Snack food available and the bar is open



For enquires please contact Carmen on 021 2014407 or email us on korucareotago@gmail.com or PM us on our Facebook page

Dr. Seuss's
THE CAT IN THE HAT

LIVE ON STAGE IN THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

September 30
Dunedin
Regent Theatre

www.regenttheatre.co.nz
www.catinthehatlive.com

4 WEEK **NET FIT NETBALL**

JUNIOR UPSKILL

WHAT:
Junior Upskill is a 4 week program for Year 3/4 netballers covering fundamental skills with a focus on fun to build confidence!

INCLUDES:
Weekly skill progression
Limited edition NETFIT GEN tshirt
Personalised feedback

LOCATION:
Edgar Centre, Dunedin

WHEN:
Monday 21 August
Monday 28 August
Monday 4 September
Monday 11 September

4-5pm
NETFITNETBALL.CO.NZ

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

Don't forget to check our Facebook page for information, messages, photos & videos:
www.facebook.com/concordschoolDunedin

Let's go fishing

Otago Fish & Game Council is running 4 free Take A Kid Fishing sessions from 10am to noon at Southern Reservoir, Reservoir Road, Dunedin, on September 2, 3, 9 and 10, 2023.

You must register to attend this popular event. Go to the Otago Fish and Game Council Facebook page, or follow the link below:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CNDY7L2>

Due to popular demand, participants may only register for one day only. Numbers will be limited to 120 children per event. Spare fishing rods will be available along with experts to help kids get started. Please bring a few fishing lures. Parents or caregivers must be present to supervise children.

Thanks to our supporters at the Otago Community Trust, Oceana Gold and the Dunedin City Council.