



Concord School NEWSLETTER



17 August 2023

Kia ora whānau

Teacher Only Day – A reminder that we are holding a **Teacher Only Day next Wednesday 23 August** for all staff, continuing our literacy professional development through Core Education.

Cross Country – Congratulations to everyone who took part in the senior cross country race last Friday. The top placegetters, who will be taking part in the Greater Green Island Cross Country tomorrow, were:

Girls: Schuyler Geurtsen, Naomi Jones, Orla Kane
Boys: Kaleb McKenzie, Isaac Parsons, Lenix Gawn

The Year 1-4 races will be run later this term when the bottom field has dried out a bit more.

Toitū Visits – Today and tomorrow all classes are visiting Toitū Otago Settlers Museum, continuing our 'Voyages' topic.



Thank you to the whānau who are coming with us.

'Bakehouse on Bond' – The Parents' Group is again running their very successful fundraiser from "Bakehouse on Bond". An order form went home last week for their pies and other delicious treats. Please return the form and money to the school office by **Wednesday 30th August**. More forms are available at the school office if required.



Apologies that the price for the pizzas was inadvertently left off the order form. The three pizza varieties (30cm) are all **\$11.00 each**

2024 Camp Meeting – There will be a meeting for all Year 4/5 students and parents **next Tuesday 22nd August at 5.30pm** to discuss the 2024 camp, fundraising, costs and parent help. It is important that we have as many turn up as possible please.

Late Starts – Thank you for your understanding with the late start we had last week due to black ice and snow. Sometimes the roads can be clear around Concord and the surrounding areas, but many of our staff live in hill suburbs and driving at the normal time can be very dangerous. **It is important that everyone signs up to the Skool Loop app and Facebook as we will continue to use these for important messages.**

Kiwihoops – Last week the team won their game against Andy Bay Red. The final game of the season is tonight against Musselburgh Red, Court 1 at 5.50pm.



Polyfest – This term we have welcomed Luana Thomas (Resource Teacher of Māori) who has been working with our tamariki on our upcoming Polyfest performance. Luana has been fantastic support for our teachers and extending their knowledge and expertise.

The Polyfest will be taking place during Māori Language Week (11-15 Sept) at the Edgar Centre. At this stage we haven't been advised of our performance time. We are all looking forward to the Polyfest as this is the first time since 2019 that we have been able to perform due to Covid.

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/>

So far this term there has been very low demand for this service, so it is likely that it won't continue.

Dates to mark on your calendar:

- * **Thurs 17 – Fri 18 Aug – Toitū visits**
- * **Fri 18 Aug – GGI Cross Country**
- * **Tues 22 Aug – 2024 Camp meeting**
- * **Wed 23 Aug – Teacher Only Day**
- * **Wed 30 Aug – Pie orders in**
- * **Wed 6 Sept – Whānau Hui**
- * **Sat 9 Sept – Greater Green Island Get-together**
- * **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 Aug 18th at 1.30pm
Assembly - next Friday 25th Aug at 2.00pm



Wheako Fair

Two Fridays ago, Concord School's Wheako group hosted the Wheako Fair. The event was run by nine year-six students (Alex, Drayden, Izabella, Tezla, Daniel, Samar, Naomi, Isaac, and Joy-Ciana) and some youth workers from the GGICN as a fundraiser for World Vision's 40 Hour Challenge. Thanks to your support, we raised over \$160! A great deal of work went into the fair.

One of the Wheako students described the group as having poured their "sweat, blood, and tears" into running the event. The Wheako group did enjoy the process and are stoked about how the fair went. They were particularly encouraged by seeing their fellow students have fun eating the food on offer, playing games, getting crafty, and seeing their "eyes light up."



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Notify Us Of Your **Child's Absence** Within Seconds On Our **Skool Loop App**

ATTENDANCE

- Open the Skool Loop App & select Absentee
- Select a date range, if applicable
- Receive email receipt of your submission

Download **The Skool Loop App**. A simple 100% free download: In Google Play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose our school once installed.

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



AKOTECH CodeCamps October School Holidays

Our holiday camp allows children from the ages of 7-12 to develop 21st century skills in a fun and action-packed environment. Create and train your own AI Avatars, make games, code drones & go to work for a simulated Tech Gaming Studio to build games for a big client.

Develop confidence & initiative through design, creativity, solving problems, presenting & collaboration. create your own games, worlds and apps to make our world a better place. We also have **Literati Lab** just for girls, which includes AI Art & Animation. Enter our competition to win a FREE 4 day pass to one of our CodeCamps

St Hilda's, Dunedin: 2nd-5th October. **FREE PRIZES & EARLY DISCOUNTS**

Book Now at www.akotech.nz Competition: www.codecamp.co.nz/competition

EarlyBird Save Up to 21% Until 25th Aug. Siblings Save 6%

Pākiki kids

Pākiki Kids is an independent one-day programme for gifted students (Years 3-8) which has been operating in Dunedin for over 12 years.

The programme provides gifted students with intellectual challenge and the opportunity to pursue their strengths and passions in an environment that also supports them emotionally and socially.

Children from all local schools are welcome to apply.

Applications for 2024 are now available and close on 20 September 2023.

For more details, check out the Pākiki Kids website (www.pakikikids.org) or email the Pākiki Kids Coordinator (info@pakikikids.org).

We'd love to hear from you!

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



Lucky Book Club

The current Lucky Book Club order for 2023 was distributed today and closes **next Friday 25th August**. Money and orders to the office please.

Concord School

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Together We Learn and Grow

Ako Tahī, Tupu Tahī