

# Concord School NEWSLETTER



## 31 August 2023

#### Kia ora whānau

**Strategic Plan Survey** - As part of our schools strategic planning for 2024 and beyond we would like to survey whanau to gather your thoughts and ideas. This will initially help to form our strategic goals and school charter for 2024.

Each survey completed by **next Friday** 8<sup>th</sup> September, and named, will go into a draw for a \$100 meal voucher at the Concord Tavern. Please complete your details at the end of the survey to be included in the draw.

Link: <u>https://forms.gle/WhLviRETgTMzRw4P8</u> or paper copies are available at the school office.

**Greater Green Island Get Together** – This is taking place next **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September** from 10.00am-1.00pm at the DCBC on Main South Rd, Concord, a great event for our whole community. We would like our ukulele group to perform on the day. A separate note will go home with these students tomorrow.



**Futsal/Touch** – Notices futsal and touch teams have gone home with those children who have indicated they are interested in playing next term.. Please return these as soon possible so we know if we are able to enter teams.

**Junior Swimming** – Thank you to all the whānau who are helping with the junior swimming this week. We are very lucky to have been able to get lessons at the wonderful new pools in Mosgiel.

**Otago Cross Country** – Good luck to Schuyler and Kaleb who are representing Concord School at the Otago Cross Country tomorrow!

**'Bakehouse on Bond'** – Thank you for all your orders. Orders will be ready for collection **next Thursday 7**<sup>th</sup> **September**.



**Assembly** – Thank you to all whānau who came to our mid-term assembly last Friday. Special thanks to Masters Grant and Sue from the Green Island Taekwondo Club, and also to Elijah and James, who put on an excellent demonstration.

**Whānau Hui** – We are having our annual Whānau Hui **next Wednesday 6**<sup>th</sup> **September** at 3.15pm in the studio for all our Māori and Pasifika families. Afternoon tea will be provided. Your children are also welcome to attend – there will be supervision. We look forward to seeing as many of our Māori/Pasifika families there as possible. **School Photos** – All families have been emailed their child's unique Key Code to go online to view and purchase 2023 School Photos. There is a master list of the Key Codes at the school office in case you did not receive this email (check spam).

\*\*\* Free delivery offer expires Midnight Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September \*\*\*



**Kiwihoops** – Please return the (clean) sports tops to school as soon as possible.

**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:

- \* Mon 28 Aug–Fri 1 Sep Junior Swimming
  - Wed 6 Sept Whānau Hui 3.15pm
- Thurs 7 Sept Pick up pie orders
- \* Sat 9 Sep 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 Sept 1st at 1.30pm

#### Greater Green Island Cross Country – by Kaleb McKenzie

First we got there and we just had to sit there for what felt like a long time. Sadly Orla was sick and could not do the race. The Year 5 girls go and start their cross country and it takes them about 5-10 minutes to finish.

Before the Year 5 boys started they had to wait for the last girl to finish their race. Then the Year 5 boys got called over to start their race and when everyone was there, they headed off into their race. Lenix was running in this one and it takes them up to 10 minutes as well to finish their race. Lenix placed around 13th, sadly not making it to the top 10 to go to the Otago Cross Country.

The Year 6 boys started with me in it. We got to do our race after a little wait. When we started I was about 5th place and I was kind of nervous when I started running but at the end I did one better than last year and got 8th place. They had two trophies for the 1st place boy and girl.

This time there was almost no wait for the Year 6 girls and we had Schuyler and Naomi running in it. When the girls started Schuyler had the lead in first place and Naomi was in about 10th place and Schuyler just ran out of puff toward the end and placed 7th and Naomi placed about 11th place.

The track was different from last year because we only had to do one lap but this time it was way bigger than it was. There was a big track we had to go around with a big hill which slowed everyone down. Then we had to run up one more big hill which slowed everyone down some more. We then had to go around a little track to take you to the finish line.

Good News!!!! Schuyler and I are going to Otago Cross Country on September 1st. We are both feeling a little bit nervous!!



