



Concord School NEWSLETTER



19 Oct 2023

Kia ora whānau

On Saturday I met a teaching colleague from 20 years ago who was working in our hall for the elections. Being a typical teacher she toured our school and grounds. She was so positive about our whole school, the two playgrounds, the size of our fields compared to other schools, the bike tracks and our top basketball/netball court.

She also commended us on how tidy everything is, and that there was absolutely no litter around. Thanks to the students, staff, especially our fantastic caretaker Gary, and the wider community for keeping our grounds looking so pristine. They are certainly a great asset for everyone to use.

Other than a bee swarm right outside the hall, the elections went well. Thanks to those parents who contacted me about the bees.

Authors' Visit – Yesterday we all enjoyed a visit from NZ award-winning children's author Stacy Gregg and illustrator Ruth Paul. They were with us for the morning, firstly talking to the whole school, and then taking workshops with each class.



Shake Out – This morning we took part in the national 'Shake Out' earthquake drill. The students practised the 'drop, cover and hold for a minute' routine. This would be a good conversation to have with your tamariki at home too.

Athletics – Recently we have all been enjoying practising various athletics events, and will choose a team soon to represent Concord School at the Greater Green Island Athletics **next Wednesday 25th October**. These students will receive a separate notice about this event.

Loud Shirt Day – We will be having a mufti day on **Friday 27th October**. Please wear a 'loud' shirt and bring along a gold coin donation for this national fundraising campaign for The Hearing House and the Southern Cochlear Implant Programme.

Halloween Disco – The Parents' Group is running a Halloween Disco on **Tuesday 31st October** in the school hall, from **6.00-7.30pm**. Dress up in costume, entry is **\$2.00 per child at the door**, and drinks and lollies will be available for purchase. **Please note that this is for Concord School students only.**



Ngā mihi
Steve Turnbull
Principal



Clever Cats – Next Friday Oct 27th at 1.30pm

Fraser Reid – Fraser is now teaching every Friday morning in Kōwhai room, where he will continue Mrs Seque's literacy and homework programmes with the class. In the afternoon Fraser will teach in various classes, releasing teachers. We welcome Fraser's enthusiasm and the positive, strong relationships he is building with our tamariki.

Senior Swimming – A reminder that Kōwhai and Rātā classes are swimming **every Tuesday** afternoon this term at Moana Pool, leaving 1.00pm, back by 3.00pm. Don't forget your swimming gear!

Many thanks to the whānau who are coming with us, and to our anonymous 'fairy' who kindly donated 8 more pairs of goggles to top our supply!

MASH After School Programme – This will **not** be running in Term 4. With the low numbers attending in Term 3 it was not financially viable. This will be reviewed in the new year.

Kindy Visit – Tanya and I will be taking a small group of students from Kōwhai and Rātā rooms to read to the children at Corstorphine Kindy next **Friday 20th October**.

Futsal – The team had a great first game against Fairfield on Tuesday, winning 2-1, and 'Player of the Day' was Chance for excellent goal keeping.

Touch – The team had a 6-6 draw in their first game against Abbots 4 last week, and 'Player of the Day' was Lenix for his great try.

Sports tops – We are still missing quite a number of school sports tops. **Please have a look around home and return any you may have asap.**

Labour Weekend – School will be closed this **Monday 23 October for Labour Day**.

Dates to mark on your calendar:

- * **Every Tuesday Term 4 – Senior swimming**
- * **Mon 23 Oct – Labour Day**
- * **Wed 25 Oct – Parents Group Meeting**
- * **Wed 25 Oct – GGI Athletics**
- * **Fri 27 Oct – Loud Shirt Day**
- * **Tues 31 Oct – Halloween Disco 6.00pm**
- * **Monday 20 Nov – Teacher Only Day**



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)

Free household internet connection still available

If there is anyone in our school that does not have internet connectivity at home and needs assistance with this, please apply **before 31 October** for a fully funded Internet connection via the Equitable Digital Access (EDA) programme. Several of our families took advantage of this for online learning during Covid. Connections are currently funded until 30 June 2024.

For queries, or to apply, contact eda@education.govt.nz or 0800 441 844



Lucky Book Club

The current Lucky Book Club order closes **TOMORROW Friday 20th October**. Please return money and orders to the school office.



Want to learn new skills, get outdoors, and have fun? The skills you learn in athletics are the perfect foundation for almost any sport.

Local athletics clubs are welcoming new members now and we encourage students to get involved and get active. Contact details for all athletics clubs nationwide are available at athletics.org.nz/FindaClub

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MASH FAIRFIELD

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SUMMER

WHAT'S ON THESE HOLIDAYS...

- 18 DEC** LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
Normal After School Programme will run.
- 19 DEC** XMAS SLUMBER PARTY!
It's the season for a slumber party with pancakes, hot cocoa and festive crafts to get excited for the season to come.
- 20 DEC** CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK
Our magical Christmas slumber party is unlike any other! A cozy setting with the perfect mood as Christmas carols fill the air.
- 21 DEC** THE MASH WORKSHOP
Today children will make special gifts to share with their loved ones.
- 22 DEC** CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL
Christmas Disco Day combines the joy of the holiday season with the energy of disco! Catchy beats of disco music, face paint and candy floss while reveling in the festive atmosphere at Wakari School.

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The Mission office

0800 PTSCOURSE - (0800 787 268)



Green Island School Zombie Fun Run

Green Island School is holding our first ever Zombie Fun Run **Saturday 4 November**.

As it is our first time running this event, it will be an amazing experience with even a foam party Zombie dance area. Funds made will be going to the redevelopment of the Green Island School library. You cannot buy tickets on the day so scan the code or go to the link below to buy tickets and for further information.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/719088130957?aff=oddtcreator>



Santa Parade organisers are looking for 5/6 year olds who would like to be fairies or pirates in the Santa Parade!

Please contact Carmel at dnsantakids@gmail.com to express interest. Costumes are provided.

Children need to be available all afternoon on **Sunday 3 December** & have a parent who will walk alongside the float.



WHAT'S ON @ TŪHURA OTAGO MUSEUM

Pyjamarama: Halloween Edition

6pm, Friday 27 October

Put on your PJs and bring your torches and teddy bears down to Tūhura Otago Museum for a hair-raising Halloween pyjama party!

This is a spooky and spectacular night out that your child will remember. Book your tickets today!

\$3 | [Book here](#)

<https://otagomuseum.nz/whats-on/pyjamarama-halloween-edition>

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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