



# Concord School NEWSLETTER



16 Nov 2023

Kia ora whānau

**Teacher Only Day** – We will be having our final Teacher Only Day for the year **next Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November**. The staff will be working on Te Mātaiaho, the refreshed NZ curriculum.

**Mid-Term Assembly – Tomorrow Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November** we will be having a mid-term assembly at 2.15pm in the school hall. All whānau welcome.

**Pavlovas** – Order forms went home last week for boxes of 12 Cowells mini pavlovas (seconds). These are always a very popular Parents' Group fundraiser - great for Christmas (or any time!).

They are \$15.00 a box, and orders must be in to the office by **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**. More order forms are available at the school office. Orders will be available for collection from school the following week.



**School Docs** – At Tuesday's Board meeting it was decided to adopt the School Docs policies that will replace our existing ones. These are all online for everyone to view and will continue to be reviewed every three years. If you would like to view them go to <https://concord.schooldocs.co.nz>. Username: concord Password: care5

**Honey Labels** – Congratulations to Orla Kane and Maxine Ratahi on their winning designs in this year's honey label competition:



Orla Kane



Maxine Ratahi

Jars of our delicious school honey are now on sale at the school office for \$8.00 each. One per family please, as there is a limited number of jars.

**RATs** – We have a carton of Rapid Antigen Tests in the school foyer if any families would like some. Check any you may have at home as they could be expired.



**Wheako** – Noah and Bri from the Greater Green Island Community Network are currently working with a group of students to beautify an unloved garden behind the hall. The students are enjoying the process and we look forward to seeing their plans. It is also great to see both Noah and Bri interacting with our students at lunchtime and after school on Thursdays, playing basketball and tag.

**Swimming** – Our swimming programmes involve every child having ten lessons per year of instruction by qualified coaches. While this gives them the basics it by no means makes them a proficient swimmer. The students need extra time to practise, such as taking them to the pool in the weekends and getting them to show you what they have learnt. Additional lessons outside of school are also recommended, although they come at a cost.



There are several swimming clubs in Dunedin. When my two boys were learning to swim they joined the Dunedin Swim Club, which is a non-competitive club that focuses on teaching children of all levels to swim. It's at Moana Pool every Friday in term time from 6.15-7.15pm and annual membership fees are very reasonable. For more info go to <https://dunedinswimmingclub.org.nz/> or email [dunedinswimmingclub@outlook.com](mailto:dunedinswimmingclub@outlook.com)

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!

**MASH Summer Holiday Programme** – This is now going to be held at **Concord School** instead of Fairfield. There is an ad on the next page for the December dates, and more information will follow about the January programme.

**Futsal** – This week the team won against the Fairfield Bandits 3-2. 'Player of the Day' was Arjan. Due to the National Volleyball Tournament at the Edgar Centre, there will be **no futsal next week**.

**Touch** – There was no game last week as the other team defaulted. Today's game is against the Mac Bay Tigers, Field 13 at 4.45pm.

### Dates to mark on your calendar:

- \* **Every Tuesday** – Senior swimming
- \* **Fri 17 Nov** – Mid-term assembly
- \* **Monday 20 Nov** – Teacher Only Day
- \* **Wed 22 Nov** – Pavlova orders in
- \* **Thurs 14 Dec** – Prizegiving 7.00pm
- \* **Fri 15 Dec** – School ends 12.30pm



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)



**Assembly** – This Friday Nov 17<sup>th</sup> at 2.15pm  
**Clever Cats** – Next Friday Nov 24<sup>th</sup> at 1.30pm



Swimming lessons at Moana Pool



Fun at Lego Club



**Lucky Book Club**



The last Lucky Book Club order forms for 2023 were distributed last week and close **TOMORROW Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November**. Please return money and orders to the school office.

**Dunedin Destination Playgrounds** - Would you and your family like to provide feedback on the current plans for the three destination playgrounds? From now, Dunedin City Council is asking for feedback on our concept plans for destination playgrounds at Marlow Park (the Dinosaur Park), Woodhaugh Gardens and Mosgiel Memorial Gardens.

We're introducing some exciting changes at the playgrounds: they will have inclusive play for all ages, water, sand and music play, skateboarding, parkour, trampolines, climbing nets, basket swings, inclusive carousels, log scrambles, play towers and spinning see-saws and shaded, sheltered spaces for families to gather.

People can provide their feedback online and we are holding several open days and drop-ins if they would like to talk to us in person about the playgrounds.

You can see the plans, and flythrough videos and fill in the feedback form at [www.dunedin.govt.nz/destination-play](http://www.dunedin.govt.nz/destination-play). Feedback closes on Monday 4 December 2023.



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