



Concord School NEWSLETTER



7 Dec 2023

Kia ora whānau

Mufti Day – Thank you for your support of this last Friday. We are going to have some great hampers for our raffle prizes.



Christmas Raffle – Please return raffle cards, sold or unsold, by **TOMORROW Friday 8 December**.

End of Year Prizegiving – NEXT WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER AT 7.00pm in the school hall. Children should wear school uniform please.

The Parents' Group will run a barbecue from 6.00-7.00pm. Please return the order slip on the next page (or written on a piece of paper/envelope) to place an order for your family.

Fay's Retirement Assembly – Please note a change of date for this to **Monday 11 December at 2.15pm**, due to the extra swimming time below.

Senior Swimming – The final fun swim on the waterslide and wave pool for the senior classes is **next Tuesday 12th December**, leaving at an earlier time of 12.30pm. Parents are welcome to come along and have some fun with your children.

Pavlovas – Many thanks for your support of this fundraiser. The Parents' Group raised about \$700.



Ribbonwood Nurseries – A group of senior students recently visited Ribbonwood Nurseries with Noah as part of the Wheako programme. Many thanks to the nursery for helping us with advice & the plants for our garden behind the hall.



Futsal – This week the team played Green Island United. 'Players of the Day' were Ollie and Mata.

Touch – The final game of the season was again sadly rained off last week.

Resources – The school library is now closed for the year and students have been asked to return all their library books. Please also return any school resources you may find at home eg library books, journals, reading books, sports tops etc

Year 6 Leavers Do – We will be farewelling our Year 6 Leavers next Monday night with their families. They have had a separate note about this.

Heath – Heath McEwan will be finishing as a teacher aide at Concord School at the end of the year. Heath's contribution to our school has been outstanding throughout the year. He has worked with individuals and small groups of students with their learning, has run games and activities at lunchtimes, and taken practises with the futsal and touch rugby teams. His friendly, calm, quietly spoken nature has connected with students and staff, and he will be missed.



We wish Heath all the best for the future, particularly with his rugby aspirations. This year he played for the Green Island Premiers and the Otago development team. He is certainly very dedicated and passionate about the game and achieving higher honours. He has been a wonderful role model for our students.

School Reports – End of year school reports will be going home next week.

Class Lists – Class Lists for 2024 will be put up in the foyer next week.

End of Year – A reminder that school finishes at **12.30pm** next Friday 15th December.

Honey - 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. Great Christmas gifts!



RATs – We still have plenty 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.



Dates to mark on your calendar:

- * **Fri 8 Dec** – Return Christmas raffle cards
- * **Mon 11 Dec** – Fay's Retirement Assembly
- * **Mon 11 Dec** – Year 6 Leavers Evening
- * **Tues 12 Dec** – Final senior swimming
- * **Wed 13 Dec** – End of year Barbecue 6.00pm and Prizegiving 7.00pm
- * **Thurs 14 Dec** – Fun Day
- * **Fri 15 Dec** – School ends 12.30pm
- * **Tues 30 Jan 2024** – Term 1 starts



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 Dec 8th at 1.30pm



END OF YEAR BARBECUE – Wednesday 13th December

Please return this order slip, with money, to the school office by 9.00am Monday 11th December. Drinks will also be for sale.



Name: _____

Sausages @ \$2.00

Burgers @ \$3.00

Total enclosed: \$ _____



Children's Holiday Art Classes

The Cave Art Studio, East Taieri

18th to 22nd December 9.30 am – 12.30 pm

Christmas-themed artwork and crafts
in a fun environment.

Full programme details will be emailed in a day or two.

Come along and enjoy one, or more fun and creative sessions before Christmas at The Cave Art Studio. Places limited!

Email: thecaveartstudio@xtra.co.nz



Makomako had a great visit to Concord Kindy last week

TOTS TO TEENS CHILDHOOD IN AOTEAROA

Summer is upon us, and our latest issue is jam-packed with content to help Kiwi parents <https://issue2312.totstoteens.co.nz/>

What's in this issue for parents?

- » How to slow brain drain over the holidays?
- » Craft: Cutest ever Santa's beard cards and posters
- » What's on these holidays near you
- » Holiday recipes by foodie Michael Van de Elzen
- » Why are our literacy levels waning?
- » Use declarative language to build a stronger connection
- » Free printables for families
- » Puzzle fun for kids



Sounds Write Structured Literacy Support



Summer Holiday Program

DOES YOUR CHILD NEED HELP TO GET BACK ON TRACK WITH THEIR LITERACY SKILLS?

If your child requires some extra support with reading and writing our new summer holiday structured literacy program can help get them up to speed before the start of the new school year.

DISCOVER THE JOY OF SPELLING, READING AND WRITING THIS SUMMER

The Sounds-Write approach offers a multi-sensory, code-oriented comprehensive approach to literacy - aka it gives your kids a solid foundation and then builds upon this. You'll notice daily improvements in their reading, spelling and writing - this approach is THAT good.



If you want to learn more or book your child a place in the Structured Literacy Summer program get in touch with our friendly team.

Email: referrals@dynamicdevelopments.nz Website: www.dynamicdevelopments.nz

SMASH PLAY HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES DUNEDIN

Fun skills and games to develop your motor skills! Featured Activities: Bouncy Castle, Smash Play games, Paper Planes and more!
Ages: 4-10
Dates: Monday 15th & Monday 22nd January
Time: 9am - 2pm
Location: Edgar Centre
Price: \$30 per child



MULTI-SPORT HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES DUNEDIN

Otago Hockey and Otago Cricket join together for multisport days featuring a variety of sports!
Ages: 4-12
Dates: Thursday 18th Friday 19th & Wednesday 24th Jan
Time: 9am - 3pm
Location: McMillan Hockey Turf
Price: \$30 per child



mega mates For 5-7 year olds



Coming January 2024 dates & times TBC

Don't miss out! BOOK NOW by calling: 0221003994 or email us on referrals@dynamicdevelopments.nz

Led by our team of experienced Speech & Language Therapists \$60 + gst per child, per child

limited numbers for a small group focus



Reading the Social Scene
Understanding and interpreting body language and facial features

Conversation Skills
starting and maintaining a conversation

Learning About Emotions
identifying and labelling emotions

Concord School

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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:

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