



# Concord School NEWSLETTER



1 February 2024

Kia ora whānau

Welcome back to all children, parents and teachers. I hope you had a relaxing summer break and you were able to do some fun things with your family.



It was great to see many smiley faces on Tuesday, including many parents who were looking forward to having their uninterrupted coffee time. I have noticed my house is decidedly tidier without the boys being at home all day.

**Role Models** - This week in classes and at assembly we talked about what you have to do to be a role model and who the role models are in our lives. These are some of the students responses:

**Role models:** make the right decisions; are respectful of themselves and others; follow the CARE expectations; are honest and trustworthy; others look up to them

**Role models in our life:** parents; teachers; wider whanau eg: grandparents, aunties, uncles; brothers and sisters; often older children at school; coaches; and sometimes celebrities can also be role models.

We often ask the children to be a role model to others eg: to new students in the class or younger students, although we regularly need to unpack the meaning of this, with examples for our students to relate to. We also discuss that we make mistakes from time to time, though we use these mistakes as learning opportunities. We will continue these conversations.

Parents are at the top of the role model list, as this was mentioned first by the students and rightly so. You spend the most time with your tamariki and you have the biggest influence on your child/ren. Being a role model doesn't stop at the gate, it occurs everywhere eg at the local park, watching sports from the sideline, on social media, driving a car and at school.

With the Big Day Out happening next week I have enclosed our **Community Conduct Expectations** that are also available with all other school policies on our SchoolDocs website. We want every day at Concord School to be a safe and inclusive environment where everyone feels welcome and everyone belongs. I thank you in advance for your continued support and for being a positive role model for all our Tamariki.

**It takes a village to raise a child**

**Deputy Principal** – Congratulations to Wendy Ross who is our new deputy principal. Wendy has been teaching in Rātā room for 12 years and has done an outstanding job teaching the senior children, running camps, leadership programmes and a myriad of other responsibilities. Wendy will be a valuable asset to the leadership of our school.

**Newsletters** – Our weekly newsletter is available every Thursday on the Skool Loop app, Facebook, our website, noticeboards and via email. If you would still like a hard copy please contact Linda in the school office.

**Health and consent forms** – Please complete one of these **for each child** and return to school as soon as possible. It is important for contact and medical details to be kept regularly updated, and this is also a consent form for school trips, and for the use of photos on the website etc. **The form also includes an important section on our free healthy school lunches.**

These forms are to be taken on school trips so that we have emergency contact details for each child should the need arise. **We will need all forms back before our Big Day Out.**

**Big Day Out** – This year we are holding our Big Day Out next Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February, with the reserve day being Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February.

We will be leaving school at 9.30am, heading first to the Taieri Aerodrome then walking to the Mosgiel park, then the Mosgiel pool, returning to school by 3.00pm. We still need a few parents to come with us – bring your lunch and your togs! School lunches will be delivered to the park. Children will need to bring a drink bottle, morning tea, swimming togs and towel, and warm clothing.

**Free Healthy School Lunches** – We are again having our lunches provided by 'Time 4 Lunch'. **Please supply your child with a healthy snack (eg not packaged food) for morning tea, and a drink bottle, each day.**

**Stationery** – Stationery lists were sent home this week. Please purchase this as soon as possible as it is important that children have all their stationery to get their year's school work properly under way. All items are available for purchase from the school office if you wish – please send the completed list to the office and orders will be made up and given to your child.

**Futsal/Touch** – Notices went home this week regarding this term's Futsal and Touch Rugby. Teams have to be entered soon so please return the forms asap. Teams will not be entered if we do not have coaches and/or managers for each team. No expertise required.

**School Uniform** – All new school uniform items can be ordered online, and are available to purchase at **Promo-X in Hillside Rd.** Go to: <https://www.promo-x.co.nz/product-category/concord-school/> Password: **CCUF22**. We also have a lot of second-hand uniform items in Rm 2.

**Desks** – We have some desks for sale in the school hall for \$5.00 each. They must be gone next week.

**Dates to mark on your calendar:**

- \* **Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Feb – Waitangi Day**
- \* **Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Feb – Big Day Out**
- Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Feb – Reserve Day**
- \* **21-22 Feb – Parent Interviews**

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 (egsick)



**Clever Cats** – Friday February 16<sup>th</sup> at 1.30pm

NZHL XRACE is coming to Dunedin and we're looking for families to join us in a community event. Dunedin - Saturday, 9 March 2024 at 12PM

XRACE is an exciting parent-and-child adventure race where one parent and one or two children aged between 6 and 14 must work together to locate and complete 10 mystery challenges, racing against the clock and other family teams. There is also a Nippers race for the Under 6's.

More than just a race, XRACE is an immersive family adventure designed to create lasting memories and strengthen bonds between parents and children. It's a screen-free experience, apart from the obligatory paparazzi photos.

Best of all, families from our school receive a 50% discount on registrations and will start together in the same wave. Simply use the **discount code CHAT** at the cart, click validate, and head to the checkout to grab your 50% discount. Please note, this code expires seven days prior to your event. Go to <https://www.xrace.co.nz/pages/dunedin> to find out information about our local XRACE.

**Congratulations to all our 2023 end-of-year prize-winners:**

- BOT Academic Achievement Award – Schuyler Geurtsen
- Duffy Diligence & Attitude Award – Naomi Jones
- Ashley McKeachie School Spirit Award – Joy-Ciana Parima
- Mark Reid Good Citizenship Awards – Manu Mason, Shakara Gawn
- Principal's Virtues Awards – Samar Prasad, Maxine Ratahi
- Curious Minds Award – Drayden Gawn
- Pelasio Whānau Māori/ Pasifika Student of the Year – Joy-Ciana Parima
- Pelasio Whānau Sports Person of the Year – Kaleb McKenzie



**Whiti Marama (Shining Light) Awards:**  
 Makomako – Olivia Bottomley      Kōwhai – Axel Mclanachan  
 Kōtukutuku – Stella Murphy      Rātā – Orla Kane  
 Year 6 (chromebook) - Ava Creasey

**Welcome** to our new students and their families:  
 Illyana Williamson    Lachy Scott  
 Evan Noby Joseph

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 LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE FOR AGE GROUPS 8 AND UNDER, AND 9 TO 11

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**ENSEMBLES**

A range of ensembles - string, orchestras, ukulele bands and more. You can even join if you're not taking lessons with SMMC.

**ENROL NOW FOR 2024**

Enrolments taken for all of our teaching centres

**SATURDAY 10 FEBRUARY**

9:30 - 11:00

BATHGATE PARK SCHOOL

GEORGE STREET NORMAL SCHOOL

ELMGROVE SCHOOL, MOSGIEL

**WEDNESDAY 14 FEBRUARY**

3:30 - 4:30

ELMGROVE SCHOOL, MOSGIEL

**TEACHING CENTRES**

**DUNEDIN**

- George Street Normal School
- Bathgate Park School
- Mornington School
- Tainui School

**MOSGIEL**

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- The Terrace School, Alexandra
- Cromwell School, Cromwell



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