

Concord School NEWSLETTER



22 February 2024

Kia ora whānau

Whānau Literacy Evening – On Thursday 7th March at 7.00pm we will be holding a parent evening to learn about the changes we have made to our literary programme over the last two years, the structured literacy approach, and examples of how you can support your child/ren with literacy.

It will be one hour long at the most, and free childcare and supper will be provided. There will also be a prize draw for attendees.

Please RSVP to the school office for supper and/or childcare numbers.

'One hour a day' – Starting this year the government has prescribed that all children in Years 0-8 will be taught reading, writing and maths for an average of one hour a day each.

This is no real change to what we are already doing, as each morning is focused on three hours of literacy and maths. They are also integrated into the afternoon eg reading and writing in topic work. An information sheet is coming home with this newsletter with further details.

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Goal-Setting Interviews – There are a number of families who didn't schedule and/or attend the goal-setting interviews this week. Teachers will be rescheduling these. Attending these with your child shows them how much you value and support their learning here at school.

As part of these interviews there are health and well-being questions for your child to answer regarding any fears or worries they have at school. Replies to these questions are followed up by staff if needed, and are then collated into an anonymous report to the Board. Your child's health and wellbeing are of vital importance. If they are feeling happy and safe at school they will be in the best place to learn.

PALs Training – Our senior Physical Activity Leaders (PALs) will be going to the Edgar Centre on **Tuesday 27th Feb** for training with Sport Otago. They will get a separate note about this.

Parents' Group Meeting – Our first Parents' Group Meeting will be held **next Thursday 29th February** at **3.15pm** in the staff room. We are always looking to welcome new members.

Futsal – This week the Concord Shooters had a great first game against Tainui 4 and 'Player of the Day' was Malakai.



On Wednesday the Concord Strikers played Port Chalmers Paua and 'Player of the Day' was Piere.

Kindy Visit – Rātā room had a great visit to Concord Kindergarten yesterday. Many thanks to the whānau who accompanied them on this trip. A group from this class will also be visiting Corstorphine Kindy on **Thursday 29th February**.

KVC Sports Expo – On **Tuesday 5th March** the Year 5 & 6 students will be going to the annual Sports Expo at Kaikorai Valley College. They will take part in a wide variety of events with students from other schools.

Dates to mark on your calendar:

- * Mon 26 Feb BOT Meeting
- * Tues 27 Feb PALs training
- * Thurs 29 Feb Corstorphine Kindy visit /
- * Thurs 29 Feb Parents' Group Meeting
- * 5 Mar KVC Sports Expo (Year 5/6)
- * 7 Mar Structured Literacy parent evening 7pm
- * Mon 25 Mar Otago Anniversary Day
- * Fri 29 Mar Tues 2 Apr Easter

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 (eg sick)

Clever Cats – Friday 1st March at 1.30pm

Big Day Out

On Thursday we were all split up into two groups with a partner. I was with Olivia M. When I went on the bus we had a little

problem with the seatbelt but it finally buckled. We got driven to the Rescue Helicopter place in Mosgiel. We found lots of helicopters and even a plane. As we were walking along the Silverstream we stopped to have a break so we could have some water. I realised we were at a rugby field! I had played rugby at the field before.



Group 1 went to Mosgiel Pool and group 2 went tot he park. We sat tat the park on the ground and ate. We went and played and I saw my old friend there. She has a younger sister. We had lunch and played a bit, then we went to the pool. I was the first one done. I jumped unto the pool and I played in it for two or three minutes. Suddenly the boys came. Nooo! The girls came. Yaaay! I cannon-balled into the pool and swam. After a while we left. We went on the bus and went to school. We got our stuff and went home.

Silverstream was actually made by Matamata the taniwha. He



hollowed out places until he was tired. He fell asleep and turned into Saddle Hill! PS It was the best day! - By Nono





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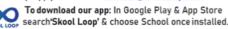
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