



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.

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 well-being 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. Yaaa! 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



TOTS TO TEENS

CHILDHOOD IN AOTEAROA

FOR YOUR PARENTS

Out now!

MŌRENA,

Summer is upon us, and our latest issue is jam-packed with content to help Kiwi parents issue2402.totstoteens.co.nz

What's in this issue for parents?

- » The terrible twos
- » Getting the most out of Open Days
- » Gut health for young athletes
- » Tempting chocolate treats
- » Healthy eyes for a better future
- » What is your child's learning style?
- » 7 Tips for parents who have ADHD
- » How to talk about periods.
- » The ultimate party-planning guide
- » PLUS awesome giveaways



CORSTORPHINE KINDERGARTEN EASTER COLOUR RUN

BATHGATE PARK MARCH 16, 2024

11am START
1 TMC SPOT PRIZES, FACE PAINTING, SAUSAGE SIZZLE
WHITE CLOTHING RECOMMENDED
 Keep an eye on our Facebook Page for cancellations.
 Limited Tickets Available
\$10 each available for purchase from Corstorphine Kindergarten, 10 Lockerbie St KEW or email eastercolourrun@gmail.com

How much Toothpaste?

0-6 years old, use a **half pea** sized amount

6+ years old, use a **small pea** sized amount

Brush twice a day, in the morning and especially at night before bed. Spit out toothpaste but **leave mouth un rinsed** as fluoride left on your child's teeth helps to keep them strong

Top Tips for Toothbrushing!



Laser Maze

Open daily until 25 February

We've got a mission for you this summer! Using agility, quick thinking and speed, navigate your way through a maze of laser beams and race the clock.

The fastest participants will feature on the leaderboard of stealth, with the top players each week winning a prize for the successful completion of their mission.

\$3 w/ science centre | Book at: <https://otagomuseum.nz/whats-on/>

SPORTING CHANCE ALL-STAR SHOWDOWN SUNDAY 25TH FEBRUARY

All proceeds to go to the Sporting Chance fund. For more information visit www.sportotago.co.nz

Join us for the basketball match, featuring some of your favourite local sports stars, including Silver Ferns, Otago Rugby players and retired legends. What's even more exciting is that **all proceeds from this event will go directly to the Sporting Chance Fund**, which aims to provide financial assistance to children and youth facing disadvantage, enabling them to actively participate in sport and recreation. **Concord School regularly applies to this fund for our students.**

4pm at the Edgar Centre

Tickets are now available for purchase through the Sport Otago website or via this link - [Sporting Chance All-Star Showdown \(iticket.co.nz\)](http://Sporting Chance All-Star Showdown (iticket.co.nz)). Door sales are also available. Your support is crucial in making a positive impact on the lives of many through the Sporting Chance Fund.

Can't attend the game but still want to be part of the action? We've got you covered with our **PAY IT FORWARDS** ticket option. Every ticket purchased enables Sport Otago to pay it forward by inviting a deserving child from our community to join in the fun.



Playcentre Open Week

4-8 March 2024

Play, learn and grow together with your pēpi or tamariki and make connections with other whānau in your community.

Riselaw Road Playcentre
riselawroad@playcentre.org.nz

38 Riselaw Road
 Calton Hill

Tuesday and Friday
 From 9:15 am

Playcentre

"Whānau tupu ngātahi – families growing together"

Concord School

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Community Oral Health Service

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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