



Concord School NEWSLETTER



14 March 2024

Kia ora whānau

Mufti Day – We are having a mufti day **TOMORROW Friday 15th March**. Instead of a gold coin, please bring along Easter goodies to go in the Easter Raffle hamper prizes – Easter eggs, novelties, soft toys etc.

Easter Raffle – Raffle cards went home on Monday for our annual Easter Raffle, always a popular event. Many thanks to Hugh and the Taieri Mouth Camping Ground for generously donating extra prizes, including a cabin for a weekend at the Taieri Mouth Camping Ground for 2 adults and 3 children (date to be arranged with the camp), and a large inflatable child's paddling pool/play area. **More cards are available at the school office.**



Duathlon – Next **Thursday 21st March** (reserve Tues 26 Mar) we will be holding our annual school duathlon. Kōwhai and Rātā rooms will race at Emerson Park starting at **1.30pm**. Makomako's race will be held at school later in the term. If the weather is unsuitable our postponement decision will be posted on Facebook and Skool Loop app.

The Duathlon is a run and bike event. Children are able to race as an individual (complete both run/bike) or as a team of two.



If your child is riding, their bike and helmet must be at school by 12.00pm.

We do have some school bikes available if you are unable to bring one for your child.



Duffy Theatre – We look forward to welcoming the Duffy Theatre back to our school next Wednesday 20th March at 11.00am. They always put on a great show, and whānau are welcome to join us.

Whānau Literacy Evening – Many thanks to all the whānau who came along to the literacy evening last week. We hope you took away some useful information and strategies to support your children with their literacy.



PALs Training – Yesterday morning our PALs (Physical Activity Leaders) went to the Edgar Centre, along with students from around Dunedin, learning some great new games. The PALs will run these at lunchtimes, a great way for our senior students to show leadership and responsibility.

Corstorphine Kindergarten Visit – I will be taking a small group of students from Rātā to read and play with the pre-schoolers at Corstorphine Kindergarten next Tuesday morning.

School Lunches – You may have heard that the government is looking at either reducing or abolishing the school lunch programme. At this stage the programme is funded until the end of this year, but not beyond that. Health Coalition Aotearoa has launched a petition to stop the Government cutting the free school lunches programme, if you are interested in signing it: <https://www.labour.org.nz/petition-save-lunches-in-schools>

We have found that our school lunches have a significantly positive impact on our children and whānau. Our students are eating balanced, nutritious and delicious lunches that have benefits for their learning. The financial benefit for whānau is also massive in these increasingly expensive times. Research proves that every dollar put into our children now saves tenfold long term. You can be assured that we will be fighting to retain the school lunches for 2025 and beyond.

Pet Day – Please keep **Friday 5th April** free for Concord School's first pet day for a number of years. While concentrating on pets, the day will also involve a number of activity stations and a lot of fun. There will be two competitions that the children can enter (to be completed at home):

- Baking competition (savoury, sweet and decorated categories)
- Art competition - students can create an artwork of their choice of their pet or favourite animal



Futsal – This week the Concord Shooters won 7-1 against the Fairfield Rangers and 'Player of the Day' was Elijah.



The Concord Strikers lost 4-1 to East Taieri United on Wednesday and 'Player of the Day' was Nikos.

Dates to mark on your calendar:

- * **Fri 15 Mar** – Easter Raffle Mufti Day
- * **Thurs 21 Mar** – Duathlon (reserve Tues 26 Mar)
- * **Wed 20 Mar** – Duffy Theatre 11.00am
- * **Mon 25 Mar** – Otago Anniversary Day
- * **Fri 29 Mar** – Tues 2 Apr – Easter
- * **Fri 5 April** – Pet Day



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 – This Friday 15th March at 1.30pm

POOL BEAR LIVE

NZ TOUR!

OAMARU
Sat 16th March
Opera House

DUNEDIN
Sun 17th March
Regent Theatre

GORE
Sat 23rd March
St James Theatre

INVERCARGILL
Sun 24th March
Civic Theatre

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23rd of March
10:30am-4:30pm

Forsyth Barr Stadium
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He Oraka Niho

Abbotsford Mobile Clinic Dates

Please note the change to the scheduled dates for the Mobile Clinic located in **ABBOTSFORD**. All other location dates remain unchanged.

Mobile Clinics:

- Abbotsford – 72 North Taieri Rd; Ph: 027 284 9754; *From 17 June – 18 October
- Wakari – 369 Taieri Rd; Ph: 027 284 9914
- *From 1 January – 31 December
- Middlemarch – 33 Swansea St; Ph: 027 284 9751
- *From 8 April – 19 April
- Port Chalmers – 30A Albertson Ave; Ph: 027 284 9954
- *From 19 August – 13 December

For appointments outside these dates please contact the Community Oral Health Service: 0800 672 543 *Dates subject to change.

Te Whaatu Ora Health New Zealand Community Oral Health Service

“All are welcome. There will be performances, and food for sale, from all over the Pacific and it is a donation entry. Please enjoy as we bring the Pacific to you.”

Lucky Book Club

The current Lucky Book Club order went home last week and closes **tomorrow Friday 15th March**. Please return money and orders to the office.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT LOCAL COMMUNITY MEETINGS

How can YOU help YOUR community?

Hear about the work of Emergency Management Otago. Join the conversation and planning for how our community will prepare for and respond to local and national emergencies.

GREEN ISLAND	CONCORD	ABBOTSFORD
Thursday 14th March	Tuesday 19th March	Thursday 21st March
5:30 PM	5:30 PM	5:30 PM
Green Island School	Concord School	Abbotsford School

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- FLEXFITNESS 24 HOUR FITNESS** - FREE TRIAL

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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