

## 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

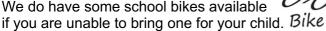


prizes, including a cabin for a weekend at the Taieri Mouth Camping Ground for 2 adults and 3 children (date to be arranged with the camp), and a large inflatable child's paddling pool/play area. More cards are available at the school office.

Duathlon – Next Thursday 21st March (reserve Tues 26 Mar) we will be holding our annual school duathlon. Kowhai and Rata 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



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

Whānau Literacy Evening – Many thanks to all the whanau 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-lunchesin-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 whanau 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.

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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)



