



Concord School NEWSLETTER



5 December 2024

Kia ora whānau

Beach Education – We have Beach Education Days run by the Surf Life Saving Association coming up at Brighton beach **next Monday 9th December** for Years 1-3 and **Wed 11th December** for Years 4-6.



Children are to wear mufti and will need to bring swimming togs and towel, sunscreen and sunhat, warm clothing, morning tea and drink bottle, boogie boards/wetsuit/flippers (if they have them)

These will be whole day trips, leaving school at 9.00am and returning by 3.00pm. We still need parent help on both days, so please let us know if you can come with us. The days will still go ahead whatever the weather.

School lunches will be provided as usual, but adults will need to bring their own lunch/drink. Feel free to bring your togs/towel as well, as we do need a ratio of 1 adult to 5 children in the water.

Christmas Raffle/Mufti Day - Thank you for your support of our mufti day last Friday - we will have some wonderful hampers for our raffle prizes. **We have also had very generous prizes donated by Mitre 10 and Monarch Wildlife Cruises & Tours** – we really appreciate their support!



Please return all raffle cards, sold or unsold, by ** ** TOMORROW ** ** Friday 6th December.

Orange Parade – Last Friday our road wardens joined road wardens from other schools in Dunedin to take part in the annual Orange Parade celebration. This included a parade down George St, and a barbecue lunch and swim at Moana Pool. This is to thank them all for their hard work throughout the year. Did you see the great photo in Saturday's ODT?

Parade celebrates traffic safety



Come crew - School pupils cheer as their names are called out at the Orange Day parade.

Parade is usually held annually, but has not been held in recent years because of Covid-19 restrictions and the current dry weather.

In the Orange Day parade, school children are dressed in orange costumes and carry orange flags.

They are volunteers who help to keep the roads safe and clear of cars and trucks.

It is a really big event and school road patrol members.

responsibility as well as being a lot of fun to be in.

Senior Sergeant Andrew Bone, of Dunedin police, said school road patrol members.

and effort that you've put in to keep everyone safe.

"It's a lot of fun to be in and we have no accidents, no crashes, no injuries."

Following the parade, the children were treated to a swim and barbecue lunch at Moana Pool.

PHOTO: PETER MONTGOMERY

VIDEO: www.odt.co.nz/v

Final Assembly – Our final assembly will be held **next Thursday 12th December**. We will begin with a family barbecue from **5.30-6.30pm**, followed by a plaque unveiling for friend of the school Hugh Donaldson, and our final assembly and prizegiving. **Please return the order slip on the next page** (or written on a piece of paper or envelope) to place an order for your family.



New Teacher – We are delighted to be welcoming Tenaya Brown to Concord School as the new teacher for our Kōwhai class, beginning on 17th February 2025. Fiona Dowling (reliever) and Mr Beadle (new principal) will be teaching in Kōwhai for the first three weeks of term.



Tenaya is passionate about ensuring students reach their full potential, and has strengths in numeracy, literacy, music, and creating strong relationships through Te Ao Māori and tikanga Māori. Tenaya will be a wonderful asset for our school and I'm sure our Concord School community will all make her very welcome in 2025.

Senior Swimming – The final day of senior swimming will be next Tuesday. We will be leaving earlier than usual, at 12.30pm, to allow time for an extra fun swim and the hydro slide!

School Reports – End of year school reports will be going home next week.

Class Lists – Class Lists for 2025 will be put up in the school foyer next week.

Pavlovas – These will be available from the school hall **on Monday after school**.



Resources – The school library is now closed for the year and students have been asked to return all their library books. Please also return any school resources you may find at home eg library books, journals, reading books, sports tops etc

Futsal – This week saw the final games of the season. The Concord Shooters (Yr 1/2) played the East Taieri City, and the 'Player of the Day' was Mia.

The Concord Flyers (Yr 3/4) played the NEVN Toru and the 'Player of the Day' was Hailee.



The Concord Strikers (Yr 5/6) played the BB Sealions and the 'Player of the Day' was Ruby.

Final Day – Our final school day for 2024 will be **Friday 13th December**. Please note that this will be a **full school day**, finishing at **3.00pm**, not at 12.30pm as we have done in the past.

Dates to mark on your calendar:

- * **Mon 9 Dec** – Year 1-3 Beach Ed Day
- * **Wed 11 Dec** – Year 4-6 Beach Ed Day
- * **Thurs 12 Dec** – Fun Day and Final Assembly
- * **Fri 13 Dec** – Last Day of Term at 3.00pm



Ngā mihi
Wendy Ross
Acting 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)



END OF YEAR BARBECUE – Thursday 12th December

Please return this order slip, with money, to the school office by 9.00am
Tuesday 10th December. Drinks will also be for sale.



Name: _____



Sausages @ \$2.00
(number required)



Burgers @ \$3.00
(number required)

Total enclosed: \$ _____



Standing out in the crowd at the Orange Parade!



Dunedin is Going WILD for LEGO®

Dunedin is going LEGO®-crazy! The long-awaited exhibition *RELICS: A New World Rises*, created by Australian LEGO® Masters winners Jackson Harvey and Alex Towler, has finally opened at Tūhura Otago Museum, and Dunedin is embracing all things LEGO®.

LEGO® made an appearance at the Dunedin Santa Parade, the Dunedin sign has turned into bricks, and a giant LEGO® Minifigure is peering over the front of the Museum, all in celebration RELICS!

This past weekend, the exhibition launched with a massive opening celebration which included free crafts, films, games, and more, many to continue this weekend.

RELICS: A New World Rises
Open Daily Until 27 April 2025



Carols on the Lawn

A family friendly event!

Sunday 15th December
@ 11am



Dunedin City Baptist Church, 19 Main South Road, Concord

Otago Cricket Modified Programmes - INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATIONS

GIRLS SMASH!

- GIRLS ONLY
- Years 3-6
- Softball Cricket Games

SUMMER SMASH!

- Open to EVERYONE
- Years 3-6
- Softball Cricket Games

For all the info & to register scan the QR codes or contact Jaiden@otagocricket.co.nz

Christmas

DROP IN CAFE

Sharing the hope and love of Christ

~~28TH NOVEMBER~~
~~5TH DECEMBER~~
12TH DECEMBER

Thursdays 10am-11.30am

Everyone is Welcome!

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SATURDAY, MAIN SOUTH RD
7 DECEMBER GREEN ISLAND
10:00AM - 1:00PM

FREE ENTRY

Events
Over 100 stalls, School performances, Candy Floss, Bouncy Castle, Food Truck, Arts & Craft, Games, Competitions, Santa's Grotto

A family fun day out

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email events@greenergreenisland.nz

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(0800 672 543)
(free from cell phones)

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Please continue to be vigilant in checking your child's hair often and treating when necessary

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