

## Concord School NEWSLETTER



## 5 February 2025

## Kia ora whānau

It has been a busy and exciting week here at Concord School. Yesterday, we were fortunate to witness a large crane hoisting a house onto a neighbouring property, while three C-130H Hercules aircraft flew low overhead as part of the retirement flypast. These two events created a great deal of excitement and provided excellent writing prompts for our tamariki.

Today I have enjoyed spending the day in all three classrooms teaching P.E. and Maths. This will be a regular occurrence on Wednesdays and a highlight of my week.

It has been wonderful getting to know both students and whānau over the past week. As always, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Big Day Out – Next Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February** Concord School will be travelling to the Dunedin Botanic Gardens for our Big Day Out. Students will be in groups, completing a range of different activities. We will all have lunch together and enjoy some games and playing on the new playground in the afternoon.

We will be leaving school at 9.15am, returning to school by 3.00pm, and we will need a few parents to come with so please let Linda know if you are able to join us.

School lunches will be delivered to the park. Children will need to bring a drink bottle, morning tea, and warm clothing.

Health and consent forms – There are still a number of these to be returned. Please complete one of these for each child and return to school as soon as possible. It is important for contact and medical details to be kept regularly updated, and this is also a consent form for school trips, and for the use of photos on the website etc. The form also includes an important section on our free healthy school lunches.

These forms are to be taken on school trips so that we have emergency contact details for each child should the need arise. We will need all forms back before our Big Day Out.

Waitangi Day – The school will be closed tomorrow 6<sup>th</sup> February to celebrate Waitangi Day.



Welcome – This year we welcome Fiona Dowling to our school. Fiona is teaching in Kōwhai room until our new permanent teacher, Tenaya Brown, begins on 17<sup>th</sup> February. Fiona will also continue at the school throughout the year covering teacher release time.

> **Newsletters** – Our weekly newsletter is available every Thursday on the Skool Loop app, Facebook, our website, noticeboards and via email. If you would still like a hard copy please contact Linda in the school office.

**Futsal/Touch** – Notices went home this week regarding this term's Futsal and Touch Rugby. **Teams have to be entered soon so please return the forms by this Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February**. Teams will not be entered if we do not have coaches and/or managers for each team. No expertise required.

**Stationery** – There are still a few children to get their stationery for the year. Please purchase this as soon as possible as it is important that children have all their stationery to get their year's school work properly under way. All items are available for purchase from the school office if you wish – please send the completed list to the office and orders will be made up and given to your child.

School Uniform – All new school uniform items can be ordered online, and are available to purchase at Promo-X in Hillside Rd. Go to: https://www.promo-x.co.nz/product-category/ concord-school/ Password: CCUF22.

We also have a lot of second-hand uniform items in Room 2.

## Dates to mark on your calendar:

- \* Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Feb Waitangi Day
- \* Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Feb Big Day Out

Glen Beadle 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 (egsick)



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To download our app: In Google Play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose School once installed.

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