



# Concord School NEWSLETTER



20 February 2025

Kia ora whānau

**Big Day Out** – What an incredible day we had on Friday at Big Day Out! It was wonderful to see our tamariki shine beyond the school grounds, embracing new experiences and challenges. All our students proudly upheld the Concord C.A.R.E. Code as they explored and enjoyed a range of activities at the Botanical Gardens.

Some of the highlights included exploring the aviary and spotting the birds, tackling the orienteering course through the gardens, feeding the ducks and playing on the new playground

A huge thank you to our amazing adult helpers who volunteered their time to join us. Your support made it possible for our students to engage in such a wide variety of activities and enjoy some free-choice time in the afternoon. We are lucky to be part of such a fantastic school and community here at Concord—what a day to remember!

**Goal-Setting Interviews** – Goal-setting interviews are taking place **next Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February** from 2.00-6.00pm, and **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February** from 3.15-6.00pm.

We have had 40% of families register for their interviews next week. If you have not done so, **please book your preferred day and time on the Skool Loop app as soon as possible.** Let's see how close we can get to 100%! If the days do not suit please contact your child's teacher to arrange an alternative date.

It is important that parents and students are all present at the interviews to set achievable goals with everyone's input.



**Duffy Books** - Congratulations to this week's Duffy Book recipients, who have been noticed by staff for using their Concord CARE values.



**Welcome to Whaea Tenaya** – Today we welcome Tenaya Brown as the new teacher of Room Kōwhai. Tenaya has been working with the Otago University on a cultural exchange tracing the migration of Māori from Taiwan to the Pacific Islands. She is excited to get to know Room Kōwhai and the rest of the school over the next few weeks and share her knowledge and expertise with us.

**New Teacher** - Concord School is lucky to have employed Fiona Dowling in a part-time position for the rest of 2025. Fiona has been working in Room Kōwhai over the past three weeks getting to know the tamariki while setting up the class structure and routines. Her role now will include teaching Room Kōwhai on a Friday and working in Room Makomako supporting the Literacy Programme.



**Music with Hiliako** - What a buzz we had at school on Tuesday, as Hiliako was back in the classroom teaching music. This week students explored the wide range of musical instruments Hiliako had on offer. These instruments will be incorporated into sessions over the year for students to explore further. Check out the focus on the students' faces in the pictures below, some rock stars in the making!



**Mid-Term CARE Celebration** – Last year we introduced CARE tokens which students receive for following and displaying the CARE expectations - being **Confident**, **And** respectful, **Responsible**, and strive for **Excellence**.

Tamariki can earn tokens and vote for their favourite activity. The choices for the mid-term celebration this term have been 'Mufti Day', 'Sports Rotation' and 'Water Fight'. The winning activity, to be confirmed on Tuesday, will take place next **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February**.

**Futsal** – The futsal season began this week. On Tuesday Concord United (Yr 1/2) played NEVN Tahī, and 'Player of the Day' was Theo for stopping the other team get a goal.

The Concord Shooters (Yr 3/4) played NEVN Whā and 'Player of the Day' was Alivia.



On Wednesday the Concord Strikers (Yr 5/6) played the Waitati Warriors and 'Player of the Day' was Ruby.

**Sports Tops** - A significant number of our school sports tops are missing. Please have a check at home and return any you may find as soon as possible.



**School Lunches** – You may have seen multiple segments on the news recently about the ongoing issues with school lunches, particularly in high schools up north. Please be assured that we have continued with our usual supplier, 'Time 4 Lunch', so lunches are continuing as normal at our school.

Next weeks lunches for students who have opted into the school lunch programme are:

Monday – Chicken Wraps  
Tuesday – Beef Spaghetti  
Wednesday – Butter Chicken  
Thursday – Meatball Sub  
Friday – Chicken Burger

This menu could change due to supply and demand.

### Dates to mark on your calendar:

- \* Wed 26<sup>th</sup>-Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> Feb – Interviews
- \* Thurs 27 Feb –CARE celebration
- \* Tues 4 Mar – KVC Sports Day – Rātā



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 (eg sick)



**Clever Cats** – Next Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb at 1.30pm  
**Mid-term Assembly** – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 2.15pm



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### Community Oral Health Service

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(free from cell phones)

### Head Lice

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



### Big Day Out



### Playcentre Messy Play Week 3-7 March '25

### Say yes to mess

Messy play is essential for early childhood development. Join us as we delve into an array of messy play activities, from paint and playdough, to sand and clay, to slime and gloop.

We welcome you to come and explore messy play activities that spark creativity and unlock learning. Get involved and have fun with your child without the mess at home.

Riselay Road Playcentre

38 Riselay Road, Caltoun Hill  
[riselayroad@playcentre.org.nz](mailto:riselayroad@playcentre.org.nz)  
Tuesday & Friday - 9:15am - 1:15pm

### RELICS Late Nights

5pm – 9pm, Friday 21 February

Tūhura is staying up late for a night of retro fun this Friday!

Join us for late-night access to **RELICS: A New World Rises**, play classic board games, build a terrarium out of LEGO, or have a go at gaming on the Planetarium's 360-degree screen. *You don't wanna miss a thing*—Aerosmith

Free entrance, some activities ticketed

**WHAT'S ON @ TŪHURA**

### MASSIVE REGENT 24 HOUR BOOK SALE

**February 28 & March 1**  
**10am - 10pm**  
**At the More FM Arena, Edgar Centre**

There will be a separate sale on Saturday 26 July for CDs, Records & Music memorabilia.

The Star ★ **REGENT THEATRE** **netix**

Don't forget to check our Facebook page for up-to-date information, messages, photos and videos: [www.facebook.com/concordschooldunedin](https://www.facebook.com/concordschooldunedin)



## Back to School 2025 School Update Dunedin Area

Kia ora koutou! Wishing everyone a smooth start to Term One and the school year! The Community Oral Health Service provides free dental care until age 18 and our team is here to support your school community - below are some key updates for the year ahead.



### Local Community Clinics:

- South Dunedin - 225 Macandrew Rd; Ph: 455 9279
- Mosgiel - 19 Green St; Ph: 489 3480



### Mobile Dental Units:

- Wakari Hospital - 389 Taieri Rd; Ph: 027 284 9914  
\*From 6 January - 19 December
- Middlemarch - 33 Swansea St; Ph: 027 284 9751  
\*From 31 March - 11 April
- Abbotsford - 72 North Taieri Rd; Ph: 027 284 9754  
\*From 7 July - 7 November
- Port Chalmers - 30A Albertson Ave; Ph: 027 284 9954  
\*From 11 August - 10 October



Keep an eye out for the two handy oral health tips we'll send out each term, for your school to share via newsletters or social media



\*Dates subject to change  
For appointments outside these dates please call **0800 672 543**

Together We Learn and Grow

Ako Tahi, Tipu Tahi