



Concord School NEWSLETTER

14 August 2025



Kia ora whānau

School Cross Country – We will be running our school cross country this afternoon here at school, starting at 1.30pm. Whānau are warmly invited to come along and cheer on our tamariki - we'd love to see you there!



A group of senior students will then represent Concord School next **Friday August 22nd** in the Greater Green Island Cross Country – they will get a separate notice about this.

'Arts at Concord' – An Entertaining Evening -

On Tuesday evening, we hosted our 'Arts at Concord' celebration, which was a real highlight of the term so far. Our students showed resilience and confidence as they performed and shared their skills with us. The community turnout was outstanding, and it was great to see the hall so full!

A special mention goes to our Concord Kapa Haka group and our school band 'Plug In', who took to the stage with energy and enthusiasm. This was an excellent opportunity for them to perform in front of a live audience in preparation for both Bandquest and Polyfest.

We'd also like to thank our special guest, Lenix Gawn, who was part of the band last year and has now moved on to intermediate school. It was awesome to have him back, demonstrating the skills he worked so hard to master during his years at Concord School.



'Plug In' will be taking part in the Rockshop Bandquest, a live music event for Primary and Intermediate aged school students, on **Sunday 31 August**. The event is in its fifteenth year, but this is the very first time our school has taken part.

CARE Celebration – The clear winner of our CARE Celebration voting for the first half of this term is a 'Teddy Bears Picnic', which will take place next **Tuesday 19th August morning**.

Students can bring along a teddy bear (or other soft toy), and the use of a picnic blanket would be appreciated, if you have one. Treats and activities are planned to make it a special celebration time.

Rātā Interviews – Goal-setting interviews for Rātā students were rescheduled to take place yesterday, and again **next Tuesday 19th August** from 3.15-6.00pm. If you have not yet done so, **please book your preferred time on the Skool Loop app as soon as possible.**

Paid Union Meeting - All Concord staff will be attending a Paid Union Meeting on **Wednesday 20th August**. We want to assure you that Concord School will remain open during this time. To minimise disruption, we are arranging for staff to attend the two meetings at different times so there is minimal disruption for our community. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Keeping Ourselves Safe

: What Students Have Been Learning - This week our 'Keeping Ourselves Safe' programme has focused on helping students understand how to look after themselves, both in person and online. Years 1–4 have been learning to use the correct names for body parts and understand what consent means.

Years 5–8 have been learning to recognise unsafe behaviours, say "no" to unwanted touch, and how to keep themselves safe when using digital technology. As a parent/caregiver, talking about these topics at home helps reinforce their learning and builds confidence in staying safe.

Polyfest – This year the annual Otago Polyfest will be taking place at the More FM Arena, Edgar Centre from 1-5 September, and our school is scheduled to perform on **Friday 5th September at 11.25am**. This is always a wonderful event, "an opportunity for children, young people and whānau to participate in Māori and Pacific cultural experiences". Pencil it in your diary now!

Kiwi Hoops – Last week the Concord Celtics had a good win against the Abbotsford Rockets and the 'Player of the Day' was Elijah. The Concord Flyers narrowly lost to St Joes Gold and 'Player of the Day' was Manu.

Dates to mark on your calendar:

- * Tues 19 Aug – Teddy Bears Picnic
- * Fri 22 Aug – GGI Cross Country
- * Sun 31 Aug – Bandquest Performance
- * Fri 5 Sept – Polyfest Performance



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 – This **Friday 15th August at 1.30pm**

Lunch Menu – Next week's school lunches are:

Mon – Chicken Wraps	Tues – Beef Spaghetti
Wed – Butter Chicken	Thurs – Meatball Sub
Friday – Chicken Burger	

Baking fun!



Playcentre Open Week
18-22 August 2025

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Lucky Book Club - Lucky Book Club forms were distributed this week and close **next Friday 22nd Aug.** Money and orders to the school office please.

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We thank SafeKids Aotearoa (Starship Digital and Community Engagement) for editorial.

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