



Concord School NEWSLETTER



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16 October 2025

Kia ora whānau

Strike – You may be aware that teachers across the country are planning strike action this term as part of ongoing negotiations. At this stage, the strike is scheduled for **next Thursday 23rd October**. It will be confirmed on Monday if the strike is going ahead or not, and we will let you know as soon as possible.

STRIKE!

If the strike goes ahead, school will be closed for instruction on that day, as we will not have enough teachers on site to safely operate. We understand this may cause disruption for families and appreciate your understanding and support as the teaching profession works through this process.

Raffle – Just one week to go for the Spring Raffle, time for one last push with ticket sales! There are lots of fantastic prizes, so be in to win!

Please return all cards, sold or unsold, by next Wednesday 22 October. More cards are still available at the school office if you would like them.



Ukulele Jam – Seventeen of our Year 4, 5, and 6 students enjoyed jamming alongside other schools at the Ukulele Jam held at Taieri College on Wednesday. In the weeks leading up to the event, our students worked hard learning a range of new songs to perform on the day. Everyone had an excellent time showcasing their skills, enthusiasm, and love of music — a wonderful celebration of teamwork and creativity!

School Swimming - Thank you for your support with our first swimming session this week. It was great to see all students come prepared with their togs, towels, and goggles, ready to make the most of their time in the pool. We appreciate your help in making the start of our swimming programme such a success!



National ShakeOut Drill – Today our students took part in the National ShakeOut earthquake drill, joining schools and communities across Aotearoa in practising how to stay safe during an earthquake. Everyone did a fantastic job remembering to **Drop, Cover, and Hold**. It's great to see our tamariki taking these safety routines seriously and knowing what to do to keep themselves and others safe. Well done, everyone!

Piano – We are on the lookout for a piano for our music room. If you know of anyone who may have one (**in good condition**) to donate or sell, please ask them to get in touch.



Farewell Whaea Tenaya - At the end of this year, we will be farewelling Whaea Tenaya as she moves on to an exciting new opportunity at Queen's High School. This role will allow her to further develop her passion and skills in the arts — an area where she truly shines.



We have greatly enjoyed having Whaea Tenaya as part of our school whānau this year. Her creativity, energy, and care for our students have made a real impact. We wish her all the best for this next step in her teaching journey and know she will continue to inspire many more learners in the years ahead.

Thank Your Cleaner Day - Yesterday was 'Thank Your Cleaner Day', a great opportunity to show our appreciation for the amazing work Amber does here at Concord School. She is thorough and takes great pride in ensuring every classroom and indoor area is cleaned to a high standard each day, helping to keep our school a clean, safe, and welcoming environment for everyone. Thank you, Amber — we truly appreciate the exceptional job you do every single day!

Futsal - Futsal games began this week. On Tuesday the Concord Shooters played the Liberton Panthers, and the 'Player of the Day' was Arjan. The Concord Strikers had a bye.



Touch - Touch games began last Thursday. The Concord Yr 1/2 team played the Andy Bay Evaders and the 'Player of the Day' was Shakara.

Dates to mark on your calendar:

- * EVERY TUESDAY THIS TERM - SWIMMING
- * Wed 22 Oct – All raffle cards in
- * Thurs 23 Oct – Possible Strike Day
- * Fri 24 Oct – Raffle Drawn
- * Mon 27 Oct – Labour Day



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 – Friday 24th Oct 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	

Welcome to our new student
and his whānau: Rocco Ashcroft



Lucky Book Club

The next Lucky Book Club order forms were distributed last week and close **this Friday 16th October**. Please return all money and orders to the office.

TERM 4 HAVE A GO Classes

Come and join us in Term 4 for some Sport Aerobics classes! These classes are perfect for those who enjoy gymnastics, dance or cheerleading.

What to Expect:

- Learn new skills
- Make new friends
- Improve your flexibility
- Boost your fitness
- Enhance your strength
- Learn a fun routine to music



jumpstartaerobics@gmail.com



ShakeOut Drill



Fun at the Ukulele Jam!

SANTA IS COMING TO TOWN & WE NEED KIDS

THE annual Santa Parade is on Sunday 30 November & we need 100+ kids of all ages to be on floats in the parade.

To take part you need to be ...

- 5 years old
- be available all afternoon
- have a parent who will accompany you & walk alongside the float

There are some places still available on floats

Interested? email dnsantakids@gmail.com



Community Oral Health Service

0800 ORAL HEALTH (0800 672 543) (free from cell phones)



Go five-for-five

Do the mahi, get the treats. School helps you get to where you want to be.

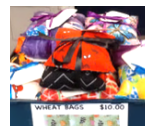


Spring Raffle

Many thanks to all the businesses who have generously donated prizes for our raffle – please support them!



**WHEAT BAGS
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each!**



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