



Concord School NEWSLETTER



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AND RESPECTFUL Whāia Kōhā
RESPONSIBLE Tōtika
AND STRIVE FOR
EXCELLENCE! Whāia te Hiranga

5 February 2026

Kia ora koutou

Welcome back to the 2026 school year. It has been wonderful to see our school come back to life, and we would like to sincerely thank our whānau for the effort you have made to ensure students were ready and settled for the start of the year. Your support plays a vital role in helping our tamariki begin the year positively and confidently.



Over the past three days, it has been fantastic to see how happy our students are to be back at school. There has been a real buzz around the classrooms and playgrounds, with students enjoying reconnecting with friends, getting to know their classmates, and in some cases, their teacher. The smiles, conversations, and enthusiasm we are seeing are a great sign of a positive year ahead.

As we head into the long weekend, we hope everyone has the chance to rest, recharge, and enjoy some time together. We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back, refreshed and ready for our first full week of school next week.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support, and we look forward to a great year ahead.

Health and Consent Forms – Please complete one of these **for each child** and return them 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.**

Stationery – Stationery lists went home this week. 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.

Free Healthy School Lunches – This year our school lunches are being provided by Pita Pit and Subway. **Please supply your child with a healthy snack (eg not packaged food) for morning tea, and a drink bottle, each day.**

Big Day Out – This year our Big Day Out will take place on **Thursday 19th February**. This is a great opportunity for students to enjoy each other's company outside the school gates and strengthen connections with others across the school.

We will be visiting the Dinosaur Park, St Kilda Beach, and finishing the day with a swim at the Salt Water Pool. It promises to be a fun and memorable day for our tamariki.

We warmly welcome parent helpers to support this trip. If you can come along, please let your child's teacher or the school office know.

Welcome Miss Hopkins - We are pleased to welcome Miss Hopkins to our school community this year. Miss Hopkins is a college student teacher who is completing her third-year practicum and will be working primarily in Rātā for her placements throughout the year.



While based in Rātā, Miss Hopkins will also have opportunities to interact with and get to know tamariki across the wider school. This will allow her to build strong relationships with all tamariki and our school community.

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.

School Uniform – All new school uniform items can be ordered online, and are available to purchase at **Promo-X in Hillside Rd**. See the ad on the next page. We also have a lot of second-hand uniform items available here at school for a very reasonable price.

Waitangi Day – The school will be closed tomorrow **Friday 6th February** for Waitangi Day.

Dates to mark on your calendar:

- * **Fri 6th Feb** – Waitangi Day
- * Thurs 19th Feb – Big Day Out
- * March 10th/11th - Parent Teacher Interviews



Ngā mihi nui
Glen Beadle
Principal

Welcome
to our new student and her
family: Evelyn Muir

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.



Lucky Book Club

The first Lucky Book Club order for 2026 went home this week and closes on **Friday 20th February**. Please return money and orders to the office.



03 456 4303 021 703 332
257 Hillside RD South Dunedin
www.promo-x.co.nz



ONLINE SHOP PASSWORD - CCFUF22
https://www.promo-x.co.nz/shop/



C-F KPFF FLEECE NAVY KIDS
SIZES 4,6,8,10,12,14
\$48.06 - \$41.79 + GST



C-F KP200 POLO SKY BLUE
SIZE 4,6,8,10,12,14
POLYESTER
\$23.30 - \$20.26 + GST



GIL-6044 NAVY BUCKET HATS
SIZE 55, 57, 59,
\$11.25 - \$9.79 + GST



C-F-SUP01 CARGO SHORTS NAVY
SIZES 4,6,8,10,12,14,
\$28.11 - \$24.44 + GST



BW-4GSN SKORT NAVY
4,6,8,10,12,14,
\$29.02 - \$25.24 + GST



C-F KTP02 TRACK PANTS NAVY
SIZE 4,6,8,10,12XS,
\$41.37 - \$35.98 + GST

GIRLS GOT GAME

BASKETBALL SESSIONS FOR GIRLS IN Y4-8

5 WEEKS OF BASKETBALL
SUNDAY 1 MAR - SUNDAY 29 MAR

WHERE?
EDGAR CENTRE
9AM TO 10AM

COST?
\$50 FOR THE WHOLE 5 WEEKS



CONTACT: WILL@OTAGO.BASKETBALL

FIGHTING FOR FAIR



BNZ KIWI HOOPS

DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS FOR CHILDREN IN Y1-6

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Free | https://otagomuseum.nz/whats-on

Bug Day 2026

10am – 3pm, Saturday 14 February

Join us for a day of family fun and celebrate bugs at Tūhura Otago Museum!

From free makerspaces and animal feedings to face painting, public talks, and more, enjoy a day full of hands-on activities and vote for the black tunnelweb spider to be New Zealand's Bug of the Year for 2026!



Dunedin Institute of Traditional Karate

Okinawan Goju Ryu Karate, IOGKF

Traditional Karate is a journey for life that will improve:

- Self Confidence
- Discipline
- Respect
- Courage
- Fitness
- Self Defence

St James Presbyterian Church Hall - 393 King Edward St - South Dunedin

Senior Instructors - Sensei John Murrable - 7th Dan - 021 231 3887
- Sensei Lee Hart - 4th Dan - 0277 386 012

www.dunedinkarate.co.nz

It's an ideal opportunity for parents to share in a life journey with their children!

Nothing is impossible - the word itself says ... "I'm possible"

Catholic Social Services

WANT TO GAIN SOME PARENTING SKILLS OR
LOOKING FOR PARENTING SUPPORT IN 2026?

WE OFFER A RANGE OF PROGRAMMES TO SUPPORT TAMARIKI AND WHANAU

- INCREDIBLE YEARS PARENTING (3-4YEARS) (14 WEEKS) STARTS WED 25TH FEB 7-9PM
- TOOLBOX - OLDER PRIMARY / TEENS (6 WEEKS) STARTS TUES 10TH FEB 7-9PM
- PARENTING CHALLENGING TEENAGE BEHAVIOUR (2-NIGHT WORKSHOP) STARTS FEB
- FINDING ME, SUPPORTING TAMARIKI (10&11 YEARS) (7 WEEKS) STARTS TUES 10TH FEB
- GAME ON, FOR DADS BY DADS (6 WEEKS) STARTS TUES 10TH FEB 7-9PM
- MAMA AND PEPI GROUP (0-1 YEARS) (FORTNIGHTLY) STARTS THURS 5TH FEB 10AM-12
- ABC PLAYGROUP (0-5 YEARS) (FORTNIGHTLY) STARTS THURS 12TH FEB 10AM-12
- WHANAU CAREERS SUPPORT GROUP (MONTHLY) STARTS MON 16TH FEB

CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION - WWW.CATHOLICSOCIALSERVICES.ORG.NZ

42 Macandrew Road, South Dunedin, 9054
03 455 3838 - office@catholicsocialservices.org.nz



FREE JUNIOR TENNIS COACHING

Tennis New Zealand participation programme 'Tennis Hot Shots' for kids 5-12 years.

Edgar Centre
9th February
3:45PM & 4:30PM

INFO & SIGN UP



mat@mattenniscoaching.co.nz
027 3261816



Come along and meet our amazing 2026 tutors.

Discover your new musical passion!



Wednesday 4 February, 6:30 - 8pm

George Street Normal School
and
Bathgate Park School

Meet the Teachers



Wednesday 11 February, 3:30 - 4:30pm

Elmgrove School, Mosgiel

Concord School

Thanks to the below businesses for sponsoring our school app:



The Concord Inn



Caring, friendly and professional – that's us!



Open 7 days
7am to 9pm



Luke MacDonald LJ Hooker



If you would like to advertise on the Concord School Skool Loop App please email Content@skoolloop.com

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

Community Oral Health Service

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

Head Lice

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



Congratulations to all our 2025 end-of-year prize-winners:

BOT Academic Achievement Award – Emily McKenzie
Duffy Diligence & Attitude Award – Luca Canning
Ashley McKechie School Spirit Award – Arnold Reddy
Mark Reid Good Citizenship Awards – Hailee McKenzie
Axel McInanachan
Principal's CARE Award – Toby Murphy
PALS Enthusiasm Award – Levi Dijker-Long
Curious Minds Award – Nikos Naziris
Pelasio Whānau Māori/ Pasifika Student of the Year – Nono Metuakore
Pelasio Whānau Sports Person of the Year – Arnold Reddy



Whiti Marama (Shining Light) Awards:
Makomako – Olivia McKenzie
Kōwhai – Evan Noby Joseph
Rātā – Arie Ferguson
Year 6 (chromebook) - Nono Metuakore

Together We Learn and Grow

Ako Tahi, Tipu Tahi