



Concord School NEWSLETTER



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RESPONSIBLE Tōtika
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EXCELLENCE! Whiria te Hiranga

12 February 2026

Kia ora koutou

It has been wonderful to see our students enjoying themselves at school, especially during lunchtimes, where there has been lots of laughter, play, and fun with friends. As we return to school, our focus this week is on kindness — being kind to each other and to ourselves, and helping everyone feel safe, valued, and included.

With the sunny days we've been having, students have loved being able to get outside, be active, and make the most of our outdoor spaces. Many have also enjoyed picking and sharing fruit from our Māra kai (fruit forest), learning to care for this special space while enjoying the fresh produce it provides.



'Big Day Out' – Our 'Big Day Out' is taking place next Thursday 19th Feb.

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, and St Kilda Beach as planned, but sadly we have been unable to book the Hot Salt Water Pool. Instead, we will have some sports activities up on Kettle Park. It promises to be a fun and memorable day for our tamariki. School lunches will be delivered to us, but all students will also need to bring morning tea, drink bottles, and jackets.

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. Please be at school at 9.00am ready for a fun day, and we will return to school by 3.00pm.

New Chromebooks for Our Learners - We are pleased to share that the school has recently purchased 22 new Chromebooks, helping us to replenish and keep our digital devices up to date. This investment ensures that every student in Rātā and Kōwhai has a reliable, modern device allocated to them to support learning across the curriculum.

Having up-to-date Chromebooks enables our students to engage confidently with digital learning, research, collaboration, and creative tasks, both in the classroom and beyond.



New Sports Equipment – A big thank you to Basketball Otago and the Green Island Football Club for kindly donating some basketballs and footballs to our school!

Health and Consent Forms – There are still a few forms to be returned asap please.

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



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.

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

Stationery – Many thanks to everyone for being so prompt in buying your child's stationery, which has enabled them to get their year's school work properly under way.

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.

Dates to mark on your calendar:

- * Thursday 19th Feb – Big Day Out
- * March 10th/11th - Parent Teacher Interviews
- * Monday March 23 – Otago Anniversary Day



Ngā mihi nui
Glen Beadle
Principal

Welcome
to our two new students and their families: * Odin Trott
* Ava Gemmell-Evans

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 etc).

Back to School

2026 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 - 369 Taieri Rd; Ph: 027 284 9914
*From 7 January - 23 December
- Abbotsford - 72 North Taieri Rd; Ph: 027 284 9754
*From 6 July - 6 November
- Port Chalmers - 30A Albertson Ave; Ph: 027 284 9954
*From 13 July - 1 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

Health New Zealand
Te Whatu Ora

Community Oral
Health Service



Talkteeth Southern

2026

ENROLMENTS OPEN!

FREE TRIAL SESSIONS: 18-27 FEBRUARY

Dunedin Children's Choir enrolments are now open for:

- Junior Choir (7-10yrs): 3.45 - 4.45pm on Wednesdays
- Senior Choir (11-16yrs): 5-6.30pm on Wednesdays
- Lower Voices Choir (11-16yrs): 4.30-5.30pm on Fridays

All rehearsals are held in Roslyn. \$40 per term. All welcome.

EMAIL us to enrol or to book a FREE trial!

ENROL NOW

dunedinchildrenschoir@gmail.com



Lucky Book Club

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

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



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257 Hillside RD South Dunedin



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POLYESTER
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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 4,6,8,10,12,XS,
\$41.37 - \$35.98 + GST

BNZ KIWI HOOPS

DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS FOR CHILDREN IN Y4-6

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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 (3-8 YEARS) (14 WEEKS) STARTS WED 25TH FEB 7-8PM
- TOOLBOX - OLDER PRIMARY / TEENS (6 WEEKS) STARTS TUES 10TH FEB 7-8PM
- 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 CARERS SUPPORT GROUP (MONTHLY) STARTS MON 16TH FEB

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

Join us for a day of FREE activities to celebrate Dunedin's incredible invertebrates!

Bug Day

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!

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

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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



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



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