



# Concord School NEWSLETTER



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EXCELLENCE! Whāia te Hiranga

18 February 2026

Kia ora koutou

Students have really enjoyed getting back into the school routine. This week we are excited to begin two of our very popular school-wide programmes — music with Hiliako and cooking with Andrea. These programmes are always a highlight for our students.

Music with Hiliako allows students to explore rhythm, creativity, and performance, while building confidence and teamwork skills. Cooking with Andrea provides hands-on learning in the kitchen, helping students develop practical life skills, independence, and an understanding of healthy food choices.

Both programmes support our commitment to providing rich, engaging learning experiences that teach lifelong skills — all while ensuring students are having fun along the way. We look forward to sharing some of their learning with you over the coming weeks! 🎵👨‍🍳

**Futsal** – The Concord Shooters didn't play last week as the other team defaulted, and sadly their game this week was also cancelled due to the very heavy rain. The games may have been cancelled — but we were ready! Bring on Week 3! 💪⚽

Even though those games didn't go ahead, our students all made the most of their first futsal practice session. The focus this week was on control and confidence — controlling the ball when passing and dribbling, and building the confidence to have a go and strive for excellence. It was fantastic to see the students supporting one another, giving things a try, and showing great determination. We're looking forward to putting these skills into action next week!



Last week the Concord Strikers played the Wakari Phoenix and 'Player of the Day' was Elijah. Today the team is playing Andy Bay White at 5.15pm on Court 4.



**Stay Connected** - If you haven't already, please make sure you **like and follow our Facebook page** and **register for Skool Loop**. These two platforms are important tools that help us communicate quickly and effectively with our school community. Whether it's reminders, updates, urgent notices, or celebrations of student success, Facebook and Skool Loop ensure you receive information in a timely way.

Staying connected helps us work together to support our students and keep everyone informed. Please see the next page of the newsletter for more info on how to follow and register for these platforms.



**'Big Day Out' – Our 'Big Day Out' is taking place TOMORROW Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February, weather permitting!**



We will be visiting the Dinosaur Park, and St Kilda Beach as well as 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**. **Students are also welcome to bring bikes, scooters, or skateboards for the Dinosaur Park.** Please bring these to school on Thursday morning.

Thank you to all the whānau who have indicated that they will join us for the day. Please be at school by **9.30am** ready to go on the bus for a fun day out. We will return to school by 3.00pm.

**Attendance** - Regular attendance is essential for student learning, well-being, and success. Every day at school counts, and we are continuing to place a strong focus on improving attendance across our school.

The Government has set a target that by 2030, **80% of students will attend school 90% of the time or more**. In 2025, **65% of Concord School students attended 90% or higher**. While we are proud of the efforts many of our whānau are already making, we know we can continue to improve and work together to lift this percentage.

We understand that illnesses and other challenges arise, and we appreciate your support in helping your child attend school whenever they are well enough to do so. If your family is experiencing difficulties that are impacting attendance, please reach out - we are here to help.



**School Uniform** – All new school uniform items can be ordered online, and are available to purchase at **Promo-X in Hillside Rd**. Go to: <https://www.promo-x.co.nz/product-category/concord-school/> Password: CCUF22. We also have a lot of second-hand uniform items in Room 2.

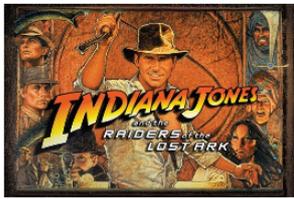
**Dates to mark on your calendar:**

- \* Thurs Feb 19 – Big Day Out
- \* March 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> - Parent Teacher Interviews
- \* Monday March 23 – Otago Anniversary Day
- \* Thurs 2 April – End of Term 1



Ngā mihi nui  
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 etc).



**Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark**

5.30pm, Friday 20 February

Join us in the Planetarium for another exciting double feature: our *Night Sky Live* space show and *Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark*.

This is one journey you don't want to miss. See you under the stars!

\$20 | [Book here](https://otagomuseum.nz/whats-on/) : <https://otagomuseum.nz/whats-on/>



**Children's Day**

From 10am, Sunday 1 March

The first of March is Children's Day, and we want to celebrate our tamariki with a very special line-up of events and activities!

Join us for face painting, balloon animals, two science shows, discounted access to planetarium shows, Mr Whippy, and more.

FREE

WHAT'S ON @ TŪHURA

**Lucky Book Club**  
The first Lucky Book Club order for 2026 closes **TOMORROW Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February**. Please return money and orders to the school office.

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**BOARDERS & BUBBLES**

**FAMILY SKATE JAM WITH BUBBLES!**

**FAIRFIELD SKATEPARK**

**SUNDAY 8TH MARCH 2 & 3PM**

**WIN PRIZES: APPAREL, BOARDS, TRUCKS & WHEELS**

A FAMILY SKATE-JAM HOSTED BY: **WARRIOR PARK SCHOOL**

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Scouts help young people aged 5-18 grow confident, capable, and ready for life.

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**4 WEEKS FREE TRIAL**

**KEAS** 5 to 8 years old  
Tuesday 5:30pm - 6:30pm

**CUBS** 8 to 11 years old  
Thursday 6:15pm - 7:45pm

**SCOUTS** 11 to 14 years old  
Tuesday 6:45pm - 8:30pm

**VENTURERS** 14 to 18 years old  
Thursday 7:00pm - 9:00pm

31 ABBOTSFORD ROAD, GREEN ISLAND, DUNEDIN  
SADDLEVIEW@GROUP.Scouts.NZ

**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**

**Concord School**

Thanks to the below businesses for sponsoring our school app:

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**The Concord Inn**

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**Luke MacDonald** **LJ Hooker**

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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

Health New Zealand Te Whatu Ora | Community Oral Health Service | Talkteeth Southern

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

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our school app! **Skool Loop = Zero Data**

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