



Concord School NEWSLETTER



12 March 2026

Kia ora koutou

Concord School Duathlon – TOMORROW Friday 13th March we will be hosting our annual Duathlon. This year, the entire event will take place on the same day and here at school, and the races will start at **1:30pm**.

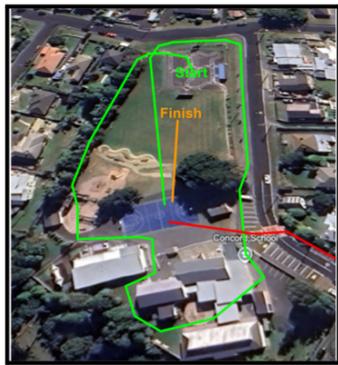


Due to the course going of the school grounds we do need more parent helpers. If you are available to help, please contact Mr Beadle.

Goal-Setting Interviews – What an amazing turnout for our parent–teacher interviews held this week on Tuesday and Wednesday. We were able to meet with 80% of our families, which is a fantastic level of engagement from our community.

Thank you to all the parents and caregivers who took the time to come in and discuss your child’s progress and goals for 2026. Our students have been working incredibly hard this year, both academically and socially, and we always enjoy the opportunity to share their achievements and growth.

We understand that some parents were unable to attend at the scheduled times. Teachers will be making contact with whānau who were unable to attend this week.



Move It March! – We have noticed a real increase in students bringing wheels to school and biking, scootering, or walking to and from school. Thank you all for your support with this month-long activity — it’s fantastic to see so many students getting active on their way to and from school. Keep up the great work!



Duffy Assembly – Last Thursday we welcomed our Duffy Role Model Katy Thomas to speak to the students (see the photos on the next page). All students were lucky enough to receive their Duffy books and I am sure they have been busy reading them over the last week.

Mid-term Assembly – We are holding our mid-term assembly **this afternoon at 2.15pm**. All whānau are welcome to join us.

Breakfast – Breakfast is available in the hall kitchen every morning from 8.30am for any student who would like some. Many thanks to Katelyn for continuing to run the club this year.



Parent Group Meeting - We will be holding our first Parents Group Meeting for 2026 **TODAY Thursday 12th March** at 3:15pm in the school staffroom. We would love to see some new parents come along and join us. It’s a great opportunity to meet other families, share ideas, and support our school community. We look forward to seeing you there.

Futsal – This week the Concord Shooters played the Big Rock Orcas and the ‘Player of the Day’ was Mia. The Concord Strikers played St Joe’s Silver and the ‘Player of the Day’ was Ruby.



P J Day – What a great way to finish Week 5 in the 27°C heat with a PJ Day for the students' CARE reward. It was even better to have 100% attendance for this day.



Students are currently working hard to earn CARE tokens by following our CARE Code and voting for their next CARE Reward at the end of the term. The 3 choice are a technology, art or sports afternoon.

Dates to mark on your calendar:

- * **Mar 12th – Mid-term Assembly 2.15pm**
- * **Mar 12th – Parents Group Meeting 3.15pm**
- * **Mar 13th - Duathlon**
- * **Mon March 23 – Otago Anniversary Day**
- * **Thurs 2 April – End of Term 1**



Ngā mihi ni
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).



Helping tamariki feel confident and connected at school

At school, tamariki are learning how to navigate friendships, big feelings and new experiences. Here are three ways you support this learning at home.

- 1 Pause before stepping in**
Why this helps:
When tamariki work through small challenges themselves, they build confidence and resilience.
- 2 Name feelings, then move forward**
Try:
"I can see that felt hard. What could you try next?"
Why this helps:
Acknowledging emotions helps tamariki regulate, and reaching for what they can do grows their problem solving skills.
- 3 Trust their learning process**
Why this helps:
Not every friendship challenge or frustration needs adult support.
Working things through helps tamariki develop independence and social capability.

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PYJAMARAMA

ONCE UPON A TIME

Fairytale Fun at Pyjamarama

Put your PJs on, grab your torch and teddy bear, and get ready for a night of fairytale fun at our Once Upon a Time Pyjamarama!

There'll be magic around every corner, with exciting challenges, performances, and crafts to entertain you throughout the night. And we'll be handing out prizes for the best costumes / PJs!

Rainbow Rosalind will be here to enchant you with her fairy friends and Jay Juggler & Magician will be putting on an out-of-this-world magic show! Plus, our friends from DisplayBiz Balloons will be twisting up some treasures for you to take home.

Pyjamarama – Once Upon a Time
6pm – 8pm, Friday 20 March
\$4 Per Person

Cooking fun!

Everyday people doing extraordinary things

Become a caregiver

We are seeking to expand our team of volunteer caregivers to provide regular opportunities for Dunedin whānau to recharge their batteries.

This unique volunteer role has flexibility to fit within your lifestyle.

Includes quality training, support, and koha.

Contact us in confidence.

- 0800 FAM CARE (0800 326 2273)
- @AnglicanFamilyCare
- AnglicanFamilyCare.org.nz/Caregiving
- 266 Hanover Street, Dunedin

Don't forget to enrol in the Autumn Kidz Active Holiday Programme

We will be operating from St Hilda's Collegiate, Tainui School & Andersons Bay School during the upcoming holidays 8 am - 6 pm Daily.

With specialised sports clinics delivered to children via our highly trained coaches, everyone is guaranteed to have lots of fun. In addition to this, we have trip days to Bowl Line, Leap, Inflatable World, Am I Fit Gym & more.

For the full schedule and more information head to <https://www.kidzactive.co.nz> or email: admin@kidzactive.co.nz. Be QUICK as spaces are filling fast. WINZ Subsidies available.

Greater Green Island Easter Egg Hunt

Find one of 120 wooden Easter egg cut outs in parks around Greater Green Island

Happy Easter!

Find an egg - Take it home - Decorate it
Take a photo & send it to our Facebook page

If you find more than one egg have fun rehidng it for others

Search for hidden Easter egg cut-outs in these parks:
GI Memorial Park - Elwyn Cr | Severn St - Matthew St - Lambert St
Walton Park - Fairfield Playground | Delta Drive - Ocean View - Brighton Domain
Emerson St - Mulford St

Sunday 5 April 10am

Concord School

Thanks to the below businesses for sponsoring our school app:

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

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

LEAF

THE PAPER NOTICES BEHIND

Download our Skool Loop app to keep up to date with school information. Notices, newsletters, absentee notifications and much more.

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FREE PARENTING HELPLINE

aggression • jealousy • sibling rivalry
social difficulties • lying • parenting alone
separation anxiety • early puberty

... and anything else you're struggling with

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www.parenthelp.org.nz