



# Concord School NEWSLETTER



19 March 2026

Kia ora koutou

**Duathlon** – What a fantastic day we had at our school duathlon last Friday! It was wonderful to see all students embracing the challenge and truly living out our school values, especially striving for excellence. The course provided a real test of determination and resilience, and it was inspiring to watch our students persevere and give their best from start to finish.

This was a great whole-school event that brought everyone together, and the positive energy throughout the day was evident. A huge thank you to our school community for your incredible support, whether helping to marshal the course or cheering on our students, your involvement made the day such a success. Well done to everyone - you should be very proud!

**Easter Raffle** – Raffle cards went home last Friday for our annual Parents' Group Easter Raffle.

The raffle closes **next Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March** and will be drawn on **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March**. **More cards are available at the school office.**

**Mufti Day** – We will be having a mufti day **next Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March**. Instead of a gold coin, please bring along Easter goodies to go in the hamper prizes – Easter eggs, novelties, toys etc.



**Attendance** – Regular school attendance is important for students to achieve their educational potential. The government target is that 80% of students will be regularly attending school by 2030.

Concord School had 65% regular attendance in 2025, and we have set a target of lifting regular attendance to 70% by the end of 2026. See our school website for further information, as well as a link to our Attendance Management Plan.

**Concord School**

The Government's target is for 80% of students to attend regularly, that is to attend school more than 90% of the time by 2030

We're currently at **65%** → Our school has a target of **70%**

Regular attendance by Term 4, 2025

Regular attendance by Term 4, 2026

<b>GOOD ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>WORRYING ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>CONCERNING ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>VERY CONCERNING ATTENDANCE</b>
Good chance of success	Less chance of success	Hard to make progress	Very hard to make progress
Less than 5 days absence (in 10 term)	Up to 10 days absence (in 10 term)	Up to 15 days absence (in 10 term)	15 days or more absence (in 10 term)
<b>Action:</b> Ensure your child attends school daily.	<b>Action:</b> The school will contact you to discuss absences.	<b>Action:</b> A meeting involving school leadership, you, and your child will be arranged.	<b>Action:</b> The school escalates the issue to the Ministry of Education.
<b>Purpose:</b> Notify the school with a valid reason.	<b>Purpose:</b> Understand reasons for absence and reinforce attendance expectations.	<b>Purpose:</b> Identify barriers to attendance and develop a plan to address them.	<b>Purpose:</b> Identify barriers to attendance and develop a plan to address them.
<b>Support:</b> Establish consistent routines and reinforce good attendance habits.	<b>Support:</b> Collaborate with the school to identify any issues or solutions.	<b>Support:</b> Additional resources or services may be provided (e.g. Social Worker, Public Health Nurse).	<b>Support:</b> Agencies and specialists (e.g. Occupational Therapist).
<b>Possible outcomes:</b> Implementation of further support measures.	<b>Possible outcomes:</b> Implementation of further support measures.	<b>Possible outcomes:</b> Implementation of further support measures.	<b>Possible outcomes:</b> Implementation of further support measures.

Our school uses the **Staged Attendance Response** to guide when and how we respond to absences. Please also look at our Attendance Management Plan located on our school website

**Dog Education** – Yesterday, Rūma Kōwhai and Rūma Rātā took part in a dog education session, providing students with valuable knowledge about staying safe around dogs.

During the sessions, students learned how to approach a dog safely, as well as what to do when they encounter dogs they are not familiar with.



A highlight of the day was a visit from two friendly dogs, Foxy and Daniel, who helped bring the learning to life and gave students a hands-on experience.



It was a fun and informative experience, and we thank the facilitators and their wonderful dogs for helping our students build confidence and awareness around dog safety.

Rūma Makomako will have their session next Wednesday. Thank you to the DCC Animal Control team for coming to Concord School and running these sessions.

**Futsal** – This week the Yr 3/4 Concord Shooters played Columba Gold.

The Concord Strikers played Tainui 7 and the 'Player of the Day' was Jayden.



**Otago Anniversary Day** – The school will be closed **next Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** to mark Otago Anniversary Day.

**Dates to mark on your calendar:**

- \* **Mon 23 March** – Otago Anniversary Day
- \* **Fri 27 Mar** – Return Easter Raffle cards
- \* **Fri 27 Mar** – MUFTI DAY
- \* **Tues 31 Mar** – Easter Raffle drawn
- \* **Thurs 2 Mar** – End of Term Assembly
- \* **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).

**Welcome** to our new student and his family: Patrick Simon



Duathlon

### Congratulations to all our Duathlon Winners!

The winners of our duathlon, which was held last Friday, were:

**Year 1 & 2:** Individual – A J, Theo  
Teams – Evie/Mikayla, Edwin/Mia/Rydin, Gracie/Harley

**Year 3:** Individual – Toby, Olivia, Nikau, Illy  
Teams – Madison/Lachy/Rocco/Ollie

**Year 4:** Teams – Olivia B/Evan Sophie/Cooper/Violet, Shakara/Ava

**Year 5:** Individual – Ollie, Aya  
Teams – Epa/Arjan, Hailee/Stella, Nova/James J

**Year 6:** Individual – Jude, Ruby, Charlie, James K



## HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

TUESDAY 7TH APRIL - FRIDAY 17TH APRIL

<b>FULL WEEK</b>	<b>\$285</b>
7:45AM-6PM	
<b>FULL DAY</b>	<b>\$61</b>
7:45AM-6:30PM	
<b>SCHOOL DAY</b>	<b>\$50</b>
8:30AM-3:30PM	
<b>HALF DAY</b>	<b>\$37</b>
8AM-12:30PM OR 12:30PM-5PM	
<b>EVENT DAY</b>	<b>\$10</b>
	extra

**BOOK BEFORE 27TH MARCH TO SAVE 10%**

If your child/ren are collected late after the conclusion of the programme you will be charged \$20 per 15 minutes or part thereof.



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## PYJAMARAMA

ONCE UPON A TIME

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

**DCBC HOLIDAY CLUB**  
**UNDER CONSTRUCTION**  
15-17th APRIL  
9AM - 3PM  
COST: \$5 PER CHILD PER DAY  
FOR KIDS AGED 6 TO YEAR 6

SCAN THE QR CODE ABOVE TO REGISTER FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT [kidsclub@dcbc.co.nz](mailto:kidsclub@dcbc.co.nz)  
DUNEDIN CITY BAPTIST CHURCH, 19 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, CONCORD, DUNEDIN

Activities: KAI, CRAFT, GAMES, BIBLE STORIES, KORERO

OPEN TO BOYS & GIRLS IN Y1-8  
GROUPS WILL BE SPLIT BY AGE

## HOLIDAY CAMP

7TH - 9TH APRIL  
9AM TO 12PM

**WHERE?**  
EDGAR CENTRE  
116 PORTSMOUTH DRIVE  
DUNEDIN, 9012

**COST?**  
\$35 FOR ONE DAY OR  
\$90 FOR ALL THREE

USE QR CODE TO REGISTER

CONTACT: [WILL@OTAGO.BASKETBALL](mailto:WILL@OTAGO.BASKETBALL)

### 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](https://www.facebook.com/concordschooldunedin)

### Greater Green Island EASTER EGG HUNT

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

**Happy Easter**

Sunday 5 April, 10am

Find an egg - Take it home  
- Decorate it -  
Take a photo & send it to the Greater Green Island Community Network Facebook page or email to [events@greenergreenisland.nz](mailto:events@greenergreenisland.nz)

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