



# Concord School NEWSLETTER



7 May 2026

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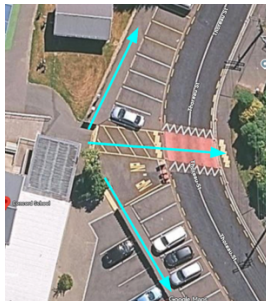
**Farewell to Linda Hodge** - I am sad to announce that we will be saying farewell to Linda Hodge, our Office Manager, at the end of this term, as she is ready to embark on a new chapter in her life, a well-deserved retirement.

She is the first face you meet when you enter the school office and has an incredible wealth of knowledge. I'm sure you will all join me in thanking her for her dedication and hard work over the past 26 years.

**School Attendance** – We would like to extend a huge thank you to our school community for your efforts throughout Term 1 to improve our Regular Attendance. We ended Term 1 with 78% of our students attending school for more than 90% of the term! This is our highest term attendance rate over the last couple of years. This is a great start for 2026, and it puts us well on our way toward the government's target of **80% by 2030**.

Regular attendance plays a vital role in helping our students learn and grow confidently, and your ongoing support makes all the difference.

**Road Safety** - At Concord School, keeping our students safe when arriving and leaving school is a high priority for us. To ensure everyone stays safe during these busy times of the day, we would like to remind our school whānau of a few essential safety practices:



- **Use the Footpaths:** Please ensure you and your children always walk on the footpaths **in front of** the parked cars.
- **Avoid Walking Behind Vehicles:** It is very difficult for drivers to see people — especially small children — when reversing. Please avoid walking behind vehicles at all times.
- **Use the Patrolled Crossing:** If you need to cross the road, please use the designated patrolled crossing. Our road patrol is there to ensure everyone crosses safely and efficiently.

By following these simple steps, we can work together to keep our community safe. Thank you for your continued support in making our school a safe environment for all!

**Whanau Hui** – We warmly invite our school community to our Whānau Hui **next Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May** at 3.30 pm in the school hall. All whānau are welcome to join us as we come together to connect and share as a school community. Please see the poster on the next page for all relevant information. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Week 2 CARE Certificates:** Congratulations to our very first recipients of the Concord School CARE Certificates. These certificates are presented to one student from each classroom who are demonstrating our school's CARE Code.

- Sophie: Excellent attitude towards her Literacy Learning
- Zoey: Showing Respect to new classmates
- Dominic: Showing Confidence settling into a new school
- Evelyn: Striving for Excellence in all her learning



**Year 5/6 Camp Meeting** – Mrs Ross is holding a camp meeting for all Year 5/6 parents **next Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May** in Ruma Rātā at **6.00pm**. Rātā students have received a separate letter about this outlining the details to be discussed, such as the itinerary, cost, fundraising initiatives, and parent helpers. We look forward to seeing you all there.

**Kiwihoops** – Kiwihoops began last week with BBO coaches running some great skills and drills for all the teams at the Edgar Centre. Their first games are this afternoon, with the Celtics playing the Kaikorai Lakers on Court 9B at 5.30pm, and the Flyers playing Toroa on Court 3 at 6.05pm.



**Road Safety Programme** – Yesterday Rūma Kōwhai took part in a fun road safety programme run by NZTA. Check out today's great ODT article and photo on the next page!

**Dates to mark on your calendar:**

- \* **Mon 11 May** – Year 5/6 Camp meeting
- \* **Tues 12 May** – Whānau Hui
- \* **Fri 15 May** – Clever Cats
- \* **Thurs/Fri 28/29 May** – Life Education Bus
- \* **Mon 1 June** – King's Birthday



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).

## Rūma Makomako Story Writing

"Yesterday I bought a big truck with four little monster trucks. I bought it with my own money.  
Luciano got a slinky." – by Mikayla

"My family is going to space with Evie's dog." – by Harley

"I am sitting beside Hiliako. I like music." – by Cooper



# Pupils thrilled by ins, outs of traffic management, road safety

LAINE PRIESTLEY

TRUCKS and brightly coloured signs won the day as Dunedin primary school pupils were introduced to the world of traffic management. As part of Road Safety Week, Concord School pupils got a visit from local traffic management who taught them about the work that local engineers, roadworkers and traffic management personnel do to help keep people safe.



Concord School pupils (front, from left) Rocco Ashcroft, 8, and Lachy Scott, 7, try out some of Downer's road equipment with their classmates (back, from left) Theo Nazarus, 6, Violet Marshall, 8, Nikau Walker, 7, Jenny Ramma, 6, Cooper Mcauliffe, 8, and Evan Noby Joseph, 8, manning the roadcones. PHOTO: PETER MCINTOSH

NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi lower South Island journey manager Nicole Feits said they had come along to the school to speak to pupils about how they could be road safety heroes.

"We've been talking a bit about what they can do, like wearing a helmet when they're on a bike or a scooter, looking both ways before they cross the road, what some of the signs and what the cones mean."

The favourite part of the day for many of the children was the visit from Downer.

Downer South Island regional traffic manager Dan Kinraid said his staff had just as much fun sharing their knowledge with the children.

At first, he was worried they might not be interested in their equipment, but soon found out trucks, big, brightly coloured signs and road equipment utterly engaged the pupils.

"It's pretty cool to spend a bit of time with them and explain to them what it's all

about, so they understand it, too, because quite often traffic management's kind of overlooked."

Mr Kinraid and other Downer employees showed the

pupils their general traffic management truck, as well as a traffic management attenuator, which is used on the motorway to protect workers and the public by

acting as a crash pad. It is designed to absorb a colliding vehicle's kinetic energy to bring it to a stop safely.

Pupils also took turns

holding a stop/go sign. The Dunedin City Council and Beva were also in attendance.

Now in its 15th year, Road Safety Week, which runs until

May 10, is co-ordinated by the road safety charity Brake and is sponsored by NZTA. [laine.priestley@odt.co.nz](mailto:laine.priestley@odt.co.nz)

VIDEO: [www.odt.co.nz/tv](http://www.odt.co.nz/tv)



Kitchen fun!

## Roslyn Re-Loved FASHION FUNDRAISER

QUALITY 2ND HAND CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES  
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**Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
10am-3pm  
Roslyn Bowling Club  
6 Gamma St, Dunedin

Donations can be dropped to the Bowling club Friday May 1<sup>st</sup> 6pm-7:30pm  
Contact: Bernadette 021745167 or Sharon 021267085  
for alternative drop-off info.  
All proceeds going to the Roslyn Bowling Club

\$2  
\$5  
\$10  
\$20

## TEKAHA KIDS BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE, AND HOLIDAY DAY-CAMPS

BUILDING CONFIDENCE AND RESILIENCE THROUGH ADVENTURE

After School Pick ups from surrounding schools are available

Device Free Programme

FREE with a full OSCAR Subsidy

Locally Owned

Brockville Community Church  
[WWW.TEKAHAKIDS.COM](http://WWW.TEKAHAKIDS.COM) [INFO@TEKAHAKIDS.COM](mailto:INFO@TEKAHAKIDS.COM)

# Concord School

## Whānau Hui

Please join us on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> May at 3:30 pm in the School Hall

Focus Topic: Polyfest Performance

Tea, Coffee and Afternoon Tea Provided

"Ako tahi, tipu tahi;  
Together we learn and grow"

## PRIZES TO BE WON!

Host: Youth Action Group

# TALENT SHOW

## MAY 23RD

Under 12: 10am - 12pm  
12+: 1pm - 3pm

Fairfield Community Hall  
10 Playfair Street, Fairfield

Show **FREE ENTRY!** off your talents!

Sign up Sheet QR code:

<https://forms.gle/tAaffQ63noYEH3ZYA>

### Concord School

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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

## How Does Tooth Decay Happen?

Are also food for Bacteria in the plaque on our teeth

To feed on Which makes Acid

Added sugars and refined starches we eat and drink

Acid attacks our teeth

More acid, more often

Our healthy teeth can no longer fix the damage

Leading to Tooth Decay

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

Together We Learn and Grow | Ako Tahi, Tipu Tahi