



Concord School NEWSLETTER



21 May 2026

Kia ora koutou

Welcome to Jona - We are excited to introduce Jona Cooper, our new Teacher Aide, who will be working in Makomako during the mornings and helping out across the school at morning tea time.



This week, Jona has enjoyed getting to know the students in Makomako and across the school. He has especially enjoyed joining in with music on Tuesday and supporting students with their learning in the classroom.

It has been wonderful to welcome Jona to our school community. We know he will be a fantastic support for our students and staff, and we look forward to seeing the positive connections he will continue to build across the school.

Week 4 CARE Certificates - Congratulations to our recipients of the Concord School CARE Certificates for Week 4. These students have gone above and beyond in demonstrating our school values.

Lilly: Striving for excellence with her schoolwork

Arjan: Striving for excellence in Literacy

Mia: Being a consistently responsible role model

Harley: Making good choices at school



Life Education Bus – Next week, on the 28th and 29th of May, we are looking forward to welcoming the Life Education Bus and everyone's favourite giraffe, Harold the Giraffe, to Concord School.

The focus for each classroom will be ...

Makomako: How do we make good decisions? What are the impacts of the decisions we make?

Kōwhai: How do we keep ourselves safe? Where can I go for help?

Rātā: Why are some drugs helpful and some harmful?

If you would like further information on these topics, please contact your child's class teacher.



Pizza Lunch!

"Last Tuesday Rātā were lucky to have won the 'Move it March' competition and we got free pizza for lunch. Guy Pringle from the DCC turned up with lots of pizza to eat. We had cheesy garlic, pepperoni and hawaiian flavours from Domino's. I felt excited when they turned up. They tasted yummy." - By Dominic



Welcome to our new student and his family:
Beau Guest-Kerins

Mid-Year Reports - The introduction of the refreshed New Zealand Curriculum coincides with a new way of reporting to parents and whānau. It is important to share with our community that there has been a significant shift in the learning content expected to be taught across all year levels.

Our teachers are working hard to deepen their understanding of these new curriculum 'descriptors' and to ensure they are accurately aligning these with each child's academic achievement.

With the increased content and raised expectations — in some cases **18 months - two years higher** of previous expectations — families may notice a period where progress appears slower, or at times static, as students adjust to these new learning expectations.

Over the next few newsletters, we will continue to share more information to help explain these changes and what they mean for your child's learning. If you would like to learn more now, we encourage you to visit the parent information section on the New Zealand Ministry of Education website.

Winter Road Conditions – As the weather is getting colder, please be aware of possible school closures or late starts. The area around Concord may seem OK but often a decision is made because teachers are unable to get to school.

The decision for closing the school or having a late start is made by a committee of Dunedin Principals, and broadcast over the radio. As soon as we know we will post it on our school's Facebook page and the Skool Loop app.



Sickness – There are a few vomiting bugs around at the moment. If your child is **vomiting, has diarrhoea, or is generally unwell, they must stay at home.** Students should be symptom-free for 24 hours before returning to school.

Kiwihoops – Last week the Celtics played the BVA Breakers and the 'Player of the Day' was Cooper. The Flyers played NETZ and the 'Player of the Day' was Manu, for good passing and sportsmanship.



Dates to mark on your calendar:

- * Thurs/Fri 28/29 May – Life Education Bus
- * Fri 29 May – Clever Cats
- * 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).



Making more biscuits!

The final product!

Yum!

We made delicious Spag Bol too!

And after cooking ...



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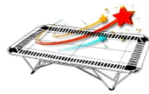
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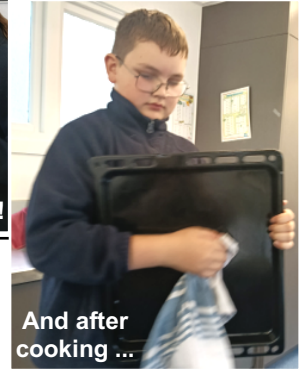
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Phone: 027 221 2095



Scholastic Lucky Book Club

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PRIZES TO BE WON!

Host: Youth Action Group

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MAY 23RD

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10 Playfair Street, Fairfield

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WHY IS BEING ON TIME FOR SCHOOL IMPORTANT?

Being on time for school is essential for learning. It means your child can:

- Be organised for class
- Meet up with friends
- Know what's happening for the day
- Be ready to learn key skills

When children are late to school regularly they miss out on important learning, and may feel unsettled and anxious about coming to school.

Tips for getting to school on time:

- Time how long it takes your child to get ready in the morning, and set an alarm with enough time for their morning routine
- Get things ready the night before - e.g. pack schoolbags, make lunches, choose clothes
- Switch off devices early in the evening and set a regular bedtime routine to help everyone have a good sleep
- Try to keep a positive attitude - use rewards to encourage getting to school on time each day and give positive feedback
- Avoid using devices in the morning before school
- Identify problems that happen regularly (e.g. bad traffic) and find solutions
- Talk to your child's teacher if you're having difficulty getting your child to school or if they are often upset in the morning



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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

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