



Concord School Newsletter

23 July 2026



Kia ora Concord School Whānau,

Welcome to Term 3! It has been wonderful to see so many smiling faces walking through the school gates on our very first week back. Thank you to all of our whānau for the time and effort you put into preparing your child/ren for the new term. A positive start makes a real difference, and it has been fantastic to see our students returning settled, excited, and ready to learn.

Our school value for the beginning of this term is Respect. Over the coming weeks, we will be focusing on what respect looks like in our everyday actions—respecting others through our words and behaviour, respecting our environment by taking pride in our school and looking after our spaces, and respecting ourselves by making positive choices and taking responsibility for our learning and wellbeing.

I would also like to thank our community for your support in arranging care for your children during our recent Teacher Only Day, which was our final one for the year. The day provided valuable professional learning for all staff as we explored the refreshed Mathematics Curriculum in greater depth. Our learning focused on developing students' understanding through Mathematical Processes, Purposeful Investigations, and Geometry.

We are looking forward to bringing this learning into our classrooms to further strengthen mathematics teaching and learning across the school.

We look forward to another exciting term filled with learning, growth, and success for all of our students.

Art Gallery Visit

At the end of last term, we were fortunate to send four students to the Dunedin Art Gallery to take part in a Matariki extension art workshop. During the session, the students explored a range of artistic techniques, using felt pens and dye to create some stunning and highly effective pieces of artwork.



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). text



**Welcome to Bexley, who has
joined Kōwhai this week.
We wish you happy times at
Concord School!**

Welcome to Concord School

We are pleased to officially welcome Kirsty Clark to the Concord School team as our new Office Manager.

Kirsty joined us at the beginning of Term 3 and has made a fantastic start in the role. Many of you will meet or speak with Kirsty when visiting the school office, and we know you will make her feel very welcome as part of our school community.

We are thrilled to have Kirsty on board and look forward to her continuing to settle into the role and sharing her skills, knowledge, and experience with our school community.

Welcome to the team, Kirsty!



Interviews

Interviews will take place on Wednesday, 29th July, from 2.00–5.45pm and Thursday, 30th July, from 3.15–5.45pm. Please book your preferred day and time through Skool Loop. (If you don't yet have the Skool Loop app, details on how to download are to the left).

Booking is quick and easy:

- Click on the 'Bookings' link on the front page of Skool Loop.
- Select Wednesday, 29th July – Thursday, 30th July.
- Choose your child's teacher.
- Select your preferred day and time, then enter your details.

If you are unable to attend any of the available times, please contact your child's teacher to arrange an alternative appointment. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

As our mid-year reports reflect the refreshed New Zealand Curriculum and the new progress descriptors, these interviews are a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's learning, celebrate their progress, and ask any questions you may have about their report and next learning steps.

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 5 brochures will be coming home this week - please have your orders back by Friday 31 July.

Kiwihoops

In the last week of Term 2 the Celtics played the BVA Braves and 'Player of the Day' was Sophie. The Flyers played Andy Bay Kakapo and 'Player of the Day' was Arie.

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Dates to mark on your calendar:

Wed 29th/Thurs 30th July - Parent interviews
Friday 31st July - Clever Cats

Head Lice
Please continue to be vigilant in checking your child's hair often and treating when necessary



Community Oral Health Service:
0800 ORAL HEALTH (0800 672 543) - free from cellphones



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



10am – 3pm, Saturday 1 August
Tuhura Otago Museum

Free Entry – Some activities are ticketed
Join us for a fun-filled community celebration featuring performances, face painting, balloon artists, games, popcorn, food, and plenty of family entertainment. Science Centre and Planetarium entry will be just \$10 each per person for the day.

Open Night

Monday 27 July, 6.30pm
School Hall, Years 7-13



Kaikorai Valley College OPEN NIGHT -
Monday, 27 July at 6.30pm
Visits during school days are also welcome, please phone 453 6035 or email office@kvc.school.nz to arrange a time.