



Concord School Newsletter

20 August 2026



Kia ora Concord School Whānau,

A huge thank you to our school community for the fantastic turnout at our Mid-Term Assembly on Wednesday night. It was great to see so many whānau celebrating our students' achievements, including our Duffy Book recipients and Year 6 Leadership badge recipients.

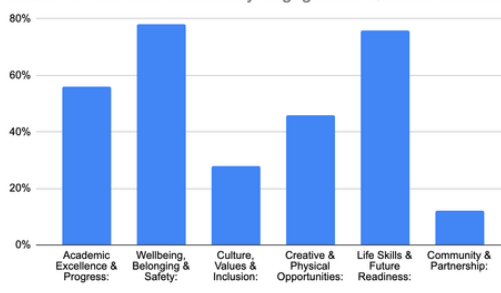
The evening was topped off with fantastic live music from former student Lenix, local Dunedin musicians Wildcards, and of course our school band Blue and the Blurr. The band loved performing in front of a larger audience as they prepare for BandQuest next weekend!

Whānau Voice: What Matters Most to Our Concord School Community

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our community survey during our Term 3 Parent-Teacher Interviews! Your feedback gives us an insight into what our whānau value most for their children's learning and wellbeing. Most importantly, this information will help shape our strategic planning for the next couple of years.

From the information gathered, we were able to identify the top 3 priorities for our school community.

2026: T3 Interview Community Engagement Question Results



- **Wellbeing, Belonging & Safety (78%):** Creating a safe, caring, and inclusive environment where every child feels valued, confident, and supported is our community's highest priority.
- **Life Skills & Future Readiness (76%):** Developing problem-solving, critical thinking, digital literacy, resilience, and independence ranked a close second.
- **Academic Excellence & Progress (56%):** Delivering high-quality teaching in core literacy and numeracy subjects continues to be a core focus for over half of our families.

We are grateful for your voice and participation. As we draft our strategic goals for the coming years, we look forward to working together to bring these whānau priorities to life.

Adding a Little Colour to our Māra Kai (Fruit Forest)

Thank you to Hannah and Bri for donating the birdhouse they built. It looks great in the tree overlooking our Māra Kai, and we are looking forward to seeing the birds use it over the upcoming months!

Welcome to Jaxon and Juniper, who have joined Makomako this week. We wish you happy times at Concord School!

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

Dates to mark on your calendar:

Wednesday 26th
August - Ripa
Rugby Day
Friday 28th August -
Clever Cats



Cooking with Andrea



Kiwihoops

Last week the Celtics played the BVA Bunnies and Player of the Day was Ava. The Flyers played the GB Aces and Player of the Day was James. This was the final week of the season - congratulations to all our players for a great season, and we hope you all enjoyed your games. A big thank you to our fantastic basketball coaches for giving up their time to support our teams. Your encouragement, commitment and enthusiasm have been greatly appreciated by our students. We couldn't do it without you!

Mid Term Recharge

We have officially reached the halfway mark of the term, and we are starting to notice quite a few tired students in the classrooms. Between the shorter days and the ongoing seasonal bugs, making sleep a priority right now is essential. Solid, uninterrupted rest is one of the best ways to supercharge your child's immune system and help them fight off those nasty winter germs. When our kids are fully rested, their bodies stay healthy, and their minds are ready to learn.

Why Sleep Matters Right Now

- Immune support: Bodies actively heal, recover, and fight off illnesses during deep sleep.
- Brain growth: Sleep helps the brain process the day's lessons and solidifies memory.
- Mood control: Rested students handle school frustrations and social interactions much better.

3 Steps to Peaceful Evenings

- Lock in a routine: Follow the same sequence of events every single night.
- Dim the lights: Turn off all phones, tablets, and TV screens two hours before bed.
- Check the room: Keep bedrooms dark, quiet, and comfortably warm against the winter chill.

The Power of "Wind-Down" Time

Switch from high-energy play or homework to quiet activities 60 minutes before lights out. Try reading a book together, listening to calm music, or chatting about the best part of the day. This simple transition signals to your child's nervous system that it is safe to relax and sleep. Thank you for working with us to keep our school community healthy, focused, and happy.

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