Concord School Newsletter

5 November 2026

Kia ora Concord School Whānau,
What a great school disco! It was fantastic to see so many of our students at our Halloween disco, having so much fun. There were some awesome costumes and dance moves on display on Friday evening. A huge thank you to the Concord School Parents Group, who organised the event by supporting on the night, making up bags of lollies, decorating the hall, buying prizes and creating playlists. Your time and effort are very much appreciated.
Events like these wouldn't be possible without your support!





Swimming tomorrow
Students will need to bring:

- Togs
- Towel
- Goggles (if you do not have goggles, you can borrow a pair from school)
- Long hair needs to be tied up.

Kiwi Comp
Well done to all our students who participated in the Kiwi Competitions English and Maths tests. These competitions are run nationwide and provide students with an opportunity to extend themselves, apply their knowledge and demonstrate their skills in English and Maths through a range of problem-solving questions. This year, over 21,500 students took part in this competition. A special mention goes to James, who achieved an Excellence Award in Maths, placing him in the top 10% of students who participated in the competition. This is a fantastic achievement and something to be very proud of.

Back Row: James, Manu, Arie, Stella
Front Row: Jayden, Sanjot.
Absent: Jude



CARE Certificates
Congratulations to our recipients of the Concord School CARE Certificates from last Week. These students have gone above and beyond in demonstrating our school values.
Tirzah: Settling so well into school routines
Rocco: Managing himself well and working hard in his learning
Manu: Striving for excellence in his writing assessment.
Eli: Stepping up and showing confidence at Kapa Haka

CONCORD KIDS CARE
CONFIDENT Tō Māia
AND RESPECTFUL Whai Koha
RESPONSIBLE Tūtika
AND STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE! Whāia te Hiranga

Dates to mark on your calendar:
Thurs 5th Nov - Clever Cats

Fri 6th Nov - Gumboot Friday

Wed 11th Nov - Beach Education Day

Wed 16th Dec - Last day of school (12:30pm finish)

School Lunches:
Mon: Spaghetti Meatballs

Tues: Chicken Wraps

Wed: Chicken Deli Roll

Thurs: Ham Sandwich

Fri: BBQ Chicken Sub

Substitutions may occur due to product availability.

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).

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



We welcome Declan and his whānau to Concord School and Kōwhai this week







Futsal

Futsal results this week:

Concord United played Bernie's Warriors, and Player of the Day was Patrick.

Concord Shooters played Bernie's Thunder, and Player of the Day was Lachy S.

Concord Strikers played St Brigid's, and Player of the Day was Sanjot.

Cookie Time Orders

Orders have now arrived and are awaiting collection in the school office.

Beach Education Day

Our Beach Education Day is coming up on **Wednesday, 11 November**! The school will be travelling by bus to Brighton Beach for the day.

Students will need to bring

- Warm clothing (Students do not need to wear school uniform)
- Food for Morning Tea
- Water bottle
- Togs or a wetsuit if they have one

Adult Helpers & Supervision: We do require adult helpers for our water activities. Forms have come home today - if you are able to help out, please complete the form and return to school.

Please note: The day will go ahead rain or shine, as a full wet-weather programme is provided.

Strategic Plan Community Consultation

A huge thank you to everyone in our community who took the time to complete our recent Strategic Plan consultation survey. We received thoughtful feedback, which will help guide our direction as a school moving forward.

Our Board of Trustees met this week to carefully review and discuss the responses. Several clear and recurring themes emerged, highlighting what our whānau value most about Concord and what makes our school such a special place.

We are proud to share the key strengths identified by our community:

- **Manaakitanga - Inclusive and Caring Environment**
- **Whanaungatanga - Strong Relationships**
- **Individualised Learning and Support**
- **Tight-Knit, Family-Like Community**
- **Holistic Approach focused on Wellbeing**

As a Board and staff, we recognise that these areas are fundamental to ensuring our students feel safe, supported and able to thrive at school. They are also at the forefront of our teachers' minds every day as they plan learning experiences, build relationships and connect with each of our students.

Thank you again for sharing your thoughts and helping shape the future direction of Concord School. Stay tuned for next week's update, where I will share some of the key areas identified for further improvement and growth as we continue to work together to make Concord an even better place to learn and grow.