Concord School Newsletter

12 November 2026

Kia ora Concord School Whānau,
As we reach the halfway point of Term 4, our focus across the school remains "Own Your Zone." We are encouraging students to take responsibility for their own actions, choices and behaviour, and to focus on what they can control rather than worrying about others.
This message is particularly important as we head towards the end of the year and students begin to feel tired. It is a great reminder to keep showing our CARE values, look after one another and finish the year on a positive note. There is still plenty to look forward to, and we want to make the most of every opportunity right through to the end of the year!

Dates to mark on your calendar:
Wed 18th Nov - Mid term assembly

Thurs 19th Nov - Clever Cats

Fri 20th Nov - Orange Parade

Thurs 26th Nov - Yr 3&4 Museum Sleepover

Mon 7th Dec - Yr 6 Leavers Night @ 5:30pm

Mon 14th Dec - End of year prizegiving @ 6:00pm

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

School Lunches:
Mon: Ham Pitas

Tues: Ham Wrap

Wed: Teriyaki Chicken Salad

Thurs: Chicken Mayo Sub

Fri: Beef Burgers

Substitutions may occur due to product availability.



Beach Education Day
We had a fantastic day at Brighton Beach yesterday! Our number one goal was to learn how to stay safe at the beach and in the water, with our second goal being to have fun. I can confirm we achieved both!
Students learnt to identify rips, stay sun smart, and understand key beach safety rules. We also enjoyed a tour of the clubrooms before heading down to the beach for some fun games and a swim in the water.
A huge thank you to all our parent helpers who volunteered their time to come along and support us. Without your help, our students wouldn't have had the opportunity to get into the water and enjoy such a fantastic day. We really appreciate 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.

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.
Evie: Showing confidence in her maths.
Zoey: Striving for excellence in class.
Nova: Showing confidence in her creative work.

Cooking with Andrea





Last week's Gumboot Friday was great fun, and we raised $51 for this great cause, thank you very much for your donations!



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

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).

Futsal

Futsal results this week:
Concord United played Balaclava Kākāpō, and Player of the Day was Evie.
Concord Shooters played Musselburgh Rovers, and Player of the Day was Madison.
Concord Strikers played Liberton Legends, and Player of the Day was Charlie.

Strategic Plan Community Consultation

Following on from last week's update, our Board has identified several areas of focus for further improvement and growth at Concord School.
Several key themes emerged from the feedback, highlighting opportunities to further strengthen teaching and learning, broaden experiences for our tamariki and deepen connections with our whānau.
Some of the key areas identified for development include:

- Strengthening Teaching and Learning: Mathematics was the most frequently mentioned learning area in the feedback.
- Broadening Opportunities: Providing more opportunities for students to explore their interests, develop new skills and experience success beyond the classroom.
- Improving Communication: Continuing to strengthen communication with whānau and providing clearer insights into classroom learning.
- Enhancing Student Wellbeing: Continuing to develop approaches and programmes that support and promote the wellbeing of all students.
- Building Community Connections: Providing more opportunities for formal and informal gatherings that bring our whānau and wider community together.

These areas of development will help guide our thinking and planning as we work towards our 2027–2028 Strategic Plan. They build on the many strengths that make Concord such a special place while providing opportunities for us to continue growing and improving. As always, our focus remains on ensuring Concord is a place where every child feels supported, included and has the opportunity to learn, grow and succeed.

Calendar Art Fundraiser

Forms for your child's calendar art were sent home last week. Each form has a code for you to access your child's art work and select any products you would like to purchase - a great gift idea for Christmas!
Orders close on **Thursday 26 November**, to allow for on time delivery before the end of the school year. Please let the office know if you have any questions, and we also have samples on display in the office next to the Care celebration voting boxes.





