



# Concord School NEWSLETTER



16 May 2024

Kia ora whānau

## Pink Shirt Day – \* TOMORROW 17<sup>th</sup> May \*

Pink Shirt Day is “the day Aotearoa comes together to take a stand on bullying”. It is celebrated annually around the world and has been run in NZ since 2012. Come along wearing something pink, if you have it, and bring a gold coin donation to support the Mental Health Foundation of NZ reduce bullying through raising awareness, funding education and supplying free resources.



**Disco** – We had a great turnout at the disco last Friday night. There was a lot of great dancing and some fun games. A big thanks to the Parents’ Group for organising and running this fun event for the tamariki.

**Storyteller** – Last week the students enjoyed the wonderful storytelling of Kaitrin McMullan, who entertained us with a variety of stories centred around Matariki.



**Vas Kovalski Show** – Next Tuesday we are looking forward to a comedy show and amazing magic tricks by kids magician Vas Kovalski, with “exciting music, bright costumes, professional magical props, live birds, bunny and audience participation!”

**School Lunches** – In the first six months of our new government it seems that there are daily policy announcements, many of them centred around education.

Last week David Seymour announced changes to the school lunch programme. As far as I can see this won’t affect primary schools in 2024 or 2025. It should be lunch as usual with our preferred supplier ‘Time for Lunch’. 2026 may see us change to a new model that is being trialled with intermediate and secondary school pupils next year. I have a meeting next week with the Ministry to further clarify the future of the lunch programme.

**Cook Islands Performance** - At our Care assembly this week we watched a clip of Mata and Beisha taking part in the Te Vaka Performance group at the Polytech Cultural Night. We all enjoyed the outstanding performance by the girls, one that would have taken many hours of practice. Ka pai!



**Makomako Duathlon** – The junior duathlon will be held **next Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May** (weather permitting) here at school starting at 2.00pm.

**Teacher Only Day** – School will be closed on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June** (following Kings Birthday Weekend) for a Teacher Only Day. The day is a requirement from the Ministry of Education to work on the new curriculum, Te Mātaiao.

**Senior Camp Raffle** – The Year 5 and 6 students are currently selling a raffle as a camp fundraiser. The first prize is a trailer load of firewood, and the 2<sup>nd</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> prizes are a variety of items kindly donated by Tuapeka. Please see a Year 5/6 student, or come to the school office, if you would like to purchase a **TUAPEKA** ticket (or if you would like to sell a card for them).



**Construction Items** – Later this term we will be doing a technology and arts related topic on musical instruments. If you have any small boxes or tubes (not toilet rolls) please send them along.

**Honey** – We still have jars of our school honey for sale at the school office - just \$8.00 each.



**Kiwihoops** – The Concord Flyers played their first game last week losing in a close game with the MHS Thunder. ‘Player of the Day’ was Arjan. Lenix is playing for a Bathgate Park team and was ‘Player of the Day’ this week too.

We welcome Jared from the DCBC, who will take a practice every Thursday with the team. There are no games this week due to the Nuggets playing a home game.



## Dates to mark on your calendar:

- \* **Friday May 17 – Pink Shirt Day**
- \* Monday May 20 – BOT meeting
- \* Friday May 24 – Makomako duathlon
- \* Monday 3 June – Kings Birthday
- \* Tuesday 4 June – Teacher Only Day
- \* Friday 28 June – Matariki
- \* Friday 5 July – End of Term 2



Steve Turnbull  
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)



**Clever Cats** – This Friday 17 May at 1.30pm



We loved golfing with Mel!

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Elijah and James at their Taekwondo tournament – well done boys!



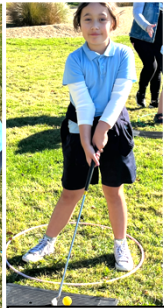
Check out the new 'Pet Day' artwork display in the school foyer!



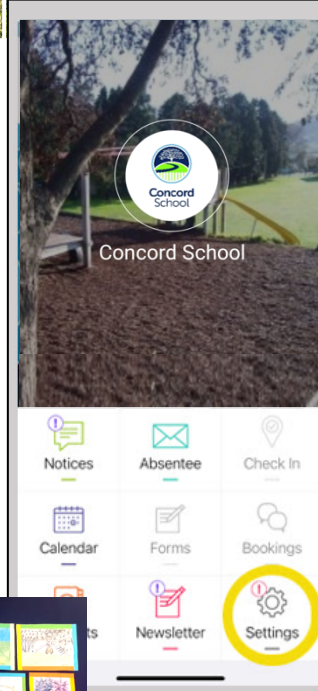
**FREE FIREWOOD**

The local DCBC church has very generously offered some of our families free firewood.

If you have a fire at home and would be interested in getting some firewood please contact Linda at the school office **tomorrow**.



We made delicious oreo cookies!



**Skool Loop + Zero Data**

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**Pink Shirt Day is on Friday 17 May 2024!**

Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!



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