



# Concord School NEWSLETTER



2 May 2024

Kia ora whānau

**Junior Swimming** - Makomako will have their first four days of swimming lessons for the year at the Mosgiel pool next week from Monday to Thursday, **May 6-9**, leaving at 11.00am and returning by 1.00pm. A second week of lessons will be scheduled for Term 3.

As there is only one class going swimming, we have decided to take a van and private vehicles instead of a bus. **The law states that all children under 7 must be in an approved car seat, so your child's car seat will need to be dropped in the foyer each morning and picked up after school. Children without car seats will not be able to go swimming.**

A reminder to parents who would like to help with changing at swimming that it is required that you have a police vet. You are welcome to just come and watch if you don't have one, though you will have to make your own way out there. If you are going to swimming, you are welcome to take your child in your own car if you wish instead of taking car seats in and out.



**Disco** – The Parents Group is going to run a disco **next Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May** from 6.00-7.30pm in the school hall. There will be a \$2.00 entry fee, and lollies and drinks to buy. There is no theme, just come along ready to dance!



**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 Mātaiaho.

**End of Term Assembly** – Congratulations to our Term 1 end of term award winners: Mark Reid Super Citizen Awards – Arie Ferguson and Olivia Bottomley Principal's Award – Amreen Kaur



**Winter Road Conditions** – As the weather begins to get colder, please be aware of possible school closures or late starts. The area around Concord might seem OK but often a decision is made because teachers are unable to get to school.

The decision for closing the school or having a late start is made by a committee of Dunedin Principals, and broadcast over the radio. As soon as we know we will post it on our school's Facebook page and the Skool Loop app.



**Bendigo Valley Trust** – Thanks to Mike and Laurel at the Bendigo Valley Trust for two new sets of sports tops with our new logo on them, and sand for our new sandpits. Bendigo Trust has been a long-standing supporter of the school over many years and has provided many extra resources and experiences for our tamariki, such as sports, music and kitchen equipment, camp activities, library books, and digital devices among many other things. The Trust is closing soon, and we wish Mike and Laurel all the best for the future.



**Parents' Group Meeting** – Next **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May** at 3.15pm in the staffroom. Everyone welcome.

**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.

**Kiwihoops** – We have entered a team in the Year 3/4 grade. Games begin next week, and team members have had a letter with further details.

**Futsal Tops** – Please return all futsal tops as soon as possible.

**Dates to mark on your calendar:**

- \* **May 6-9** – Makomako school swimming
- \* **Friday May 10** – School Disco
- \* **Friday May 24** – Makomako duathlon
- \* **Monday 3 June** – Kings Birthday
- \* **Tuesday 4 June** – Teacher Only Day



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 3 May at 1.30pm

**An ANZAC Story:**

“Hi! My name is Rolin and I work on a farm. I haven't always worked on a farm. I used to work in the war. It was traumatising. There was lots of blood, but we rescued over one hundred men. I did not want to leave my donkey man.” – by Aya



**Welcome** to our new students and their families:  
Jayden Jomine                      Zoey Bell





Enjoying time in the kitchen!



### Lucky Book Club

The next Lucky Book Club order forms were distributed today and close next **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May**. Please return money and orders to the school office.

**EVERY ORDER WILL EARN A \$5 Promotional Credit** to spend on Issue 4

LOOP ONLY OFFER: Conditions apply see LOOP for details

## TOWN BELT KATIARI

### Photo Competition

May 6th - June 7th 2024

#### Share your photos of the Dunedin Town Belt!

Over the first four weeks of term 2, send in your best photos taken within the Dunedin Town Belt to be in to win a selection of prizes including a family pass to the Royal Albatross Centre's Unique Taiaroa tour, vouchers for the Orokonui Ecosanctuary, native trees from Blueskin Nurseries, and more! Photo entries will be judged by the renowned Otago Daily Times Photographer Stephen Jaquiere. Entries due in by 5pm on Friday 7th June with a prizewinning to take place on Friday 21st June.

#### Enter one of three categories:

- Flora and Fauna
- Water and Weather
- Trails and Views



Scan here to enter!

#### How to Enter:

To submit your photos, fill out the form by scanning the QR code and following all instructions. T+Cs apply, please read before submitting.

Check out the amazing pirate ship Jude made over the holidays!

#### 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 asap.



## YOUTH DIGITECH STUDIOS

### TERM 2 2024

Design • code • play

AGES 10-15 years

LOGO CODING MINECRAFT unity GODOT blender

**Central**  
@Dunedin Public Library, 230 Moray Place  
Sundays: 12th May - 30th June.

**North**  
@Dunedin North Intermediate, 34 North Road:  
Tuesdays: 14th May - 2nd July.

**Hills**  
@Trinity Catholic College, 340 Rattray Street:  
Wednesdays: 15th May - 3rd July.

**South**  
@Gasworks Museum, 20 Braemar Street:  
Thursdays: 16th May - 4th July.

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8 weeks \$45

**FREE** - Kings High School uniform to fit Year 9. Please see Linda in the school office for more information.

## KIDS GO Free

Kids under 13 go free to all of our home games this year with a paying adult

HIGHLANDERS V CRUSADERS | 11 MAY | 7.05PM

TICKETS AT TICKETEK

#### Community Oral Health Service

0800 ORAL HEALTH (0800 672 543) (free from cell phones)

#### Head Lice

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

Don't forget to check our Facebook page for information, messages, photos & videos:  
[www.facebook.com/concordschooldunedin](http://www.facebook.com/concordschooldunedin)



## LEAF

THE PAPER NOTICES BEHIND

Download our Skool Loop app to keep up to date with school information. Notices, newsletters, absentee notifications and much more.



## Parent Help FREE PARENTING HELPLINE

aggression • jealousy • sibling rivalry  
social difficulties • lying • parenting alone  
separation anxiety • early puberty

... and anything else you're struggling with



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