

From the Principal...

Welcome Back! I hope you have had a fantastic holiday break and enjoyed precious time with family and friends.

A warm welcome to families, learners and staff new to Conifer Grove School. We have an action packed year with lots of exciting activities. 2025 sees us navigating and implementing new curriculum in Mathematics - we will begin this process in Term 2 once we have fully received the resources provided by the Ministry of Education.

We welcome you to our **Whaanau Fun night**, come and meet the teachers and join in the fun on:

Wednesday 26 February 5:30-7:00pm. Feel free to bring along a picnic blanket, food and drink (non-alcoholic please) meet the teachers and have some fun. Once you meet your child's teacher, you will be given a sausage ticket, to get a free sausage for you and your whanau. We will also be selling drinks, ice blocks etc. We value your feedback, please complete and bring back your child's feedback form on their Beginning of Year Report and go in the draw to win a Songbird Cafe voucher.

Attendance, lateness & early pickups

It is essential that your tamariki (children) are regularly attending school - this is the key to support the continuity that our Kaiako (teachers) seek, to be able to clearly focus on student achievement.

Non-attendance and lateness are closely monitoring and we would like to work with all whanau to ensure that students are attending regularly. We expect reasons for absences to be reported to us by contacting the school office before 9:00am by calling our Freephone: 0800 242255 (leave a message),

By emailing: absences@cgschool.ac.nz or via the Skool Loop App or website absence notifications.

Beginning of Year Reports will be coming home on Monday 24 February. We value your feedback, please complete the feedback form on the back of your child's Beginning of Year Report and return it to the office or on Whaanau Fun night.

Student Phones & Devices - to be handed in to teachers before school. Please keep smart watches at home.

Team Newsletters will be sent out to you next week - please watch your emails.

Bikes & Scooters - Please ensure children are **wearing a helmet and footwear** when riding at all times, head injuries can be life changing. **Use pedestrian crossings** and stop/look before crossing the road.

Please remind children to **dismount** from their bike/scooter **before they get to the school gate and walk** to the bike racks. It is advisable to lock up your bike/scooter. There are safety concerns we have observed and we thank you for your support in reinforcing these messages to keep our students safe.

We are a NO HITTING school

We like to solve problems without being physical.

Should your child be involved in a physical altercation, the Teacher or Team Leader will make initial contact with you to come and meet.

We would like to work in partnership with parents/whaanau to ensure that school is a safe place for all.

Parents are encouraged to discuss with their children problem solving strategies such as removing themselves from the situation and talking to an adult.

We are looking forward to the year ahead and to continuing to build positive relationships with learners and their whaanau focussed on students learning.

Have a great weekend!

Ngā mihi nui, Raj Dullabh, Principal



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next week
JOIN US FOR

WHAANAU FUN NIGHT

Ice Blocks Fun Games



Sausage Sizzle

return your beginning of year feedback form & go in the draw to win a Songbird Cafe voucher.

WED FEB 26
5:30 - 7:00PM

School Field - enter via pedestrian gates

Refresh, recharge, Indulge!

JUICY SALES

When: Juniors: Thursday Week
4 second break eating
Seniors: Friday Week 4 Second break eating

\$ 2:00 each

Give your orders to your teachers



2025 DATES TO NOTE:

21 Feb	Scholastic orders due in
24 Feb	Whole School Assembly
24 Feb	Reports home
25 Feb	Last day to preorder Juicies
26 Feb	Whanaau Fun Night 5:30-7pm
27 Feb	Juicies delivered to Juniors
28 Feb	Juicies delivered to Seniors
4 Mar	Jnr School Grandparents Day
10 Mar	New Entrant Intake
24 Mar	Whole School Assembly
1 Apr	NC Football
2 Apr	Whanake Botanical Gardens
2 Apr	Matomato Overnight Camp
3 Apr	Matomato Botanical Gardens
3 Apr	Whanake Overnight Camp
11 Apr	End of Term 1

2025 TERM DATES:

TERM 1	3 February - 11 April
TERM 2	28 April - 27 June
TERM 3	14 July - 19 September
TERM 4	6 October - 16 December

2025 BREAK TIMES:

School starts	9:00am
Morning break	11:00am- 11:45am
Lunch break	1:15pm - 2:00pm
School finishes	3:00pm

GATES:

8:15am	School pedestrian gates open
9:00am	School gates close
2:45pm	School pedestrian gates open

Need to drop lunches off or collect children during the day?

Please drop off before eating times: 11:00am & 1:15pm

Please use Evanda Cres entrance and report to the school office first.

LOST PROPERTY:

The lost property box is located in the Junior Quad by Room 7.

The lost property box is emptied twice per term - we do our best to return items that are clearly marked with:

Child's Name Room Number

Unclaimed property will be disposed of or washed and added to second hand uniforms. It is not staff responsibility to chase up lost property.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

School Uniforms (including hats and correct footwear)

We expect all students to be in correct uniform, including hats:
(Year 1-6 red bucket hat, Year 7-8 green cap)

Footwear: Black shoes and socks or black sandals only please. Crocs, slides, jandals ARE NOT part of the school uniform. Uniform items can be purchased from the Warehouse, Takanini.

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS Mainly small sizes, polar fleeces and jackets \$5 each, check availability with the office staff.

Parking and Road Safety

We have requested that the Auckland Transport wardens make extra visits to our area. Sadly unsafe road behaviour is being witnessed daily, please report any instances of unsafe behaviour to

***Evanda Cres** has a **NO STOPPING ZONE** opposite the school office during pick up/drop times.

*PLEASE do not make dangerous turns at our school gates.

*PLEASE do not pull into driveways to drop off children.

*Having trouble finding a carpark? Try parking in one of the cul de sac streets and walk through the walkways into school, or parking further away and walking is a great option.

*PLEASE take care on our roads and have consideration for ALL of our students when dropping off and collecting children - this is a 40kmph zone and ensure you are modelling good road safety by using the allocated pedestrian crossings.

School Events & Notices

To stay up to date notifications will be sent to you via **HERO** and **Skool Loop** if you are not receiving our notifications please let us know and we will check that we have your correct details.

Skool Loop App

- please remember to go onto the app
> Settings >Subscribe to Groups
and update the year levels for your children to their 2025 year level.

If you are new to CG School, or haven't yet installed the app on your phone, we request that you do so as soon as possible as it's a great tool to ensure you don't miss out on all the important information and reminders.

Search **Skool Loop** to download the app from the app store.

Unisex uniform items for all students

SUMMER

Black lightweight sport short
Schooltex Green Polo Shirt



WINTER

Green Polar Fleece
Red Fleece lined Jacket
Black track pant



Sports Uniform

Red Sports Tee
Black Sport Shorts
(Year 3-8 only)



Sunhats

Yr 0-6 Red Bucket Hat
Yr 7+8 Green School Cap
(compulsory Term 1 and 4)



Footwear

Black Sandals OR
Black Shoes + black socks
(NO Crocs, jandals, slides please)

Uniform Guidelines:

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform.

New uniform is available to purchase at The Warehouse, Takanini store.
Please note that if coloured vests/t-shirts are worn underneath your child's polo shirt, it is not to be visible.

- Please name each item of clothing clearly with your child's name in TWO places.
- Hats are to be worn in Terms 1 and 4 (after Labour Weekend).
- Red Bucket hats for Year 0-6 students, green caps for Year 7 & 8 students only
- Black sandals or black shoes (with black socks) NO Crocs, jandals, slides please
- Nail polish is not to be worn and long hair should be tied up with brown, black, red or green hair ties.
- No jewellery to be worn other than a small pair of stud earrings.



MUSIC LESSONS
at Conifer Grove School

Does your child want to learn to play music?

Would you like in-school lessons with a professional Music tutor who has many years of teaching experience? You can enrol your child in guitar, ukulele and keyboard lessons at Conifer Grove School!

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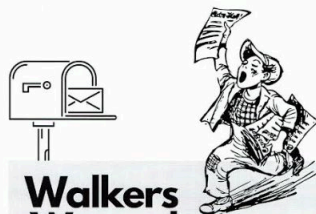
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CONTACT: Stacey 0212548226
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COMMUNITY NOTICES:

Tai Chi

Monday nights 7:00pm
Conifer Grove School Hall



Australasian Toyakwai Karate Association



Tuesday nights 6:30pm
School Hall
Contact: KJ
taaka@karate.co.nz



2025 REGISTRATIONS OPEN

ALL AGES
KURA KICKS 5-7
SMALL WHITES 8
JUNIOR 9-12
YOUTH 13-18
SENIOR
WOMEN & GIRLS

REGISTRATION NIGHTS

- TUES 25TH FEB
- WED 5TH MAR

5:00PM - 6:30PM

MCLENNAN PARK CLUBROOMS
ARIMU ROAD, PAPAOKURA

OR

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Get that Pest!

Pest free Schools in 2025

An afternoon of learning at the Botanic Gardens

The Sustainable Schools team are pleased to be partnering with Pest Free South Auckland, Beautification Trust, and Community Parks to bring you an afternoon of opportunities, networking and practical learning about moving towards having no pest plants or animals in your school grounds.

In this action-packed afternoon you will learn:

- All about the different pest plants and animals you may encounter and how to identify them using tech tools
- About the Moth Plant Competition and how to enter
- How you can get involved in keeping your school and local parks and reserves pest free

When: 3:30-5:00pm on Tuesday 25th of February.

Where: Auckland Botanic Gardens, 102 Hill Rd, Manurewa
Afternoon tea provided

For more information email
monique.russell@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz



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