



Concord High School **Keeping In Touch** *Respectful Responsible Achieving* **Term 4 Week 1**

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www.concord-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

Principals Report

Welcome back to term 4! I hope that students and their families have had an enjoyable holiday and I look forward to engaging with both students and parents throughout term 4.

I would like to extend an invitation to Parents and Guardians to attend the P & C meeting which will be held on Tuesday 17th October from 7.00 pm in the school library.

I would like to welcome Mr Matthew Chalmers who is the new Head Teacher Administration at Concord High School. Matthew comes to us from Burwood Girls High School and is an experienced English/History teacher.

Ms Grace Maslen, Science Teacher at Concord High School has been successful in obtaining a position as Assistant Principal Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) and will be temporarily leaving us at the end of Week 2 of this term for twelve months. We would like to thank her for her tremendous efforts and wish her well in her new role.

Year 12 HSC

I would like to wish the Year 12 students all the very best of luck as they start their Higher School Certificate examinations on Monday 16th October. You have all worked very hard and all that we can ask of you is to achieve the best that you can. The Year 12 teachers will be available for advice and support during the examination period. The Year 12 sign out day will be Wednesday 8th November.

Uniform

During term 4 students are expected to wear the summer school uniform. Can I please ask for the support of parents and guardians in ensuring that students wear the correct summer uniform including black closed in, hard leather school shoes. The uniform shop is open every Monday and Wednesday from 10.30am-1.30 pm. If families need any support with the uniform requirements please, contact myself or the Deputy Principals, Mr Anderson or Mrs Payne.

Mrs Jody Engisch
Relieving Principal



Deputy Principals Report

by Craig Anderson & Fiona Payne

Student profile

This week we are excited to profile Bianca and Oscar Lee of Year 7. Bianca and Oscar are twins who are both Australian National Champions in Tae Kwon Do. During the last school holidays they travelled to Melbourne to compete in the Australian National Championships after both winning gold medals at the NSW State Championships.

Bianca and Oscar train five days a week at Homebush, Lidcombe, Campsie and Eastwood with Kang's Tae Kwon Do Academy. On average they train for 11 hours a week.

Bianca Lee is the Australian National Tae Kwon Do Champion in the 12-14 girls year group and Oscar Lee is the Australian National Tae Kwon Do Champion in the 12-14 boys year group.

They are both now training for the World Championships selection meeting and hope to be selected to represent Australia in Taipei next year at the World Championships.

Congratulations to both Bianca and Oscar. What a superb achievement!



Deputy Principals continued

Gardening for Sport

We are happy to offer students another physical activity during sport time on a Tuesday. 16 students have elected to work with Ms Bekheet on school gardening projects. The students are currently working on establishing the vegetable gardens that were relocated due to the addition of new demountable classrooms. Below is a before and after photo of some of the work done this week. Next week the soil will be delivered to allow the garden beds to be planted with seedlings due to mature before the Christmas holidays.



Deputy Principals continued

Paying for Excursions

As many of you are already aware we joined the Learning Management and Business Reform (LMBR) deployment at the beginning of Term 3.

As a result of this we have had significant changes to school financial management. Of particular importance to you as families is with regard to refunds for excursions. Unfortunately we are unable to write refund cheques as we now have our funds centrally managed. This means that if you pay for an event and for some reason need a refund that will not be possible. The outcome will be that your student will have a credit in their school account to the value of the payment and you can elect to use it for a future event.

The other point that you will notice is that excursions will have a cut off approximately a month before the event. As our finances are centrally managed we can no longer accept late payments or payments on the day. Our suppliers will be paid 30 days from date of invoice and to ensure speedy payment we need to close excursions much earlier.

Year 10

Students at risk of an N determination in any course have until the end of Week 5 to submit all outstanding work or be at risk of having to repeat Year 10. If you have received a warning letter for your student please ensure that the work is completed and submitted in a timely fashion.

AIME

The AIME program will resume Week 2 of Term 4 and run until Week 6.



Welfare News

by Fiona Milligan

Welcome back to term 4, I hope you had a relaxing break. October is MENTAL HEALTH MONTH and the Mind Matters Team are planning some events here at school to promote Positive Mental Health amongst both students and staff. I have attached a flier with some tips that families may like to focus on during October. Looking after our mental health is just as important as our physical health.

A reminder about who makes up our Welfare Team:

Yr 7 Adviser – Ms Peoples	Assistant – Ms Patulny(Also Girls Adviser)
Yr 8 Adviser – Mr Mitchell	Assistant – Ms De Silva
Yr 9 Adviser – Ms Iconomou	Assistant - Ms Bekheet
Yr 10 Adviser – Ms Kalachian (Mr Chappelow currently relieving as HT PDHPE)	
Yr 11 Adviser – Ms Taing	Assistant Ms Wright
Yr 12 Adviser – Mr Munday	Assistant – Ms Finlayson

School Counsellors – Ms Joy and Ms Kent

Boys Adviser – Mr White

Peer Support Co-Ordinator – Mr Choudhary

All of these staff and myself have a strong commitment to the development of a positive sense of wellbeing for each and every student and we rely on parents to work together with us to ensure this happens. Please contact us anytime for assistance.



SUPPORTING MY CHILD'S WELLBEING

STRATEGIES FOR MANAGING CHILD AND ADOLESCENT ANXIETY

A **FREE** seminar for parents of young
people aged 3 - 18 years.

**Tuesday
17 October 2017**

Where:
Burwood Library and Community Hub
2 Conder Street Burwood

EXPO 4pm to 6pm
Come and meet service providers
and take home information,
resources and tips.



Seminar 6pm to 9pm
Guest speakers and workshops delivered by
qualified professionals including Sydney Local
Health District, Beyond Blue, Department of
Education and Headspace.

FREE

for all parents
in the Inner
West.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED:

Please RSVP your attendance to
families@burwood.nsw.gov.au
Refreshments Provided

Child Minding Available

Limited spaces. Please express interest
to families@burwood.nsw.gov.au
when you register your attendance



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Kids@Weldon

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SERVICES INC.**



COPMI
Children of Parents
with a Mental Illness

This program is funded by Central and Eastern Sydney PHN and the 41GA Child & Family Interagency and the Inner West Youth Alliance.



PROGRAM INFORMATION

EXPO 4pm to 6pm

Come and meet local service providers and get information, resources and tips.

Seminar 6pm to 9pm

6.00pm Welcome and Introduction

6.15pm Special Guest Speakers:

What is Anxiety and when to get help?

– Sydney Local Health District

A Lived Experience

– Beyond Blue

Parent Modelling

– COPMI

What's happening in schools?

– NSW Department of Education

7.15pm Workshop 1:

“Raising kids that cope – strategies for children 5-12 yrs ”

OR

“Supporting your teen & difficult conversations ”

8.00pm Workshop 2:

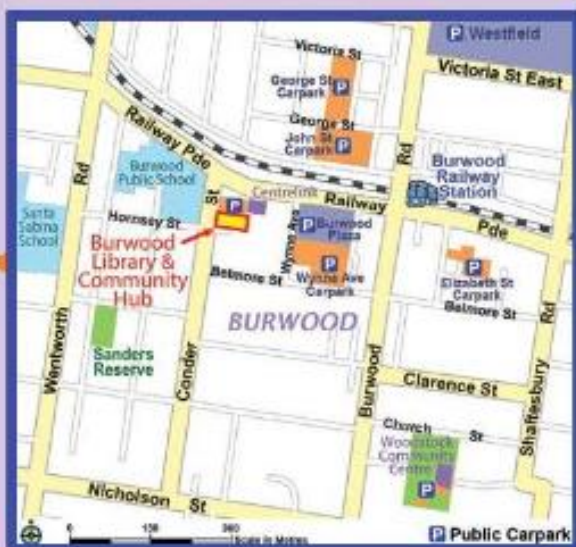
“Practical strategies to reduce anxiety in young children or children with additional needs”

OR

“Building Resilient Teens: Breaking the Cycle of Anxiety”

8.45pm Closing comments and evaluations

CLOSES 9.00pm



FIND US HERE

**BURWOOD LIBRARY
AND COMMUNITY HUB**

2 Conder Street
Burwood NSW 2134

10 TIPS TO STRESS LESS

TAKE A STEP
OUTSIDE



LIST WHAT YOU'RE
GRATEFUL FOR



PLANT POSITIVE
THOUGHTS



LAUGH EACH DAY



JUST BREATHE
THROUGH



TAKE FUN BREAKS



PRACTISE
PATIENCE



OFFER A
HELPING
HAND

CLOSE YOUR
EYES



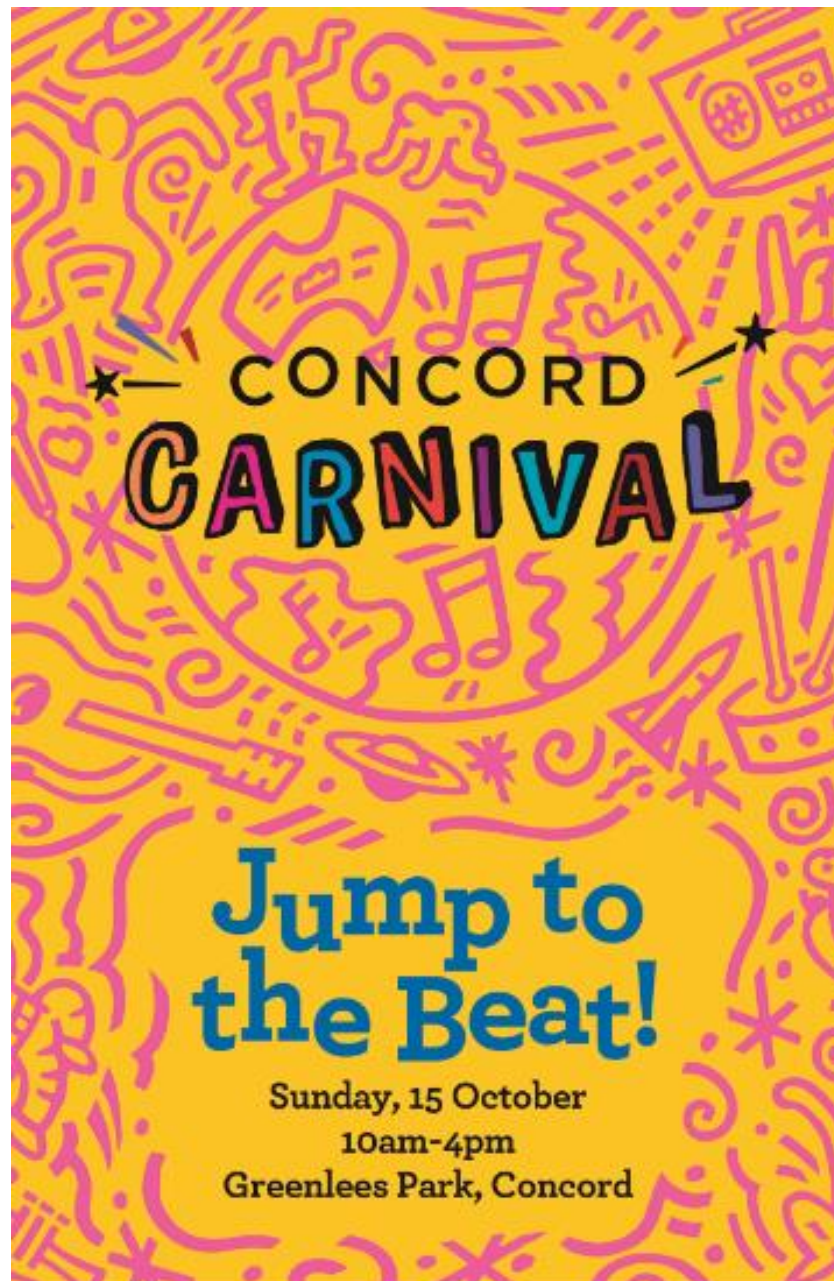
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FOR EXERCISE

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Mayor Angelo Tsirekas invites you to this year's Concord Carnival at Greenlees Park.



Come along to the Carnival for
a fun day celebrating all things
music and movement.

We encourage you to cycle or take the shuttle
bus to the park.

The event is also dog friendly, so bring along
your pooch and don't forget the clean-up bags!

Event highlights

- Live entertainment
- Interactive performances
- Kids workshops
- Silent disco
- Pony rides
- Petting zoo
- Amusement rides
- Over 90 food and merchandise stalls.

For more information

Phone 9911 6555

Visit whatson.canadabay.nsw.gov.au

Follow the Concord Carnival Facebook event



Teaching and Learning

by P Merchant

SURVEY FOR PARENTS – PLEASE PARTICIPATE

To ensure students at Concord High School are delivered the best possible education we conduct annual reviews of faculties and programs run at Concord. This term the PDHPE faculty is being reviewed by a team of teachers and executive staff. As part of this review, we need the input and opinions of all members of the Concord High School community – including parents.

Therefore, we would really appreciate you completing the short survey at your convenience. The survey was created using Survey Monkey and you can access it at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MFRRJZF>

Thank you,

P Merchant

Head Teacher, Teaching and Learning



P&C News

Our Next P&C Meeting is this Tuesday, 17th October from 7.00 pm in the staff common room.

The P&C meetings are in the staff common room (above the front office – take the stairs to the left of the Uniform Shop). All are warmly welcome for a relaxed, fun and collegiate gathering of parent, carer, community and school staff members. The meetings provide a great way to stay connected with the school and your local community with important updates on school news and initiatives. Light refreshments are served.

If you want to be kept informed of P&C matters, receive the agenda or minutes, and/or become more involved please email us as per below. You can also find general information on the P&C on the CHS web site under Our School \ Your P&C. Remember there are many ways to be involved and support your P&C and local community not all requiring too much time.

For further information, please do not hesitate to contact us by emailing :
concordhighschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

CONCORD HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The Uniform Shop's operating hours are Monday and Wednesday 10.30 am – 1.30 pm.

Please note at recess (10:35am – 10:55am) and lunch (12.35pm – 1.15pm) students are given priority – parents welcome after recess and before or after lunch.

Mae is looking for volunteers to help on Mondays and Wednesdays at recess, please email us below if you can help.

A reminder the Uniform Shop does not accept cheques.

You can contact Mae, our Uniform Shop Manager, on 0434 169 203 or email school_s_in@yahoo.com.au

Finally, thanks to Mae, all P&C volunteers and members for their support of your CHS P&C and its activities.



Upcoming Dates

VARIATIONS TO ROUTINE TERM 4 WEEK 2

16 OCTOBER – 20 OCTOBER, 2017

WEEK B

16 October <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 Road Safety 9:00am-2:00pm Robotics Club 12:35pm – 1:15pm 	17 October <ul style="list-style-type: none"> P&C Meeting 7:00pm-9:00pm 	18 October <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Robotics Club 12:35pm – 1:15pm Community Ties Project 9:00am-3:00pm
19 October <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MT – Faculty Year 7 Welfare – Digital Insight 9:00am- 1:00pm Community Ties Project 9:00am-3:00pm 	20 October <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Assembly. Junior Year Meetings. AIME Years 9, 10 and 11 Year 7 Welfare – Digital Insight 9:00am-1:00pm 	

A LOOK AHEAD 2017 Term 4 Week 2, 3 & 4

A TERM 4 WEEK 3	23 October <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Year 10 HSIE Headstart Program 9:00am-10:35am Robotics Club 12:35pm – 1:15pm Artsmart 	24 October <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Artsmart 	25 October <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Robotics Club 12:35pm – 1:15pm Artsmart 	26 October <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Artsmart 	27 October <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior Assembly. Senior Year Meetings.
B TERM 4 WEEK 4	30 October <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Headstart Program 9:00am – 10:35am Robotics Club 12:35pm – 1:15pm Halogen Leadership Conference 8:00am-3:00pm 	31 October	1 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Robotics Club 12:35pm – 1:15pm 	2 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MT Staff Year 7 Vaccinations 	3 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Assembly. Junior Year Meetings.
A TERM 4 WEEK 5	6 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VET Workplacements Headstart Program 9:00am-10:35am Robotics Club 12:35pm – 1:15pm 	7 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VET Workplacements 	8 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VET Workplacements Robotics Club 12:35pm – 1:15pm 	9 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VET Workplacements MT - Faculty 	10 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VET Workplacements Junior Assembly. Senior Year Meetings.

