



Concord High School **Keeping In Touch** *Respectful Responsible Achieving* **Term 4 Week 3**

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Principals Report



World Teachers Day

When you ask a teacher what motivated their career choice, more often than not they'll tell you about wanting to make a difference.

At Concord High School I am privileged to work with so many extraordinary teachers who are making a difference every day to the students they teach. Events like World Teachers' Day give us pause to celebrate the impact teachers make, not just on the students they teach but the critical role they play in contributing to our nation's future.

When you consider the moment by moment acts of teaching, and the day-to-day practice in a classroom, we often don't make the connection to the profound impact teachers have and the cumulative impact of that expertise.

I would like to thank the staff of Concord High School for all of the amazing work that they do each day to support and engage the students.



Principals Report continued



I would like to thank the P & C who hosted a morning tea for the staff of Concord High School on Friday 27th October and for the wonderful parents who gave up their time to set it up. This was a lovely surprise and greatly appreciated by all staff.

The P & C left the following message for staff:

This gives Concord High School P & C and the wider community the opportunity to acknowledge and thank all staff at Concord High School for the significant contribution they make in the classroom, in the running of the school and in our community.

To acknowledge that each and every day they are making a difference in educating caring for and inspiring our student community.

We also acknowledge and mark our appreciation for the many instances staff go well beyond their normal scope of duties and time to support and care for students.

Thank you from a grateful and appreciative CHS P & C and Community



Principals Report continued

Best Wishes to Ms Jo King, CAPA teacher who has taken up a position for the term as Careers Adviser at Kingsgrove High school. I would like to thank her for all of the wonderful work that she has done at Concord High School and for always going above and beyond to support the students and staff and for her leadership and support of the CAPA faculty.



National Bandanna Day is CanTeen's largest fundraiser and aims to raise \$1.3 million this year to support young people living with cancer. Every year, another 23,000 young people (63 a day) have to deal with the challenge of cancer. Just when life should be full of possibilities, cancer crashes into a young person's world and shatters everything. CanTeen is the game changer.

Ms Verniquet, the fundraising coordinator organised for students to sell bandannas and pens to support this worthy cause. It was wonderful to see the students purchasing these items and wearing the bandannas on Friday to support this incredibly important fundraising event to support young people with cancer.



Mrs Jody Engisch
Relieving Principal

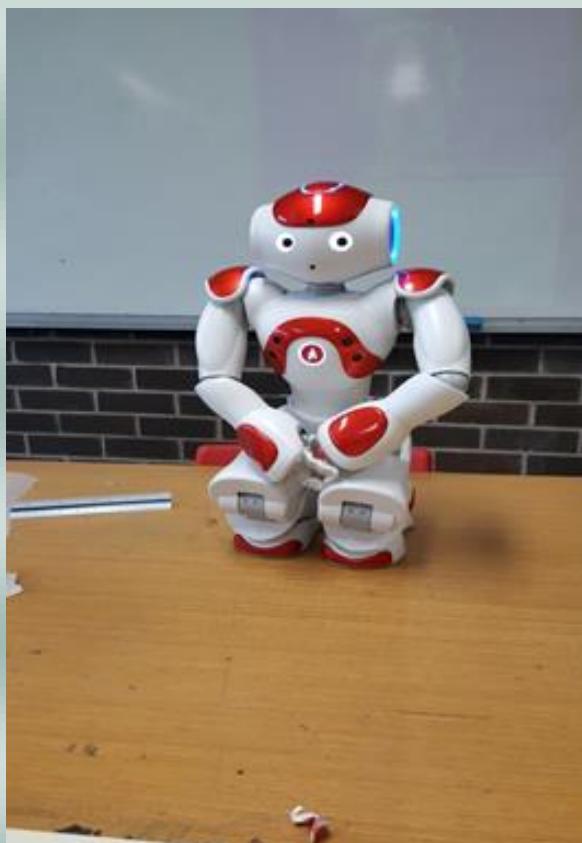


Deputy Principals Report

by Craig Anderson & Fiona Payne

Student Interest Group Profile

One of the activities offered to students at Concord High School is the robotics club. This club meets at lunch time in Common 6 with Ms Gould. Last week the robotics club had a guest presenter who allowed students to program, learn about and interact with a child size robot. If you think your student would enjoy learning about robotics including building, programing and participating in competitions with other schools please encourage them to go along lunch times Mondays and Wednesdays with Ms Gould.



Student Achievement

Congratulations to our Vice Captain, Benjamin Wood who was recently awarded best U16 Wicket Keeper for the South West Junior Winter Cricket Season 2017.

ATAR Club and Year 12 Mentoring Project

The ATAR club is another program that we run at Concord to offer extension and enrichment to our students. The ATAR club runs one lunch time each week and focuses on understanding the HSC and ATAR process and develop skills to allow students to achieve their best. Part of the ATAR club is the Mentoring project.



Deputy Principals Report continued

by Craig Anderson & Fiona Payne

What does a mentor do?

A mentor can act as a sounding board, a source of advice or assisting with planning that may help the student achieve their potential. Mentoring fosters the development of a positive relationship which benefits both the teacher and student. The mentor is provided the opportunity to invest in the lives of others and contribute to the student's future goals and aspirations.

Students may need:

1. Direction
2. Validation
3. Motivation
4. Encouragement

Mentoring is effective when the student's goals and objectives are established clearly from the beginning.

Mentors are not required to provide all the answers, instead the mentor encourages the student to use the available resources to identify solutions. The mentor and student should if required seek advice and support from the Year Adviser, Careers Adviser, School Counsellor, subject teacher or Year 12 Deputy.

The time commitment

It is suggested that the mentor makes a weekly time to sit with the student of approximately 15 minutes. This may be during a student's study periods, lunch or another time during the school day convenient to both the teacher and the student.

Information about the student

The mentor will be given a goal setting document completed by the student to summarise where they are academically and where they hope to be at the end of the HSC.

Commitment from the student

The student will commit to negotiating a time to see the mentor each week and agrees to act positively to suggestions and advice offered. The student also agrees to attend all agreed mentoring times. The teacher will be given the goal setting document completed by the student as a base of conversations. The student is to be encouraged to bring ideas, questions and challenges to discuss at each mentoring session.

Breakfast club

Breakfast Club continues each Wednesday morning from 8:00am until 8.40am. We are ever grateful to Oz Harvest, Bakers Delight Marrickville, Donut King Marrickville and Coles Gladesville for continuing support.

AIME

The AIME program has resumed and will run only until Week 6.



Welfare News

by a Fiona Milligan

One of my jobs here is monitoring the student's health and medical plans. Between now and the end of the year, I aim to check all health and medical records and contact parents for updates. A student's health care plan can change from year to year and it is vital that we have completely accurate information on file.

Some parents are already familiar with the ASCIA Action Plans, relating to anaphylaxis and allergic reaction – these plans need to be updated every 12 months. I am also formalising an Asthma Care Plan which will need to be completed for all asthmatic students. Both of these things will need a Doctor to complete as well.

So, over the next 7 weeks, you may be asked to update your child's medical forms, I would appreciate if you could do this as quickly as possible. If your child has a NEW medical condition, please contact the front office to obtain the GREEN medical form.

Year 7 will be having their final vaccination this Thursday 2nd November. Please ensure your child has breakfast on the day, feel free to contact me with any concerns.

CONCORD HIGH SCHOOL P&C NEWS – FRIDAY, 26 OCTOBER 2017

We are thinking of and would like to wish all Year 12 students the best of luck as they continue their HSC examinations and move into the final week of exams as well as the parents, carers and CHS staff that support them during this time.

WORLD TEACHER'S DAY 2017 CELEBRATION

The P&C were delighted to host a morning tea for the staff of Concord High School marking our appreciation on World Teacher's Day 2017.

This gave us an opportunity on behalf of the P&C and wider community to acknowledge and thank all staff at Concord High School for the significant contribution they make in the classroom, in the running of the school and in our communities. That each and every day they are making a difference in educating, caring for and inspiring our student community. We also acknowledged and marked our appreciation for the many instances staff go well beyond their normal scope of duties and time to support and care for our students.

Thank you to all Concord High School staff.

Thank you also to our P&C volunteers Donna, Marie, Maree and Matthew for setting up the morning tea.



FINAL P&C MEETING FOR 2017

Our final P&C Meeting for 2017 is on Tuesday, 28 November from 7.00 pm.

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 the Our School tab - see 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 the Uniform Shop will be closed this coming Wednesday, 1 November. For any urgent orders after Monday, please email as per below.

Current parents/carers with students starting in 2018 can book now for fittings by contacting or emailing Mae as per below. The Uniform Shop will be open for these bookings on Orientation Day Tuesday, 5 December from 2.00 pm to 5.30 pm.

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.





Congratulations to the students listed below, who were awarded a Merit last week.

STUDENT

AWARD

Nazir HAMMOUD

Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser

Morgan HOGG

Head Teacher Award: Head Teacher

Jacob ROBINSON

Head Teacher Award: Head Teacher

Samuel WITCOMBE

Head Teacher Award: Head Teacher

Zoe GARBEN

Head Teacher Award: Head Teacher

Christina FEDELE

Head Teacher Award: Head Teacher



Upcoming Dates

VARIATIONS TO ROUTINE TERM 4 WEEK 4

30 OCTOBER – 3 NOVEMBER, 2017

WEEK B

30 October <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 9 and Year 10 Science Examinations 9:00am-3:00pm Rotary Speech Craft Nigh 5:00pm – 6:30pm Halogen Leadership Conference 8:00am-3:00pm Headstart Program 9:00am-10:35am Robotics Club 12:35pm – 1:15pm 	31 October <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 9 and Year 10 Science Examinations 9:00am-3:00pm Extension 2 English 9:00am – 3:00pm 	1 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 9 and Year 10 Science Examinations 9:00am-3:00pm Robotics Club 12:35pm-1:15pm
2 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 9 and Year 10 Science Examinations 9:00am-3:00pm Year 8 English Yearly Examination Year 7 GATS History Task Year 7 Vaccinations Year 11 Hospitality 	3 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 9 and Year 10 Science Examinations 9:00am-3:00pm Year 9 Listening Task English Senior Assembly. Junior Year Meetings. Year 11 Hospitality Year 11 Geography 9:00am-3:00pm 	

A LOOK AHEAD 2017 Term 4 Week 5, 6 & 7

A TERM 4 WEEK 5	6 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 Physics Task 1 Year 8 History in Class Task Year 10 Commerce Task Year 10 English Yearly VET Workplacements Headstart Program 9:00am-10:35am Robotics Club 12:35pm-1:15pm 	7 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 Geography Task 9:45am – 11:45am VET Workplacements 	8 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 History Task 10:55am-3:00pm VET Workplacements Year 12 Sign Out 9:30am-11:00am Robotics Club 12:35pm-1:15pm 	9 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VET Workplacements Chess Tournament 9:00am-3:00pm 	10 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VET Workplacements Junior Assembly. Senior Year Meetings.
B TERM 4 WEEK 6	13 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 Chemistry Task 1 Year 12 Visual Arts Task 1 Year 9 History in class task VET Workplacements Headstart Program 9:00am-10:35am Year 12 Sign Out Day 10:00am-12:00pm Canada Bay Council Student Workshop 10:55am-11:45am Robotics Club 12:35pm-1:15pm 	14 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 English Yearly Examination 9:00am-9:45am VET Workplacements 	15 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 English Yearly Examination 9:00am-9:45am VET Workplacements Robotics Club 12:35pm-1:15pm 	16 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 9 History Elective Task VET Workplacements 	17 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 9 Mandatory History Task VET Workplacements Senior Assembly. Junior Year Meetings. Year 10 Bakesale Japanese Excursion 9:00am-3:00pm Chinese Excursion 9:00am-3:00pm
A TERM 4 WEEK 7	20 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 Engineering Studies Task 1 Year 12 Business Studies Task 1 Year 7 2018 Special Orientations Headstart Program 9:00am-10:35am Robotics Club 12:35pm – 1:15pm 	21 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 2018 Special Orientations P&C Meeting 7:00pm – 9:00pm 	22 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 2018 Special Orientations Robotics Club 12:35pm-1:15pm 	23 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 2018 Special Orientations 	24 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 2018 Special Orientations Junior Assembly. Senior Year Meetings. Year 12 Formal – Dockside 6:30pm-11:30pm

