



Concord High School **Keeping In Touch** *Respectful Responsible Achieving* **Term 4 Week 5**

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Principals Report

This week the Year 12 students completed their final Higher School Examinations and began the sign out process. We look forward to welcoming the students back on Friday 15th December so that we can celebrate their success and recognise their achievements. I would like to thank the Year 12 students for all of the contributions that they have made to Concord High School over the last six years and wish them well in all of their future endeavours.

Student Achievement

Congratulations to Grace Rosier and Kai Slaats who were awarded Premier's Reading Challenge Medals on the assembly for their outstanding commitment to reading by completing the Premiers Reading Challenge every year from Year 3 to Year 9. Emily Kim has been awarded a platinum award. The students are to be congratulated for their achievements.

Benefits of reading

There are many important reasons to encourage your child to read. Reading exercises our brain, develops imagination, improves concentration, relaxes the body and calms the mind. Children who read regularly and widely generally get better at it. Reducing screen time before bedtime and encouraging children to read can assist them with sleeping and calming their mind. The constant movement, flashing lights and noise which bombard our senses when we're watching TV, looking at a computer or playing an electronic game are actually quite stressful for our brains. When we read, there is quite time and the black print on a white page is less stressful for our eyes and brains.



Principals Report continued

Teacher Success

I was very proud to attend the Canterbury and Strathfield Principal Networks Public Education Excellence Awards at Homebush Boys High School on Thursday 9th November. The school nominated two of our outstanding teachers for awards which they received on the evening; Ms Fatma Bekheet and Mr Lloyd Hogan.

Ms Fatma Bekheet, a science teacher at Concord High School received a Early Career Teacher Award. Ms Bekheet is an extraordinary young teacher who demonstrates outstanding commitment to her students and their engagement in learning. In addition to this she has established a student Enviro Club which has worked tirelessly to beautify the school environment. Ms Bekheet is a member of the school planning committee and she has recently taken on the role of school publicity, managing the school twitter account and assisting in developing the school prospectus and staff handbook amongst other things. The school appreciates her efforts and congratulates her on receiving this prestigious award.



Mr Lloyd Hogan was awarded the Classroom Teacher Award. Mr Hogan works tirelessly around the school as both a Technology classroom teacher and also the Computer Coordinator. Mr Hogan manages the whole school technology needs and works collaboratively with the Technical Support Officer to ensure the smooth running of the technology available across the school at Concord High School. Mr Hogan has been instrumental in introducing Engineering Studies and Electronics Technology at the school and has been the leading teacher of these classes. Students under his care appreciate his calm and dedicated approach to teaching. Mr Hogan has high expectations of himself and his students and this has resulted in students achieving extremely pleasing results. The school appreciates the significant contributions that Mr Hogan has made to the school.



Principals Report continued

Year 8 and 9 Touch Football competition

To engage students and keep them active during lunchtime a team of teachers including Mr Mitchell, Ms Verniquet, Ms Stojkovski and Mr White have organised a touch football competition which will be held at lunchtimes from Monday 13th November. Students will have the opportunity to engage in this sporting activity and are encouraged to register their interest with Ms Verniquet and complete a permission slip.

School Uniform

I would like to thank parents for their support in reinforcing the school uniform requirements. There has been a dramatic improvement in the uniform standards over the last couple of weeks with most students now wearing the correct uniform with pride.

Presentation Evening

The Concord High School Presentation Evening will be held on Wednesday 13th December from 6.00 pm. The award recipients will receive notification over the next couple of weeks. I look forward to meeting up with students and their parents on this important evening. At Concord High School we have students that are extraordinarily talented and gifted in a range of different areas including, sport, the art's , music, dance, leadership, school service and academic amongst many other areas. I congratulate and thank the students of Concord High School for their achievements.

Careers and transition Information Evening

In 2017, a Year 10 class was introduced called the Careers and Transition class (CaTS). CaTS is a unique program and the structure is different to traditional education frameworks. Students in CaTS are involved in a variety of activities and opportunities aimed at teaching their personal best whilst increasing engagement in education as well as employability. Shortly invitations will be provided to targeted Year 9 students and their parents to attend an information evening on Wednesday 22nd November about the CaTS class for 2018. If parents require any further information about the CaTS class they can contact Ms Alysha peoples, Careers and Transition Co-ordinator.

The final day of school for students Year 7-11 will be Friday 15th December.

Mrs Jody Engisch
Relieving Principal



Principals Report continued

Student interest group profile

Two of the many music groups offered by the school are the school stage band (pictured below) and the school concert band.

On Wednesday December 6th at 6pm we invite you to attend our first Instrumental music ensembles concert. We are using the school hall for this event and hope to be able to fill the hall with music and applause. On the evening the concert band, stage band, strings and vocal ensembles will perform. The Wanau group will be special guest performers.

The Stage band is comprised of both staff and students.



The concert band has 24 members and needs more musicians to join. In particular if your student can sight read and play the tuba, euphonium or trumpet please have them see Ms Cesta in the Music Common.

Deputy Principals Report

by Craig Anderson & Fiona Payne



Student profile



This week our student in profile is Christian Du Reau De La Gaigno.

Christian is a Rotary exchange student from Fribourg in Switzerland. At the moment Christian is in Year 10. The Rotary Youth Exchange gives Christian the opportunity to live in Australia for 11 months attending school here at Concord High School. Christian has finished the compulsory level of education required in Switzerland and is now enrolled in a Commerce school which hopefully will lead him to a career in law. Christian wanted to do the Rotary Youth Exchange partly as both of his older sisters were exchange students in Perth and Melbourne and they both enjoyed the exchange. The other reasons for being part of the exchange is that Christian wanted to explore the world having new experiences, to make some new friends and to improve his English. When Christian returns to Switzerland in addition to completing his studies he will be required to do a minimum of one year of compulsory military service which all Swiss citizens are required to do. When you see Christian around the school please make him feel welcome.



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Year 10 History assessment task

Year 10 Historians have recently completed an assessment task answering the question, “Was the use of nuclear bombs on Japan the only viable method of ending the Second World War?” Students answered this as an essay question and also had to present their views as an example of propaganda. Students used comics, videos, posters, songs, models and via song and dance. May and Andrea below did their presentation as a song and based it on iconic images used during World War 2 of womens empowerment.



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 their continuing support.

AIME

The AIME program will finish this Thursday for the year. All AIME students need to attend the last session to thank the mentors for their volunteer hours.



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YEAR 12 2018 STUDENTS

Any student who believes that they are eligible to apply for Disability Provisions for the 2018 Higher School Certificate (or would like to discuss their eligibility) should contact Ms Catherine Picone, Relieving Head Teacher Secondary Studies, as soon as possible. Applications are now open but need to be submitted prior to the end of Term 1 2018.

HAVE YOUR SAY ABOUT STUDENT LATENESS

As part of the school's annual review process, we are examining student lateness.

We invite all members of the school community to take part in an online survey.

The survey is anonymous and is used to identify trends and better inform our school priorities. It takes about 4-5 minutes to complete.

To have your say, go to the following url:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/chr_parent



by Mr Cheeseman, Mr White & Ms Shiels

Literacy Week- Spelling Competition 2017

As part of the recognition of National Literacy Week, the English faculty organised and conducted a whole-school spelling competition that included all students in our junior English classes from Years 7-10.



It all began with a simple spelling test in each classroom and culminated in a spectacular event that featured all of our spelling champions in an intense “Spell-Off” Final to decide on four Year Champions and an eventual overall winner.

In front of a packed audience in the school's Theatrette, our class champions spelt out a number of challenging words using only a small whiteboard and a marker. After a tight competition between some fantastic spellers, we eventually ended up with four Year Champions and our overall winner. Congratulations to **Steve Kim (Year 10)** for his outstanding achievement in becoming the 2017 Concord High School Spelling Champion and well done to all of those who were involved. Keep on spelling!

Spelling Champion:

Steve Kim (Year 10)



English News continued

by Mr Cheeseman, Mr White & Ms Shiels

Year Champions:

Elijah Ross (Year 7), Jeremy Kim (Year 8), Ella Purdon (Year 9), Steve Kim (Year 10)



Students receiving their spelling awards at the junior assembly

Claymation Day

The Year 8 GAT class recently participated in a special Claymation event on Friday 1st August 2017, where students used clay to fashion characters and develop a narrative. Designed to link to the students' study of picture books, it provided the opportunity for students to develop their own creative abilities while also producing a short animated story. The Digi Ed company were invited in to coordinate the day, bringing with them a bank of computers and cameras needed for the task. They also had the essential ingredient of 'clay' - for students to shape and model their characters. Backgrounds were also created to add to the detail of the narratives.

Working in collaborative groups, students were able to work through the day to further develop worlds and characters for their animations. After the initial storyboarding of ideas, the hours flew by and with the assistance of Jason- the Digi Ed expert, the groups finalised their work and sat down for a share session. Finally, all the animations were showcased to the whole class in an entertaining conclusion to the day. A copy of each student's work was provided on DVD so that they could share it with their loved ones. Overall, it was a most enjoyable day with students developing important skills in digital communication and creativity.



English News continued

by Mr Cheeseman, Mr White & Ms Shiels

Extension 2 English Day

On 31st October our students who are in the English Extension 2 course attended a special event at the State Library of NSW. Although only 4 weeks into the course, it is a critical time in the development of the students' conceptual choice and their chosen form. At the conclusion of the course, students are expected to hand in a sustained piece of writing of around 500 words.



Short stories are the most popular choice but this year our students Pattie Chung and Andy Park are leaning towards writing critical responses. The day served to provide a greater depth of understanding and greater clarity in their understanding of the demands of the course. Highlights of the day were a question and answer session with past successful candidates as well as a speed dating experience where students were able to ask questions of the experts. Overall, a rich experience to set students on the correct path on their passionate journey in what is the Extension 2 English course.

ICAS English and Writing Competition Results 2017

Once again we had over 100 students sit both ICAS writing and ICAS English Competition in 2017.

The English Dept. would like to congratulate the following students who achieved either a Distinction or High Distinction this year.

In the Writing Competition 2 of our Year 10 students achieved the level of High Distinction: Ethan Davies and Rory Hopkins.

Following are the names of all students achieved the level of Distinction in the Writing Competition

Year 10: Amy Falson, Riley Flack, Steve Kim, Chris Son, Michelle Lee and Kylie Zhu.

Year 9: Nathaniel Hughes and Jet Wells.

Year 7: Anna Dey

In the ICAS English Competition Nourah Mangerah in Year 9 received a High Distinction.

Following are the names of all students achieved the level of Distinction in the ICAS English Competition.

Year 10: Alexander Darling, Rory Hopkins, Steve Kim, Nicholas Lawrence Palmer and Mark Sun

Year 9: Jet Wells

Year 8: Jesse Callendar and Emma Northridge

Year 7: Thomas Abbott, Sean Chang and Anna Dey



English News continued

by Mr Cheeseman, Mr White & Ms Shiels

If any students would like to take part in these competitions in 2018 please see Ms Shiels in Common 4. The examinations will be held on 14th June and 31st July 2018 respectively.

These examinations are of great benefit for students to test themselves under examination conditions and find out their strengths and weaknesses. ICAS reports are beneficial for inclusion in a student's portfolio for future tertiary entrance or job opportunities.

The Rotary Club of Burwood 'Speech Craft Night'

On Monday 30th October 2017, The Rotary Club of Burwood and St Leonard's Toastmasters conducted a 'Speech Craft' contest that involved Year 7-10 students from a number of local high schools, including Concord High School. The night aimed to give students valuable public speaking experience as well as make a valuable contribution to the local and international community by improving confidence in public speaking and helping young people to become strong leaders.



Competing with 14 other students from a variety of local public and private high schools, our very own Samanta Choo in Year 8 was awarded Second Place in the Speech Craft competition. This is an outstanding achievement for Samanta and she would be congratulated for representing both herself and Concord High School with pride.

Finally, the faculty is deep into the development of the new stage 6 English syllabus for the preliminary course next year and the HSC for 2019. It provides the opportunity to create new and innovative programs while integrating both classic and contemporary content to address the needs and characteristics of our students here at Concord. As head teacher of English for many years now, I continue to be amazed at the talents of our students and the dedication of our staff.



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

STUDENT

AWARD

Jager MONTUNO

Bronze Merit: Bronze Merit

Sina AKBARI

Bronze Merit: Bronze Merit

Heshwaran NANTHAKUMARAN

Bronze Merit: Bronze Merit

Jager MONTUNO

Silver Merit: Silver Merit

Jamie CHOI

Silver Merit: Silver Merit

Peter SHIN

Silver Merit: Silver Merit



Upcoming Dates

VARIATIONS TO ROUTINE TERM 4 WEEK 6 13 NOVEMBER – 17 NOVEMBER, 2017 WEEK B

13 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o VET Workplacements o Year 12 Chemistry Task 1 o Year 12 Visual Arts Task 1 o Year 9 History in class task o Headstart Program 9:00am-10:35am o Canada Bay Council Student Workshop 10:55am-11:45am o Year 9 Commerce Competition 11:45am-12:55pm o Robotics Club 12:35pm-1:15pm 	14 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o VET Workplacements o Year 10 English Yearly Examination 9:00am-9:45am 	15 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o VET Workplacements o Robotics Club 12:35pm-1:15pm o Year 9 PASS2 9:00am-10:30am
16 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o VET Workplacements o Year 9 History Elective Task o Peer Support Training 9:00am-3:00pm 	17 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o VET Workplacements o Year 9 Mandatory History Task o Senior Assembly. Junior Year Meetings. o Year 10 Bakesale o Peer Support Training 9:00am-3:00pm o Japanese Excursion 9:00am-3:00pm o Chinese Excursion 9:00am-3:00pm o Year 9 PASS1 12:30m-2:30pm 	

A LOOK AHEAD 2017 Term 4 Week 7, 8 & 9

A TERM 4 WEEK 7	20 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Year 12 Engineering Studies Task 1 o Year 12 Business Studies Task 1 o Year 10 Visual Design, Period 5 o Headstart Program 9:00am-10:35am o Robotics Club 12:35pm – 1:15pm 	21 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Year 11 Society and Culture 8:30am-12:30pm 	22 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Robotics Club 12:35pm-1:15pm o Year 9 PASS2 9:00am-10:30am 	23 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Year 9 Visual Design, Period 4 	24 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Junior Assembly. Senior Year Meetings. o Year 12 Formal – Dockside 6:30pm-11:30pm o Year 12 Formal, Dockside 6:30pm-11:30pm o Year 9 PASS1 12:30pm-2:30pm
B TERM 4 WEEK 8	27 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Year 12 Biology Task 1 o Year 12 Earth & Environment Task 1 o Year 12 PDHPE Task 1 o Year 12 SLR Task 1 o Year 12 English Studies Task 1 o Year 12 Mathematics 2U Task 1 o Year 12 Mathematics Ext 2 Task 1 o Year 12 Music 1 Task 1 o Year 12 Industrial Technology Task 1 o Headstart Program 9:00am-10:35am o Leadership Workshop – Years 9 and 10 SRC 9:00am-3:00pm o Robotics Club 12:35pm-1:15pm 	28 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Year 12 Biology Task 1 o Year 12 Mathematics Ext Task 8:00am-9:00am o P&C Meeting 7:00pm-9:00pm 	29 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Year 12 Economics 11:45am-12:35pm o Year 7 Welfare Activity 11:45am-2:55pm o Robotics Club 12:35pm-1:15pm o Year 9 PASS2 9:00am-10:30am 	30 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Year 10 MADD Night 	1 December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Senior Assembly. Junior Year Meetings. o Formal Year Assemblies Years 7 and 10, Period 1 o Formal Year Assemblies Years 8 and 9, Period 2 o Formal Year Assemblies Year 11, Period 3 o Japanese Excursion 12:10pm-12:50pm
A TERM 4 WEEK 9	4 December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Year 12 English ESL Task 1 o Year 12 English Ext 2 Task 1 o Year 12 Maths General Task 1 o Year 12 Maths General 2 Task 1 o Year 12 Drama Task 1 o Year 12 Ancient History Task 1 o Year 12 Geography Task 1 o Coffee School 9:15am-12:00pm o Robotics Club 12:35pm-1:15m 	5 December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Year 7 2017 Orientation Day o Coffee School 9:15am-12:00pm 	6 December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o STEM Activity, all Year 10 o Year 9 Drama Production 9:00am-3:00m o Robotics Club 12:35m-1:15pm 	7 December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o STEM Activity, all Year 10 o Year 9 Drama Production 9:00am-3:00pm o Year 9 Drama Evening Performances 	8 December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Junior Assembly. Senior Year Meetings. o STEM Activity, all Year 10 o Year 7 Water Safety Program 9:00am-3:00pm o Year 9 Drama Evening Performances o Year 9 PASS1 12:30pm-2:30pm

