



## Concord High School **Keeping In Touch** *Respectful Responsible Achieving* **Term 4 Week 7**

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# Principals Report

## White Ribbon Day



I would like to thank Ms Patulny and students from the Boys' club for making a stand and supporting White Ribbon Day 2017. White ribbons were sold and donations taken to help end violence against women in Australia.



# Principals Report continued

## Careers and Transition class evening



On Wednesday an information evening was held for the Year 10, 2018 Careers and Transition class. This is an initiative implemented into Concord High School by the transition coordinator, Ms Peoples and was trialed in 2018. The program was evaluated this year and shown to be highly successful in meeting all of the projected outcomes. As a consequence this course is included in the timetable for Year 10, 2018.

The aim of the program is to engage a select group of year 10 students into a personalised and flexible alternate program of study for year 10 in a collaborative and engaging environment. Students have individualised learning plans which identify and support future study options, work and life goals. The students are paired with one of the CaTS teachers who will be their mentor for the year. The course develops life and employability skills and exposes students to a variety of career pathways and opportunities.

## MADD Evening

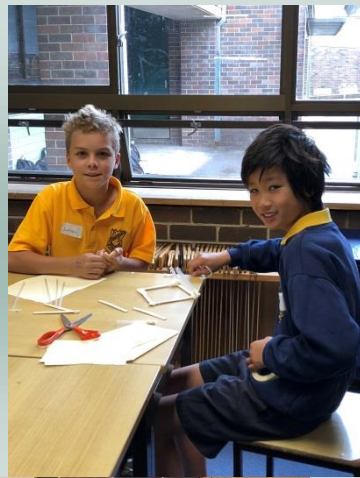
A Year 10 Music, Art and Drama Evening will be held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November from 6.00-8.00 pm. Students and families are welcome to see our wonderful students perform.



# Principals Report continued

## Head Start program

One of the schools strategic outcomes for the 2018-2020 school plan is to engage community. Traditionally we have always linked with and fostered positive relationships with our feeder primary schools to ensure the smooth transition of the primary students into high school. We do this through high level communication, and specialised programs such as Head Start. This is a 5 week program where students from the local primary schools attend each Monday morning for a range of extension programs.



I would like to reassure the Concord High School community about last Tuesday and the inaccuracies communicated by the media. An odour was detected in a classroom and all students were immediately moved out of the area. All policies and procedures were followed correctly to ensure the safety of students and teachers at Concord High School. Six students were taken to hospital for observation as a precaution and these students were discharged the same day.



# Principals Report continued

## **Update on the Principal position**

Mrs Jacqueline Koob will officially retire in March, 2018. Early in term 1, 2018 the Principal position will be advertised and filled. Mrs Jody Engisch and Mrs Fiona Payne will remain in the Relieving Principal and Deputy Principal roles until a new Principal is appointed.

## **Upcoming events**

As we head towards the end of the school year I would like to remind students and parents about upcoming events:

### **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

Year 7 2018 Orientation day.

### **Wednesday December 13<sup>th</sup>**

School Presentation Evening- Students achieving awards are requested to meet in the school hall in full school uniform at 5.30 pm. Parents are welcomed to enjoy light refreshments at 5.30 pm under the cola. The evening officially starts at 6.00 pm

### **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

HSC results are released

### **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

Final day of school for students from Year 7-11.

Morning tea will be held for students in Year 12 to celebrate their achievements and share their results with staff.

Mrs Jody Engisch  
Relieving Principal



# Deputy Principals Report

by Craig Anderson & Fiona Payne

## Student profile

This week our student in profile is Grace Kiefer. Grace is currently finishing Year 9 and in her spare time competes in Tae Kwon Do. Grace is a second dan black belt national champion. Last week Grace was at the Australian institute of sport in Canberra at a training camp. During the last week of this term Grace will be participating with the Korean and Australian national teams in a national Tae Kwon Do camp. As all expenses need to be paid for by Grace and her family and Grace is such an exceptional athlete she also has sponsors. Grace also coaches younger students to assist with her expenses. As Grace is an American citizen she is not able to represent Australia until she is 16 so competes at a national level until then. Training happens six days a week both before and after school and Grace also has to follow a strict diet regime before competitions. We are exceptionally proud of Grace and her achievements.



# Deputy Principals continued

by Craig Anderson & Fiona Payne

## Online safety

Inserted into this weeks Keeping in Touch is an article from the e Safety Commission website. Parents can go to the website and have a look at the resources, ideas and reporting systems available. If your student has their phone or computer in their bedroom of a night we would strongly advise you to remove them. Remember the old days when the phone was in the lounge room and everyone knew you were on the phone and could hear you? Who is monitoring your young person's use of technology?

## Esafety.gov.au

## Year 8

On Thursday this coming week the Police Youth Liaison Officer will be doing a presentation to Year 8 around the themes of being a responsible citizen, cyber safety and being respectful. These talks are part of the welfare strategy and are well received by students who have the opportunity to ask questions that they don't often have a Police person to answer. If you have any questions on this please contact Mrs Milligan, Head Teacher Welfare at school.

## Behaviour on buses

Following the themes of being respectful and responsible please have a conversation with your student about appropriate behaviour on buses. We do receive regular feedback from the public on student use of loud inappropriate language, the lack of manners and not standing for adults. We expect that students are respectful and responsible not only at school but also travelling to and from school.

## 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.



# Welfare News

by Fiona Milligan

## White Ribbon Day

Today at school we celebrated White Ribbon Day. Miss Patulny (Girls' Adviser) and Mr White (Boys' Adviser), along with a number of students, were involved in the promotion of this very important day.

So, what is White Ribbon Day?

In 1999, the United Nations General Assembly declared November 25, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (IDEVAW) and the White Ribbon has become the symbol for the day.

The White Ribbon Campaign is the only national violence prevention campaign, and it is unique in that it aims to raise awareness amongst Australian men and boys about the roles they can play to prevent violence against women. The campaign calls for men across Australia to speak out and take an oath. An oath never to commit, excuse or remain silent about violence against women. The campaign culminates on White Ribbon Day (25 November) each year, when men and women across Australia are called to wear a white ribbon or wristband as a visual symbol of their commitment and oath.

In wearing a white ribbon, men and boys can act as positive role models and advocates for change by challenging behaviors and attitudes that have allowed violence against women to occur.

The campaign continues to go from strength to strength and now boasts more than 1000 White Ribbon Ambassadors Australia wide, as well as more events across the country and more organisations and individuals participating year upon year.

I would like to thank Miss Patulny, Mr White and the student helpers for their support of White Ribbon Day.



# Languages Report

by Ms M Yuan

## The Confucius Classroom News

### 2017 China Day

At the NSW Confucius Classroom annual end-of-year celebration event, Concord High School's team consisted of Max Trapnell, Reuben McNeill, Ian Chen, Rodge Wang and Zachary Falanga.

The boys' performance was outstanding. It was enthusiastically applauded and was regarded highly by the officials present from the Chinese government and the Department of Education NSW.

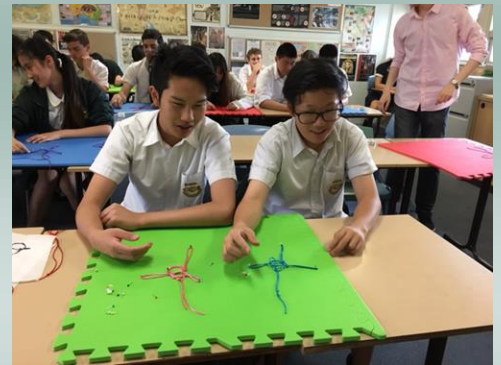
All participating students enjoyed the performances and workshops.





# Languages Report continued

by Ms M Yuan



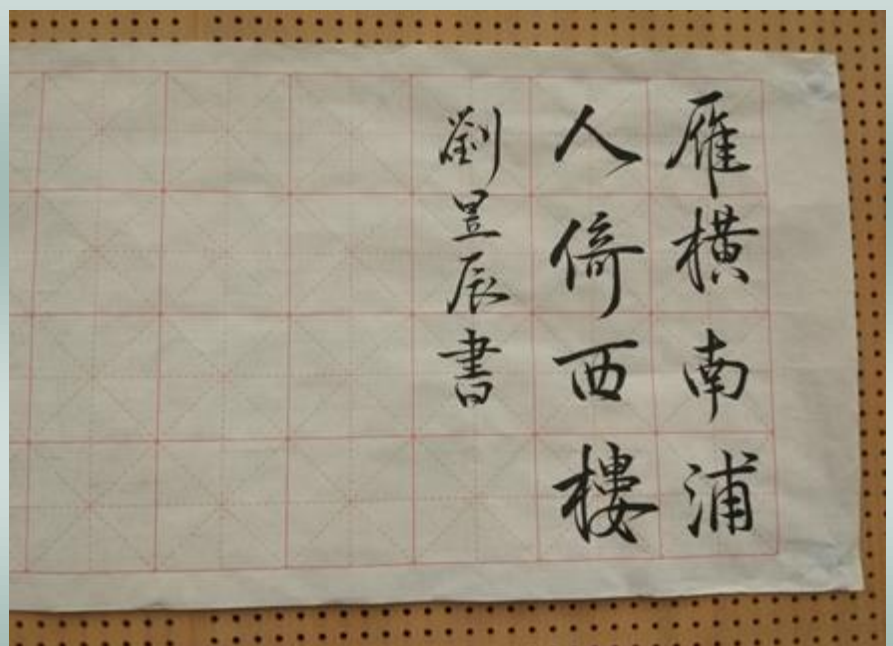
# Languages Report continued

by Ms M Yuan

## The Confucius Classroom News

### 2017 National Chinese Competitions

Our Year 12, 2017 student Summer Liu received 1<sup>st</sup> place awards for both the 2017 National Chinese Writing Competition and the 2017 National Chinese Calligraphy Competition. For this prestigious award, Summer was appraised highly by the officials for her achievement in the ceremony.



# P&C News

## FINAL P&C MEETING FOR 2017

Our final P&C Meeting for 2017 is this Tuesday, 28 November from 7.00 pm and all are warmly welcome as we celebrate our achievements for 2017 and work with the CHS executive and staff and the community in looking ahead to forming our wish list for 2018. Mince pies and other seasonal goodies on offer to keep us going!

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.

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](mailto: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.

Limited senior skirts available, pre-orders being taken for 2018.

**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.

### **CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!**

The Uniform Shop offers extended opening hours December 2017 and January 2018 for Year 7 fittings which are by appointment only. We are required by law to have volunteers assist our Uniform Shop Manager, Mae, on the days listed below. If you are able to volunteer for any of these days either for all or any part of the time listed we would be most grateful.

December: Thur 14th / Fri 15th / Tues 19th / Thur 21st / Fri 22nd - time 2.30 pm - 6.30 pm

January: Mon 15th / Tues 16th / Wed 17th / Mon 22nd / Tues 23rd / Wed 24th / Mon 29th / Tues 30th / Wed 31st

Time: 9.00am - 2.30pm



# Concord High School Prefect Body – Community Engagement

## KOKODA TRAIL MEMORIAL SERVICE

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, Esra, Georgina, Paul and I had the great honour of representing Concord High School at the Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway to remember an important part of Australian history – The Battle of Kokoda. This date is set aside to remember the valiant soldiers who fought in the Battle of Kokoda as part of the Pacific War during World War II against Japanese aggression. The Kokoda campaign consisted of a series of battles fought between July and November, 1942 in what was then the Australian Territory of Papua.



**Paul Lee, Seth Hennessy, Esra Valerio and Georgina Di Camillo**

During this service we were reminded of our historical past, the value of the present and the importance of the future. We were reminded of the fallen soldiers who had given up their tomorrow for our today. It was also poignant to hear the traditional songs of the descendants of the *Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels* who aided Australian soldiers in this battle. We were further privileged to see many highly decorated war veterans pay their respects to their fallen brethren in a wreath laying ceremony. The prefects were also provided with the opportunity to lay a wreath and pay our respects to the brave individuals who put their lives on the line for the sake of their country and our future. The ultimate sacrifice these Australians made for the glorious country we live in today shall never be forgotten.

### **Lest We Forget**

*Written by Seth Hennessy (Captain)*

## REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November

At the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month, 1918, the guns of the Western Front fell silent after more than four years of continuous warfare. The Axis Powers accepted Allied terms, which resulted in an armistice and a surrender that saw the conclusion of fighting on the battle front. Each year Australians take part in a minute's silence, in memory of those who died and suffered in all wars and armed conflicts. Many people gather on the day to wear poppies in remembrance of the nation's fallen heroes.



**Josie Fedele, Fiona Dieu, Christina Fedele, Donald Zhou, Seth Hennessy and Albert Kong**

On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November, the prefect body was invited to attend a heart-warming remembrance service at Saint Paul's Anglican Church in Concord. During this service, Seth, Donald, Albert, Fiona, Christina and Josie had the privilege of distributing poppies to the attendees and reciting a prayer for our fallen soldiers. Seth and Albert also had the special honour of holding the Australian flag during the ceremony whilst guest Bob Turner shared and

reflected on his experiences during World War II. This was a rewarding experience to be able to participate and engage with our local community to remember an important part of Australian history and society. We all found the ceremony to be rewarding, inspiring and insightful as we remembered and honoured those who fought for our country and those that still protect our safety today.

### ***Lest We Forget***

***Written by Christina Fedele & Josie Fedele (Prefects)***

If you are able to volunteer for any of the days listed above, for all or any part of that time, please send an email with your availability, your full name, contact details and Working with Children Check details\* to the email address as above and we will get back to you to confirm. Please note you can volunteer and nominate to help if you don't currently have your WWC check - we just need to have a copy by the time you volunteer.

- **Working With Children Check:** Please note for this type of volunteer work you are required to have a valid Working With Children Check if you do not already have one – these are easily obtained by following the link below and are free for voluntary work. When you have your WWC please email it to the P&C email address as above. We will forward a copy to CHS for their records too.

<https://wwccheck.cyp.nsw.gov.au/Applicants/Application>

You can contact Mae, our Uniform Shop Manager, on 0434 169 203 or email [school\\_s\\_in@yahoo.com.au](mailto: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.



# Legacy Foundation

by Ms Picone & Ms White

On the 30<sup>th</sup> August, twenty Year 9 and 10 students volunteered to raise funds for the Legacy Foundation; an organisation that supports the families of disabled and deceased veterans. With 70 000 Australian service men and women having served in the last 10 years, there has been a 100% increase in young families that need assistance. Concord High School students were exemplary on the day and raised \$3,300 for the foundation out of the \$14,000 that was raised by local schools.



On the 26<sup>th</sup> October, Ms White and Ms Picone had the pleasure of representing Concord High School at the Legacy Western Suburbs Division Donors' Dinner. The President of Sydney Legacy, Paul Lane, spoke about the Legacy Foundation and stated that a budget of \$9 million is needed each year to support families that are affected. Although they did not reach the targeted amount this year, raising \$7.5 million, the organisation will continue to strive to support those in need.



Legacy is an organisation that Concord High School has supported for many years and will continue to support in the future. The volunteers this year have raised a high bar and we look forward to seeing it surpassed next year!





1<sup>ST</sup> OR 2<sup>ND</sup> YEAR

APPRENTICE

**GREENKEEPER  
CONCORD GOLF CLUB**

- **Sydney - Inner West location**
- **Fantastic team environment**
- **Excellent working conditions**
- **Earn monthly bonuses during your apprenticeship!**

Concord Golf Club has a fantastic opportunity for a 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> year Apprentice Greenkeeper. The role is working closely with your Section Leader maintaining all aspects of the golf course.

The successful candidate will have the opportunity to work a part of a fantastic team where hard work is recognised and rewarded with the opportunity to earn a monthly bonus based on performance and TAFE results.

You will work as part of a team, but also receive one-on-one training and are encouraged to take ownership of your Section with the Section Leader in ensuring the course is at its optimum.

We are looking for a committed and reliable person who:

- Is interested completing an apprenticeship in Greenkeeping
- Enjoys working as part of a team
- Has a strong work ethic
- Has the ability to commence work at 6.00am
- Have, or is in the process of obtaining a drivers licence

Duties and responsibilities:

- Maintain fine turf using course machinery
- Assist in maintaining irrigation systems
- Assist in construction projects as required
- Work according to WH&S procedures

The successful applicant will:

- Obtain qualifications in Sports Turf Management
- Have the opportunity to earn monthly bonuses
- Work with a friendly and supportive team
- Work for a company where staff development is encouraged.

If you would like to apply, please forward your resume with cover letter to [betty@cgccourse.com](mailto:betty@cgccourse.com).



# 7 WAYS

parents can manage web connected devices in the home

ALMOST **1 in 3**

teens are accessing the internet between 10pm and midnight

**1**

**39%**  
of teens use a tablet to go online

Parental control tools are available for Apple's iOS & Android.

**2**

**47%**  
of teens play games online

Playstation, Xbox, Wii and Steam have parental controls.

**3**

**64%**  
of teens stream video on YouTube & TV

YouTube and YouTube Kids have a **safety mode**; YouTube Red offers ad-free videos. Netflix and Stan offer **age-based settings**.

**4**

**74%**  
of teens use a computer to go online

Microsoft Windows and Apple's MAC OS X offer **family restrictions and monitoring**.

**5**

**78%**  
of teens research and browse on the internet

**Safe search settings** are available for Google Safe Search, Google Chrome and Yahoo7.

**6**

**80%**  
use a smart phone

Telstra Mobile Protect, Vodafone Guardian, Apple iOS and Android have **safety options**.

**7**

**86%** have home broadband access

Telstra provides **parental control tools** and homework time blackouts; Optus and Vodafone provide guidance on tools.

Parental controls can keep kids safe on many screens

**THEY CAN**

- ✓ Block sexually explicit sites
- ✓ Set screen time limits
- ✓ Block in-app purchases
- ✓ Block numbers and SMS
- ✓ Allow or block websites
- ✓ Restrict chat features
- ✓ Allow parental monitoring

## REMEMBER

No parental control is 100% failsafe. Keep children's trust by using these tools openly at home

[esafety.gov.au/iparent](http://esafety.gov.au/iparent) >







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

**STUDENT**

**AWARD**

Fiona DIEU

**Head Teacher Award:** Head Teacher

Elliot BULL

**Head Teacher Award:** Head Teacher

Joe ARTESE

**Head Teacher Award:** Head Teacher

Vincent FEDELE

**Head Teacher Award:** Head Teacher



# Upcoming Dates

## VARIATIONS TO ROUTINE TERM 4 WEEK 8 27 NOVEMBER – 1 DECEMBER, 2017 WEEK B

<b>27 November</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Yr 12 Biology Task 1</li> <li>o Yr 12 Earth &amp; Environment Task 1</li> <li>o Yr 12 PDHPE Task 1</li> <li>o Yr 12 SLR Task 1</li> <li>o Yr 12 English Studies Task 1</li> <li>o Yr 12 Mathematics 2U Task 1</li> <li>o Yr 12 Mathematics Ext 2 Task 1</li> <li>o Yr 12 Music 1 Task 1</li> <li>o Yr 12 Industrial Technology Task 1</li> <li>o Headstart Program 9:00am-10:35am</li> <li>o Leadership Workshop – Years 9 and 10 SRC 9:00am-3:00pm</li> <li>o Robotics Club 12:35pm-1:15pm</li> </ul>	<b>28 November</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Yr 12 Biology Task 1</li> <li>o Yr 12 Mathematics Ext Task 8:00am-9:00am</li> <li>o P&amp;C Meeting 7:00pm-9:00pm</li> </ul>	<b>29 November</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Yr 12 Economics 11:45am-12:35pm</li> <li>o Yr 7 Welfare Activity 11:45am-2:55pm</li> <li>o Robotics Club 12:35pm-1:15pm</li> <li>o Yr 9 PASS2 9:00am-10:30am</li> </ul>
<b>30 November</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Yr 10 MADD Night</li> </ul>	<b>1 December</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Senior Assembly. Junior Year Meetings.</li> <li>o Formal Year Assemblies Years 7 and 10, Period 1</li> <li>o Formal Year Assemblies Years 8 and 9, Period 2</li> <li>o Formal Year Assemblies Year 11, Period 3</li> <li>o Japanese Excursion 12:10pm-12:50pm</li> </ul>	

## A LOOK AHEAD 2017 Term 4 Week 9, 10 & 11

<b>A TERM 4 WEEK 9</b>	<b>4 December</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Yr 12 English ESL Task 1</li> <li>o Yr 12 English Ext 2 Task 1</li> <li>o Yr 12 Maths General Task 1</li> <li>o Yr 12 Maths General 2 Task 1</li> <li>o Yr 12 Drama Task 1</li> <li>o Yr 12 Ancient History Task 1</li> <li>o Yr 12 Geography Task 1</li> <li>o Coffee School 9:15am-12:00pm</li> <li>o Robotics Club 12:35pm-1:15m</li> </ul>	<b>5 December</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Yr 7 2017 Orientation Day</li> <li>o Coffee School 9:15am-12:00pm</li> </ul>	<b>6 December</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o STEM Activity, all Year 10</li> <li>o Yr 9 Drama Production 9:00am-3:00m</li> <li>o Robotics Club 12:35m-1:15pm</li> <li>o Instrumental ensembles Concert 6:00pm</li> </ul>	<b>7 December</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Mathematics 2 Unit, Task 1</li> <li>o STEM Activity, all Year 10</li> <li>o Yr 9 Drama Production 9:00am-3:00pm</li> <li>o Yr 9 Drama Evening Performances 6:00pm</li> </ul>	<b>8 December</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Junior Assembly. Senior Year Meetings.</li> <li>o STEM Activity, all Year 10</li> <li>o Yr 7 Water Safety Program 9:00am-3:00pm</li> <li>o Yr 9 Drama Evening Performances 6pm</li> <li>o Yr 9 PASS1 12:30pm-2:30pm</li> </ul>
<b>B TERM 4 WEEK 10</b>	<b>11 December</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Yr 12 English Advanced Task 1</li> <li>o Yr 12 English Standard Task 1</li> <li>o Yr 12 Chinese Background Task 1</li> <li>o Yr 12 Italian Beginners Task 1</li> <li>o Yr 12 Italian Continuers Task 1</li> <li>o Yr 12 Japanese Beginners Task 1</li> <li>o Yr 12 CAFS Task 1</li> <li>o Yr 12 IPT Task 1</li> <li>o Yr 12 SDD Task 1</li> <li>o Yr 12 Modern History Task 1</li> <li>o Yr 7 Water Safety Program 9:00am-3:00pm</li> <li>o Robotics Club 12:35pm-1:15pm</li> </ul>	<b>12 December</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Yr 7 Water Safety Program 9:00am-3:00pm</li> <li>o CATS Graduation Morning Tea 8:55am-10:35am</li> </ul>	<b>13 December</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Robotics Club 12:35pm-1:15pm</li> <li>o School Presentation Night 6:00pm-8:00pm</li> </ul>	<b>14 December</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o HSC information released</li> </ul>	<b>15 December</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Senior Assembly. Junior Year Meetings.</li> <li>o ATAR information released</li> <li>o Yr 12 Morning Tea</li> <li>o Last day of school for students</li> </ul>
<b>A TERM 4 WEEK 11</b>	<b>18 December</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o School Development Day (staff only)</li> </ul>	<b>19 December</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o School Development Day (staff only)</li> </ul>			

