



Concord High School **Keeping In Touch** *Respectful Responsible Achieving* **Term 4 Week 10**

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Principals Report

Concord High School this year our School Principal, Jacqueline Koob made the decision to go on extended leave pending retirement and I was fortunate to be provided with the opportunity to take on the position of Relieving Principal at Concord High School from term 2 onwards. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in this position and look forward to continuing the role into the beginning of next year until a substantive Principal is placed at the school. I would like to thank the school community for supporting me in taking up this position.

I would like to make special mention of the amazing senior executive team made up of Mr Craig Anderson and Mrs Fiona Payne who have worked collaboratively and tirelessly to support me in leading the school this year. The support of the senior executive and executive team has been tremendous and pivotal in ensuring a successful year at Concord High School.

Thank you to our executive team who go above and beyond. Their leadership in support of student programs ensures that we will continue to be a school meeting the needs of our future focused learners through this continually changing educational landscape.

I would like to thank the teachers, the office staff and the support staff for their professionalism and dedication to their roles in the school. Their dedication is uplifting, not only in the classrooms, but in so many other aspects of school life as well, and they are wholeheartedly committed to the personal well-being and development of each of the students. The demands placed upon teachers continue to increase. They must not only facilitate the students' learning, but must also play an essential welfare role in supporting those students who sometimes bring life's little problems to school with them. The outstanding success of this school in so many fields is due to their individual and collective skills, their kindness and compassion, commitment and sheer hard work in nurturing the multiplicity of talents which Concord High School students possess, and I thank them for their devotion to the students of Concord High School.

Also fundamental to our students' success is the educational partnership with our parents and caregivers. Research studies have shown time and time again that a significant feature of maximising student success at school is the participation and supportive engagement of parents as partners in their children's education.

Parents and caregivers can I thank you all for your continued support of the school. I have enjoyed meeting with many of you over the year. The parental support and involvement at the school has been impressive. Without us working together we couldn't have achieved so much.

I thank our hard-working P & C Association led by Mrs Emma Wakefield, which has maintained such consistent and constructive support for the school in so many ways.

Local Grant

This week we had an announcement from Mr John Sidoti, member for Drummoyne that Concord High School P&C in partnership with Concord High School were successful in securing a grant of \$22,915 from the NSW Community Building Partnership program which awards grants for community infrastructure projects. This is for a covered walkway and awnings project enabling students to access the demountables on the oval without getting wet during rainy weather. Congratulations and thanks to the P & C Grants Manager for 2017 / 2018 Donna Hogan for all her hard work together with Concord high School staff in preparing and submitting this grant application. Donna's research and timetabling of potential grant applications is a great new initiative for the current P&C.



Mr John Sidoti with our prefects on Presentation Evening

Finally, to our students. Congratulations on your achievements this year. We have a school of passionate, engaged and enthusiastic young men and women who excel and display their talents in so many different ways. It has been wonderful to see the confidence and pride grow in each of you over the last year. This is developed through the opportunities that you seize, the opportunities your teachers inspire and the opportunities that this school offers you. I encourage students to take advantage of the opportunities before you and set high expectations of what you can achieve.

There are many facets to our school which deserve to be celebrated, but it is not possible to address them all. Each week we have made it a focus to recognise student achievement in the Keeping in Touch newsletter. I would like to highlight a few aspects which merit special mention as we come to the end of the 2017 school year.

Some of the key achievements of this year at Concord High School include:

The introduction of a new welfare and discipline system- Earlier in the year Positive Behaviour for learning was launched at Concord High School. This has enabled the school to have a consistent approach which is explicitly taught to students. Visually around the school the core expectations can be seen and this is reinforced across the school.

Reinvigorated Musical performance groups- It is important that our students have an enjoyable, enriching time at school. This year, the Creative and Performing Arts faculty have held a number of performances and musical ensembles including Year 9 and 10 MADD evenings , drama performances and music ensembles; a huge thank you to Mrs Cesta alongside the CAPA staff for leading and supporting the CAPA faculty with these events.



At Concord High School we continue to build the capacity of students with a focus on student leadership which has been strengthened across the school and through the formation of a student leadership team led by Mr Anderson and Ms Picone and supported by Ms Kim. Initiatives such as prefect afternoon teas, leadership forums and student led assemblies have occurred.

Careers and transition Class- Special thanks to Ms Alysha Peoples for initiating the Careers and Transition (CATS) program this year. The student's engagement in school has improved dramatically and each student has achieved personal success. A morning tea was held recently to celebrate the student's achievement and success with families. Special thanks to the teachers of the CATS classes, Mrs Payne, Mrs Laggis and Ms Peoples along with Mrs Milligan for her support of the program.



We are in the development of a new 3 year school plan which will commence in 2018 and continue through until 2020. The three strategic directions are Engaging learners, Building capacity and developing community. Consultation is occurring with all stakeholders to ensure that we are meeting the needs of the CHS community.

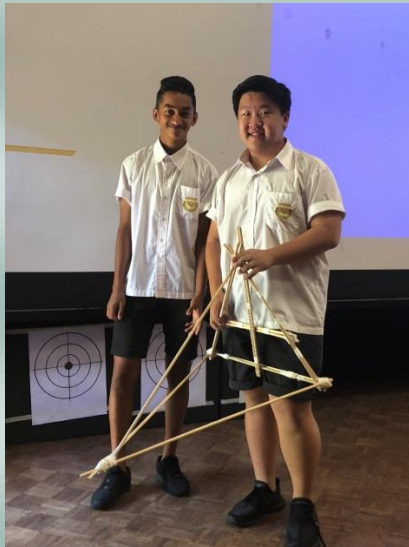


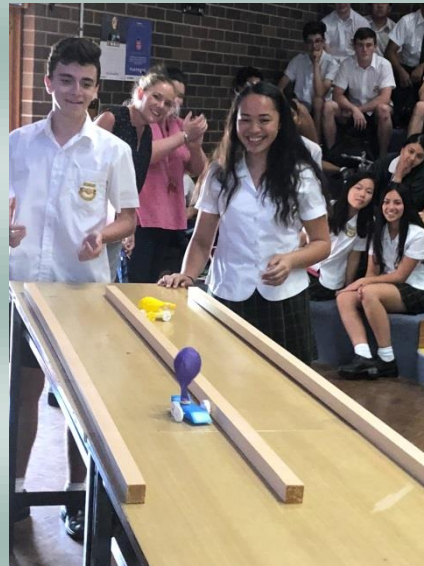
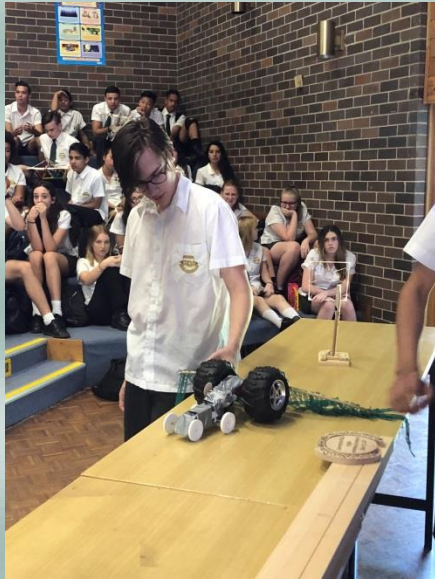
STEM

Our Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics team has developed student STEM knowledge and experience. This year the team has engaged Year 10 students in STEM project based learning to utilise their creativity and problem solving skills, enriching their learning opportunities across all key learning areas. Our students are regularly undertaking coding and robotics activities as a part of cross faculty projects. This real integration of technology, mathematics and sciences is opening our students up to innovative areas and allows them to explore exciting careers for their future.

Year 10 STEM Project Based learning Activities







Primary Links

I have valued the partnerships that have been formed with our local primary schools, through the hard work and dedication of our Primary Links coordinator, Mr Sloane. The programs we have run together have provided a wonderful level of support to students as they transition from primary school to high school. I have really valued the collegial relationships developed and see the benefit to all students and staff from this community of schools.



It goes on to say that we strive to develop self-awareness, esteem and confidence. That we promote positive relationships built on respect and concern for others. Through initiatives such as positive Behaviour for learning and Mind matters as well as specific Year group welfare initiatives

And finally, that we encourage creative and critical thinking, and foster personal excellence and satisfaction. And in doing all of the above we increase life's opportunities and engage students in future focused learning.

HSC Results 2017

Congratulations to the year 12 students for their pleasing HSC results. I am very impressed with the Year 12 student's focus, drive and determination to work hard to succeed and their overall achievement.

We welcomed the students back into the school on Friday 15th December to discuss their results and celebrate their success.



The following students appear on the HSC Honour Roll 2017. These are the top all-rounders who have achieved 90 or above in 10 or more units.

Marco Diodati, Byeonggeon (Thomas) Jeon, Hanna Kozik, Marsha Supangat

At this stage it looks like our top ATAR result is 99.5, followed closely with 99.4 which two students achieved.

Special mention of the following students who have made the Distinguished Achievers list. This includes students who have received a top band result in one or more HSC courses.

Distinguished Achievers List Students who have received a top band result in one or more HSC courses	
Zhuoyu(Tony) Chen	English (Standard) Mathematics Extension 1 Mathematics Extension 2 Modern History
Sarah An	English (Advanced) Mathematics
Jack Callander	Engineering studies Mathematics Music 1
Sarah Choi	Biology Legal Studies Japanese Beginners
Marco Diodati	Chemistry English (Advanced) Information Processes and Technology Mathematics Extension 1 Mathematics Extension2 Physics
Isabella Falanga	English (Advanced) Mathematics General 2
Tomo Green	Mathematics
Hanna Kozik	Biology English (Advanced) English Extension 1 English Extension 2 Modern History Polish Continuers
Een Hwang	Japanese Beginners
Samuel Jennings	Biology

	Mathematics Mathematics Extension 1
Byeonggeon Jeon	English (Advanced) Mathematics extension 1 Mathematics extension 2 Modern History Physics Korean in Context
Christine Kim	Mathematics
Damyoon Kim	Korean in Context
Daniel Kim	Mathematics
Soyoung Kim	Japanese Beginners Korean in Context
Sujin Kim	Mathematics
Hanhee Lee	Mathematics Japanese Beginners
Hee Won Lee	Mathematics Korean in Context
Jasmine Lim	English Advanced English Extension 1 Mathematics General 2
Yuchen Liu	Chinese and Literature
Anchal Mal	English (Advanced) English Extension 1
Lina Okati	Mathematics
Stanley Ou	Biology
Ji Min Park	English (Advanced) Mathematics Extension 1
Elton Phung	Mathematics
Matthew Roper	Engineering Studies
Seongbeom Seo	Biology Mathematics General 2 Personal Development, Health and Physical Education
Adrian stratis	Mathematics Personal Development, Health and Physical Education
Marsha Supangat	Biology Chemistry English (Advanced) English Extension 1 Mathematics Mathematics Extension 1
Amanda Tong	English (Advanced) English Extension 1 Mathematics Extension 1 Mathematics Extension 2
Marnie Vellios	English (Advanced)
Angel Zhang	Legal Studies Mathematics
Fanliang Zhu	Mathematics

Welcome

This term we welcomed to the school a new Head teacher Administration, Mr Matthew Chalmers (who came to us from Burwood girls High school) who has been doing a fabulous job and has been integral in maintaining the high standards of uniform. We will also have a new Head Teacher Secondary Studies with a focus on Curriculum and Technology joining us due to increased numbers. Mr Hogan will relieve in this position until it is filled permanently.

I would like to welcome to the school in 2018, Mr Liam Wynne who will be relieving in the Head Teacher PDHPE position in 2018. I would like to thank Mr Brent Chappelow for doing such a wonderful job relieving in the position during term 4, 2017.

Farewells

Of course, it is the time in the year when we sadly say goodbye to some staff. This year, five of our temporary teachers from the English, Maths, PDHPE and CAPA faculties– Mr McKee, Mr Solomon, Ms Henry, Ms Edwards and Ms Issa are moving on to new schools to take up positions. We will miss them and thank them for all their hard work and dedication to the school.

One of our school counsellors Mrs Kent who has worked tirelessly to support the students at Concord High school will be leaving us. We would like to thank her for going above and beyond to support the students and offering her knowledge and support to staff.

Finally Mrs Koob our substantive Principal who has given 8 years of service leading the school will be officially retiring early next year. On behalf of the school community I would like to thank her for her leadership, dedication and contributions to Concord High School over the last eight years and wish her well as she transitions into retirement.

I wish each and every one of you a very happy, safe and restful holiday and trust that 2018 will provide some exciting opportunities and successes. Thank you.



Deputy Principals Report

by Craig Anderson & Fiona Payne

Important dates for 2018

School Holiday Uniform Shop Opening Hours

The P&C are organizing a roster for the opening of the school uniform shop outside school hours. Mae Czernkowski runs the uniform shop and can be contacted on 0434 169 203 to check opening times and make an appointment.

All students are expected to be in full school uniform that includes hard black leather shoes. Do not listen to what your teenager says, school expects hard black leather shoes for WHS reasons.

Tuesday 30 January 2018

School returns for Year 7, 11 and 12 students only. Students meet in the school playground and they will then be directed to year meetings.

Existing and New Year 7 Parents and Carers, Welcoming Morning Tea in the Staff Common Room from 9:00am. Bring your student to school and then come for morning tea and a chat.

Wednesday 31 January 2018

School returns for Years 8, 9 and 10 students. Students meet in the school playground and they will then be directed to year meetings.

Tuesday 13 February 2017

Welcome meet and greet for Year 7 families from 5:00pm – 7:00pm.

P&C Meeting 7:00pm in the Staff Common Room. The School Counsellor will be joining us to talk about settling Year 7 students into high school, what to expect from your Year 7 student(s) and how to support and help them cope with the transition to high school.

Year 12 and school work

Please encourage your Year 12 student to start doing some school work after they have had a break. It is suggested that around the middle of January that students could start doing some organisation, reading, revision, preparing syllabus dot points and work on subjects that have a major work.

Have a safe and happy holiday



Deputy Principals Report continued

Student Lateness

As part of an annual review of our programs here at Concord High, we invite parents to have a say about student lateness.

The following link will take you to the survey:

Parent survey:

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

(Use Ctrl + click to launch if it doesn't do it on a mouse click alone!)

We would really appreciate your completion of this survey. It will take about 5 or so minutes.

YEAR 12 2018

If you have a student who is just starting their HSC journey, then the following tips could be useful. The upcoming summer holidays are a great opportunity for a well-earned break after a tough year but they are also a chance to catch up and start preparations for 2018.

- 1) Ensure that all class and assessment work is up to date. Has your student had any N-Warnings this term?? These need to be cleared as soon as possible.
- 2) Prepare study notes on the topics you have studied in Term 4. By the time you get to the Mid Course examinations at the end of Term 1, you will have difficulty remembering the work from this term if you have not revised it.
- 3) If you are doing a subject with a major work or personal interest project, then use the time to get a start in at least planning what you will do.

Set up a study plan so that there is plenty of time for relaxation, family and friends but set aside time each week to work on something for school.



PDHPE News

By Miss A Verniquet

Year 8 and 9 Boys Touch Football Competition

On Tuesday 12 December the grand final was held for the Year 8 and Year 9 Boys Touch Football Competition which has been running on Monday lunch times in term 4.

A year 8 and a year 9 team made the grand final and put on quite a show for the crowd of students that came to watch.

At full time the score was a draw at 2-2, so the game went into a drop off. The year 9 team started with possession of the ball, and thanks to good driving lead by Lachlan De Gioia the team were quickly at their score line. Dylan Castrogiovanni gave a great defensive dive but the quick footwork by year 9 student Nicholas Kennedy was too good, and the year 9's scored to make it 3-2. The year 8's had one chance at right of reply. Despite Daniel Settineri in year 8 leading his team in attack, the year 8's just couldn't get over the line in that set. The year 9's were victorious with a score of 3-2.

Well done to all that participated, and a huge thank you to Mrs Stojkovki, Mr White and Mr Mitchell for also giving up their time to help coordinate and referee the competition.



PDHPE News continued

Tennis

Congratulations to Xavi Chiang in Year 7 who competed at the 2017 All Schoolboys Tennis Tournament on Friday 1 December 2017. In a highly competitive environment Xavi played in both the singles and doubles competitions and produced some impressive performances.

In particular, Xavi and his doubles partner qualified for the semi finals of the Year 7 competition. In a tightly contested match, the pair came out on top and were given the opportunity to play in the final against the number one seeded doubles pair in Year 7. Despite putting up a great fight, Xavi and his partner finished the competition as runners up.

Well done Xavi. Concord High School is proud of your achievements.

Softball

On Friday 24 November 2017, three boys from Concord High School attended a trial to be named in the Sydney North Softball team that will be participating in the NSW Combined High Schools Softball Carnival in 2018.

Although an open aged competition, Concord High School sent Kobi Slaats of Year 8, Kai Slaats of Year 9 and Louis Back of Year 9 to trial. This is because we have a number of very successful students in our younger age groups in the sport of baseball and their skills can easily be adapted to the game of softball.

Congratulations to the boys who trialed, as they all performed very well. Kobi and Louis were successful in being named in the team of 14. Kai has been named as a reserve. The boys will be participating in the carnival on the 27 and 28 of February next year.

Cricket

Congratulations to Alexander Deller of Year 9 who has achieved some impressive feats in the sport of cricket.

At the age of 15, Alexander has been promoted to play Third Grade with the club and been called up to play in the Poidevin-Gray Shield side, which is an under 21's competition. It is also very impressive to hear that Alexander was the youngest player in club history to play at the level last year.

Alexander has also been the recipient of an encouragement award at the Randwick Petersham Cricket Club AGM. Well done Alexander.



P&C News

We are thinking of Year 12 students and families and the wonderful staff at CHS as students receive their HSC results hoping they are what they wish for but knowing this is one small step in the story of their amazing lives.

For the P&C we end 2017 on a fabulous high note with the announcement from John Sidoti that CHS P&C in partnership with CHS were successful in securing a grant of \$22,915 from the NSW Community Building Partnership program which awards grants for community infrastructure projects. This is for the covered walkway and awnings project flagged to us for support by CHS. Congratulations to our new Grants Manager for 2017 / 2018 Donna Hogan for all her hard work together with CHS staff in preparing and submitting this grant application. Donna continues to build a profile of potential grants that we can apply for throughout the year. Thank you Donna for a great initiative in this area and all your hard work.

The next P&C dates for your diaries are:-

Tuesday 30 January 2018 - Existing & New Year 7 Parents & Carers Welcome Morning Tea in the Staff Common Room from 9.00 am following drop off - all Year 7 parents & carers welcome - a chance to meet and get to know fellow Year 7 parents.

Tuesday 13 February 2018 P&C Meeting 7.00 pm following Year 7 Welcome BBQ in the Staff Common Room. The School Counsellor will be joining us to talk about settling Year 7 students in to high school, what to expect from your Year 7 student(s) and how to support and help them cope with the transition to high school. All welcome.

We thank all that have been involved in supporting your CHS P&C throughout 2017, especially our wonderful Uniform Shop Manager, Mae, and wish all students, staff and their families and carers a wonderful holiday season.

For further information, please do not hesitate to contact us by emailing :

concordhighschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

P&C UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

For the first two weeks of Term 1, 2018 the Uniform Shop will be open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 10.00 am - 1.30 pm. For week 3 Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 10.00 am - 1.30 pm. Thereafter we return to normal operating hours of Monday and Wednesday 10.30 am – 1.30 pm.

EXTENDED DECEMBER/JANUARY OPERATING HOURS / CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

The Uniform Shop offers extended opening hours December 2017 and January 2018 for Year 7 fittings and existing students and families but which are strictly by appointment only. Please contact Mae as per below to arrange a date and time.



P&C News continued

We are required by law to have volunteers assist our Uniform Shop Manager, Mae, on these days. Thank you so much to Mae for working these extra days during the holidays and Rae for co-ordinating the volunteer roster and, finally, those parents/carers who volunteer their time.

We still have the following days and time slots to fill:

December: Thur 21st - time 12.00 pm - 2.30 pm

January: Wed 17th / Wed 24th - time 9.00 am - 12.00 pm or 12.00 pm - 2.30 pm

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 a range of your availability, your full name, contact details and Working with Children Check details* to the P&C email address as above and Rae will get back to you to confirm. Please note you can volunteer and nominate to help if you don't currently have your WWW 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.ccyp.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)





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

STUDENT

AWARD

Brad LEE	Bronze Merit: Bronze Merit
Seam KHAN	Deputy Principal Award: Deputy Principal
Saxon FOGARTY	Deputy Principal Award: Deputy Principal
Jake SCARAVILLI	Deputy Principal Award: Deputy Principal
Emily Rose MCLAUCHLAN	Deputy Principal Award: Deputy Principal
Vittorio NICOLETTI	Deputy Principal Award: Deputy Principal
Kimberlee WALTERS	Deputy Principal Award: Deputy Principal
Jordan TARU	Deputy Principal Award: Deputy Principal
Bella SCARCELLA	Deputy Principal Award: Deputy Principal
Yasmin WISZNIOWSKI	Deputy Principal Award: Deputy Principal
Kailin ZHU	Deputy Principal Award: Deputy Principal
Jarod MEADHAM-BAILEY	Deputy Principal Award: Deputy Principal
Brad LEE	Silver Merit: Silver Merit
Brad LEE	Bronze Merit: Bronze Merit
Brad LEE	Bronze Merit: Bronze Merit
Brad LEE	Silver Merit: Silver Merit
Michael FOGLIA	Deputy Principal Award: Deputy Principal
Louis BACK	Silver Merit: Silver Merit
Louis BACK	Bronze Merit: Bronze Merit
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Upcoming Dates

VARIATIONS TO ROUTINE TERM 4 WEEK 11 18 DECEMBER – 19 DECEMBER, 2017 WEEK A

18 December o School Development Day (staff only)	19 December o School Development Day (staff only)	

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CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY *New Year*

A LOOK AHEAD 2018 Term 1 Weeks 1, 2 & 3

A TERM 1 WEEK 1	29 January o School Development Day (staff only)	30 January o Year 7, 11 and 12 return to school o Year 7 Parent Morning Tea 8:00am-10:30pm (P&C initiative)	31 January o Year 8, 9 & 10 return to school	1 February o	2 February o
B TERM 1 WEEK 2	5 February o	6 February o	7 February o	8 February o	9 February o
A TERM 1 WEEK 3	12 February o	13 February o Year 7 Meet and Greet and first P&C Meeting 5:00pm-7:00pm	14 February o	15 February o	16 February o School Swimming Carnival 9:00am-3:00pm

