



Concord High School **Keeping In Touch** *Respectful Responsible Achieving* **Term 4 Week 8**

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Principals Report

Congratulations to Farah Islam for recently being awarded the John Lincoln Community Service Award. Mr Anderson, Deputy Principal attended the ceremony to watch her receive her award.

In 1992 the late Dr John Lincoln AM, on behalf of the New South Wales Branch, created a new initiative for young people to be awarded the youth community service awards. Each year 20 candidates are selected and honoured at a special ceremony at Government House in Sydney.





Formal assemblies

On Friday the students attended formal Year assemblies with a focus on celebration. At these assemblies led by the Year Adviser and assistant Year Adviser, the achievements and success of students is recognised and celebrated. Mrs Payne, Relieving Deputy Principal spoke at each of the assemblies inspiring students with a speech about celebration of student success. I am very proud of the students at Concord High School and look forward to times like this that these achievements can be recognised in front of staff and the students peers.

Head Start Program

Year 10 Music, Visual Art, Visual Design, Drama (MADD) Night

On Thursday 30th November the creative and talented CAPA students engaged in a MADD evening where families and friends were in attendance to watch our Year 10 musicians and drama students perform and to view an art exhibition of the Year 10 Visual Arts student's art work and films. I would like to thank Mrs Cesta, Head Teacher CAPA and her wonderful team of teachers; Ms King, Mr Little, Mrs Lombardo, Mr Shaw, Mr Slocum, Ms Huang and Ms Flynn for all of their hard work in supporting their students.

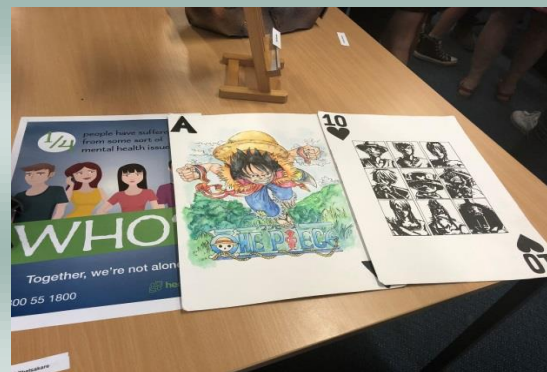
Year 9 MADD night

I would like to extend an invitation to students and families to attend the Year 9 MADD night on Thursday 7th December from 6.00 pm.

Below are some images of the art exhibition and performances







SLSO network meeting

The professional development of all staff at Concord High School is essential and this week our wonderful SLSO staff had the opportunity to lead a professional development afternoon at Concord High School. SLSO's from the local High Schools attended this valuable professional learning experience and engaged in discussions to enhance the support provided to the students at Concord High School.



Just a reminder that the final day for students this term will be Friday 15th December.

Mrs Jody Engisch
Relieving Principal

Deputy Principals Report

by Craig Anderson & Fiona Payne

Student profile

This week our student in profile is Alex Darling who is currently a Year 10 student. Alex recently received a medal at an awards ceremony at the University of New South Wales. The medal was for a High Distinction in the ICAS Science test. Alex was in the top 1% of participants. Over one million student entries are accepted into ICAS from over 6,300 schools in Australia and New Zealand annually. In addition, students from over 20 countries including Hong Kong, India, Malaysia, Singapore, South Africa and the USA participate in ICAS each year. Alex is in the top 1% of all of those students!

ICAS Science assesses students' skills in the key scientific areas of:

Observing and measuring - Noting and measuring features of items and phenomena

Interpreting data - Interpreting diagrams, tables and graphs

Applying data - Including inferring, predicting and concluding

Investigating - Experimental design, use of controls and notion of 'fair test'

Higher-order skills - Including reasoning and problem solving

The papers cover content on:

Earth and Beyond (incorporating the Earth Sciences and Astronomy).

Energy and Change (incorporating Physics).

Life and Living (incorporating Biology and Ecology).

Natural and Processed Materials (incorporating Chemistry).

Medal winning students in their final two years of schooling also qualify for a bonus Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) Point which can be used toward most undergraduate degree programs at the University of New South Wales.

We would like to congratulate Alex on this world beating result!



Alex with Dr Rob Forage CEO UNSW Global ICAS
23 November 2017



Welfare News

by Fiona Milligan

Year 7 Welfare Day

On Wednesday 29th November Year 7 participated in some welfare activities based on the theme “Self Awareness.”

Students enjoyed engaging in a presentation run by representatives from Headspace in Ashfield, which focused on topics such as body image, mental health, how to support yourself and others and the role of Headspace.

The day then followed with a BBQ and then activities specially designed to suit boys and girls based on building confidence, positive self talk and self-believe and building positive year group connections.

I would like to thank Ms Patulny (Girls Adviser) and Mr White (Boys Adviser) who co-ordinated the different activities.

Please Note:

Headspace Ashfield provides a variety of services for young people aged 1-25 years. It’s about support for mental health, physical health, drug and alcohol issues, and employment and education support. Our focus is on early intervention, having focus on young peoples’ wellbeing and having a one stop shop to help young people.

Address: 260 Liverpool Rd, Ashfield, NSW, 2131 **Phone:** (02) 9193 8000

Miss Alysha People
Year 7 Year Adviser

Year 8 Welfare Day

The following day, Year 8 had presentations from our Police Youth Liaison Officer, Constable Mellor. The theme was “staying safe online.” Constable Mellor reminded students how important it is to be careful what they send in terms of text messages, photos and images as well as who they engage with online. I would like to thank Mr Mitchell for organizing these presentations.

Formal Assemblies

Formal year Assemblies took place today – a big thank you to all the students who sang, danced and played musical instruments and congratulations to those who received awards. Thank you, also to the Year Advisers and Assistant year Advisers for your organization.



Welfare News continued



Mathematics News

Australian Mathematics Competition

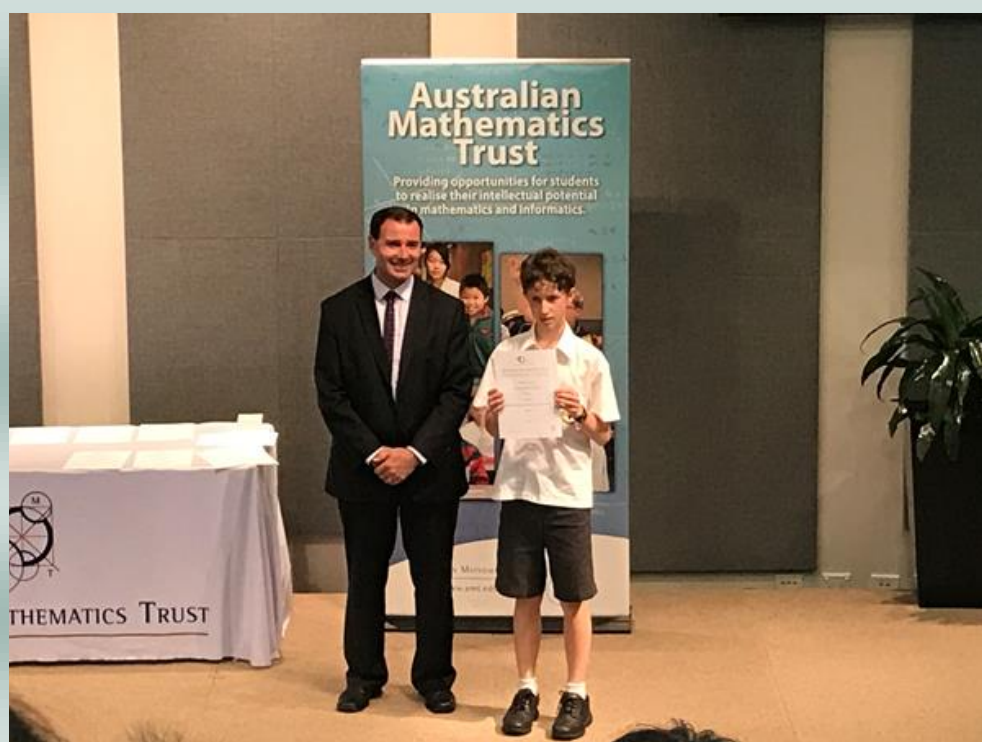
On Monday, 27th November, Cameron Will of Year 8 was invited to attend the annual awards night for the Australian Mathematics Trust. He has received a prize in the Junior Division of the Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC). Prizes are awarded to participants who achieve results in the top 0.3% of their state.

The AMC was introduced Australia-wide in 1978, and is now attempted by students in over 30 countries. Junior students are asked to solve 30 increasingly difficult problems in 60 minutes. The questions are designed to test mathematical thinking, and the ability to apply knowledge in unfamiliar settings, and can be done as easily with or without a calculator.

At Concord High School, 38 talented students sat the AMC, with Steve Kim of Year 10 receiving a High Distinction, 6 students receiving Distinctions, and 22 students receiving an award of Credit. Congratulations to all those who attempted the competition, and especially Cameron and the other award recipients.



Mathematics News continued



Humans of Concord High School

As a new initiative created by the Concord High School Prefects, *Humans of Concord High School* follows the experiences of students and staff outlining how the school has impacted them. This weekly photo documentary series is aimed to build our school community through cohesion and relativity.

Concord High School's President of the SRC, Briony O'Donoghue opens up on how Concord High has taught her to be more confident.

"Concord has influenced me to be a more confident, outgoing person in the work I produce in all my subjects because I used to be quite to myself and afraid to push myself in certain areas because I didn't think I was good enough or I was embarrassed to try. But Concord is a very open and accepting environment, and has helped me go to that length."

It's amazing to see how much Concord High can influence their students, and the opportunities achieved from this.

Written and Photographed by Fiona Dieu and Nicole Yu (Prefects)



Briony O'Donoghue
(SRC President)



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

STUDENT

AWARD

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| Nazir HAMMOUD | Bronze Merit: Bronze Merit |
| Stephanie HOFER | Silver Merit: Silver Merit |
| Rohita CHIDIREDDI | Silver Merit: Silver Merit |
| Elijah ROSS | Silver Merit: Silver Merit |
| Neva MIKULIC | Silver Merit: Silver Merit |
| Daniel MILBURN | Silver Merit: Silver Merit |
| Ethan BAE | Silver Merit: Silver Merit |
| Stephanie HOFER | Bronze Merit: Bronze Merit |
| Rohita CHIDIREDDI | Bronze Merit: Bronze Merit |
| Elijah ROSS | Bronze Merit: Bronze Merit |
| Neva MIKULIC | Bronze Merit: Bronze Merit |
| Daniel MILBURN | Bronze Merit: Bronze Merit |
| Ethan BAE | Bronze Merit: Bronze Merit |
| Tommy KELLY | Bronze Merit: Bronze Merit |
| Nazir HAMMOUD | Bronze Merit: Bronze Merit |
| Nazir HAMMOUD | Silver Merit: Silver Merit |
| Nazir HAMMOUD | Bronze Merit: Bronze Merit |
| David DELA RAMA | Gold Merit Award: Gold Merit Award |
| Jay JUN | Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser |
| Daniel ZHANG | Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser |
| Fiona DIEU | Platinum Award: Platinum Award |
| Lujin OTHMAN | Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser |
| James HANN | Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser |
| Sam CHESTERTON | Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser |
| Pina BUDA | Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser |
| Matthew JURADO PAEZ | Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser |
| Flynn WOOD | Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser |
| Michaela RODRIGUES | Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser |
| Alex MA | Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser |
| Sean WANG | Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser |
| Gerard CALDWELL | Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser |





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| Luca ALTERSIO | Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser |
| Ethan KIME | Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser |
| Thomas BISHOP | Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser |
| Nikki ZEGARRA | Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser |
| Kevin XIONG | Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser |
| Oliver CAO | Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser |
| Alex PALMER | Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser |
| Rafael PYE | Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser |
| Martina LATINI-PRIVITERA | Head Teacher Award: Head Teacher |
| Fiona DIEU | Head Teacher Award: Head Teacher |
| Guy VACCARO | Head Teacher Award: Head Teacher |
| Georgia TIGHE FIERREIRA DE SA | Head Teacher Award: Head Teacher |
| Lara KAMAN | Head Teacher Award: Head Teacher |
| Minjun KIM | Head Teacher Award: Head Teacher |
| Nicholas LARENCE-PALMER | Head Teacher Award: Head Teacher |
| Duncan PREVETT | Head Teacher Award: Head Teacher |
| Jack BRANDHOJ | Head Teacher Award: Head Teacher |
| Benjamin MASTROGIANNIS | Head Teacher Award: Head Teacher |
| Gaurav ARADHYA | Head Teacher Award: Head Teacher |
| Daniel MILBURN | Head Teacher Award: Head Teacher |
| Harry PRIDE | Head Teacher Award: Head Teacher |
| Georgina DI CAMILLO | Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser |
| Yoichi RYU | Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser |
| Paul LEE | Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser |
| Sophie WOOLASTON | Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser |
| Donald ZHOU | Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser |
| Dominic ZHOU | Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser |
| Thomas HENNESSEY | Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser |
| Pattie CHUNG | Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser |



Upcoming Dates

VARIATIONS TO ROUTINE TERM 4 WEEK 9 4 DECEMBER – 8 DECEMBER, 2017 WEEK A

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| 4 December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr 12 English ESL Task 1 Yr 12 English Ext 2 Task 1 Yr 12 Maths General Task 1 Yr 12 Maths General 2 Task 1 Yr 12 Drama Task 1 Yr 12 Ancient History Task 1 Yr 12 Geography Task 1 Yr 12 Music Assessment Coffee School 9:15am-12:00pm Robotics Club 12:35pm-1:15pm | 5 December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr 7 2017 Orientation Day Coffee School 9:15am-12:00pm | 6 December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> STEM Activity, all Year 10 Yr 9 Drama Production 9:00am-3:00pm Robotics Club 12:35m-1:15pm Instrumental ensembles Concert 6:00pm |
| 7 December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mathematics 2 Unit, Task 1 STEM Activity, all Year 10 Vietnamese Delegation 10:00am-12:30pm Yr 9 Drama Production 9:00am-3:00pm Yr 9 Drama Evening Performances 6:00 | 8 December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior Assembly. Senior Year Meetings. STEM Activity, all Year 10 Yr 7 Water Safety Program 9:00am-3:00pm Yr 9 Drama Evening Performances Yr 9 PASS1 12:30pm-2:30pm | |

A LOOK AHEAD 2017 Term 4 Weeks 10 & 11

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| B TERM 4 WEEK 10 | 11 December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr 12 English Advanced Task 1 Yr 12 English Standard Task 1 Yr 12 Chinese Background Task 1 Yr 12 Italian Beginners Task 1 Yr 12 Italian Continuers Task 1 Yr 12 Japanese Beginners Task 1 Yr 12 CAFS Task 1 Yr 12 IPT Task 1 Yr 12 SDD Task 1 Yr 12 Modern History Task 1 Yr 7 Water Safety Program 9:00am-3:00pm Robotics Club 12:35pm-1:15pm | 12 December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr 7 Water Safety Program 9:00am-3:00pm CATS Graduation Morning Tea 8:55am-10:35am | 13 December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Robotics Club 12:35pm-1:15pm School Presentation Night 6:00pm-8:00pm | 14 December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HSC information released | 15 December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Assembly. Junior Year Meetings. ATAR information released Yr 12 Morning Tea Last day of school for students |
| A TERM 4 WEEK 11 | 18 December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Development Day (staff only) | 19 December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Development Day (staff only) | | | |
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