



Concord High School **Keeping In Touch** *Respectful Responsible Achieving* **Term 4 Week 9**

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Principals Report

Vietnamese delegation visit

On Thursday 7th December we were lucky enough to have a group of 26 English language student teachers from Vietnam visit Concord High school for a school visit as part of a Sydney University program. The teachers are in Australia for a 4 week program. During the school experience the teachers visited different classes, went for a tour of the school and grounds and explored the many and varied courses that we offer at Concord High School. The school Prefects introduced the school and context. Special Thanks to Penny Merchant and Mei Yuan for organising the visit and to Eliza Turner, Ben Mitchell, Alison Armitage, Lisa Tolhurst, Ellen Hoy and Emma Finlayson for opening up their classrooms and for presenting information to the visiting teachers from Vietnam. The visitors thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

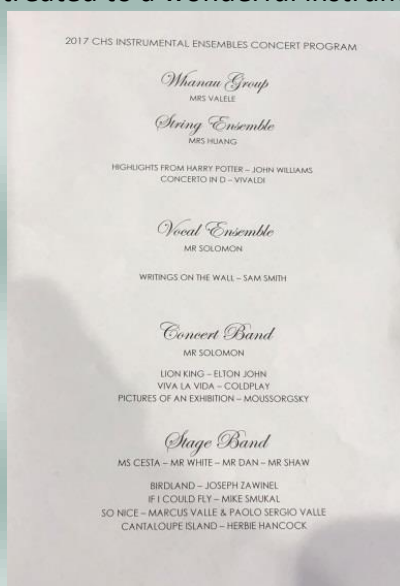


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Music Ensemble

On Wednesday 6th December we were treated to a wonderful instrumental ensemble concert from our talented musicians. Special thanks to the CAPA faculty at Concord High School led by Ms Vanessa Cesta

Below are some photos of the evening:



Principals Report continued

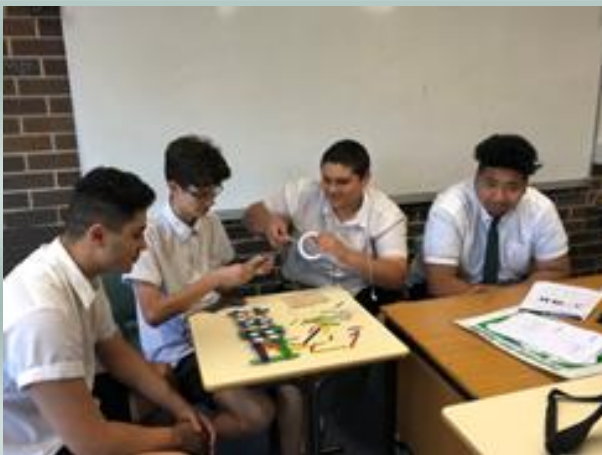


Year 10 STEM project Based Learning

The year 10 students are currently engaging in a STEM Project Based learning initiative over three days. The students have been divided up into three focus areas and have formed small groups to work on project based learning. This initiative enables students to work collaboratively, innovatively and creatively. Below are some pictures of students engaging in the design and construction of their projects.



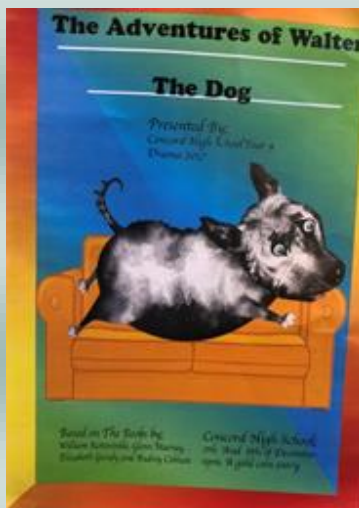
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Drama

This week the Year 9 students completed impressive matinee and evening performances for the local primary schools and families of their drama performance, The Adventures of Walter the Dog. Special thanks to Mr Slocum for coordinating the performances.



Student achievement

Year 7 student, Xavi Chiang and his doubles partner won the closely contested semi -final match, then they went on to play the number 1 seed doubles pair in the year 7 All Schoolboys and Schoolgirls Tennis Tournament doubles final. Unfortunately they lost in the final despite putting up a great fight.



Principals Report continued

SCOUT executive training

This week the executive staff at Concord High School engaged in SCOUT training. SCOUT is the new Business Intelligence for Education. The professional learning training was led by Daniel French, from School Engagement Lead, Business Intelligence & Information Management. This tool enables teachers and executive to use data to inform and improve practice.



Orientation Day

On Tuesday 5th December we welcomed the Year 7, 2018 students and their families into the school for the Orientation day. The day started with an assembly in the hall where students and parents/caregivers met key people. The students then engaged in activities across the school and also experienced high school classes. Students were also treated to performances from our talented drama and dance students. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet with the new Year 7 students and enable them to feel comfortable about transitioning to high school in 2018. I would like to thank Eliza Turner, Year 7 adviser 2018 and Luke McKee for their organisation on the day.



Principals Report continued

Presentation Evening

The Concord High School Presentation Evening will be held on Wednesday 13th December from 6.00 pm. There will be a beautifully catered supper prepared by the hospitality students served under the COLA from 5.30 pm. I look forward to celebrating the success of our students with families on the evening.

Important Dates

The final day of school is the 15th December.

The dates for students to return to school are:

Year 7, 11 and 12 is Tuesday 30th January 2018

Year 8,9,10 is Wednesday 31st January 2018

Mrs Jody Engisch
Relieving Principal



Deputy Principals Report

by Craig Anderson & Fiona Payne

Student profile

This week our student in profile is a designing team of Leonard Chen and Juri Chavez. Year 10 Industrial Technology Wood students spent Semester 2 working on a project of their own design. The students were required to research and present multiple design ideas to their teachers and, after discussion, decide on a suitable project. The class could work on their projects individually or in small groups. Juri Chavez, Leonard Chen and Ramoni Mahoni formed a group and pitched the idea of the design and construction of a Pool Table. As you can see from the result the boys did an excellent job with their project. As well as the Wood Technology skills involved the boys learnt how to manage and participate in a team and also how to manage and budget for a complex project. Their teachers, Mr Basak and Mr McMurtrie commented that the boys did excellent work to bring their project in on time and on budget. As all three students have selected to study Industrial Technology for the preliminary course Mr Basak and Mr McMurtrie have high expectations of the students and their potential.



Deputy Principals 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.



Welfare News

by Fiona Milligan

Orientation Day 2017

On Tuesday 5th December Concord High School held the annual Orientation Day for the prospective 2018 Year 7 students. Over 220 Year 6 students attended the day, which provided a taste of High School life. This allowed the students to engage with their future school and teachers. The day commenced with a welcome speech from Mrs Engisch Relieving Principal and Ms Turner the 2018 Year 7 Adviser, whereby students were introduced and enlightened by their role in the school as key facilitators to their commencement of school next year. The Year 6 Students met with their Peer Support leaders who introduced them to the school's surroundings. Throughout the day, the Year 6 students had the opportunity to engage with their future teachers and fellow peers whilst undertaking taster lessons to experience what it is like to be a student at Concord High School.

The taster lessons included History lessons where students learnt about Medieval History, TAS lessons where students learnt about food hygiene and decorated cupcakes and Science lessons, where Year 6 students performed experiments that involved making slime and using microscopes. In between these taster high school lessons, students were enticed by a BBQ lunch, ran by Mr McKee and the Peer Support leaders. The Orientation Day concluded with performances from Year 10 Drama and the Hip Hop dance group. Overall, it was a pleasant day for all staff, students and parents.



Concord High School Uniform Policy Announcement

Concord High School is a uniform school as decided by the school community. During Term 4, students made significant progress with the school uniform and following the school policy appropriately. There are still a few aspects of the uniform that students are struggling to follow.

- Students are not allowed to wear jumpers or hats with different brands on them. Students must wear the school jumper and hat that has the school emblem on it.
- Students must also wear white socks (not black socks).
- There has also been confusion regarding shoes. Students must wear **hard leather black lace-up school shoes**. Soft leather or any other materials are not acceptable for Health and Safety reasons. Nike or Adidas (or any other sports brand) runners are not allowed. Below are some examples of what footwear is allowed and not allowed.

In the lead up to Term 1 2018, please make sure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform and following the school rules and policy.

Not Allowed



Allowed



Concord's literacy program 'MultiLit' expands in 2018 – Expressions of Interest Sought

In 2018 we are seeking expressions of interest from parents who would like to volunteer 1-2 hours a week for helping low progress readers at Concord High School improve their literacy skills.

MultiLit ("Making Up Lost Time in Literacy") is a leading provider of effective literacy instruction in Australia. Teachers at the school will provide the volunteer parents with training in the MultiLit program.

Please note: every volunteer will need to have a Working with Children Check. It is a simple process and is explained in a more detail on this website.

<http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/what-we-offer/regulation-and-accreditation/early-childhood-education-care/service-providers/working-with-children-check>

If you have any further questions, do not hesitate to call Miles Wilks (Program Coordinator) on 9745 3777.





Humans of Concord High School

Humans of Concord High School not only highlights student achievements and impacts, but it also provides a spotlight for the backbone of the school; our teachers.

This week, Ms Picone (Relieving Head Teacher Secondary Studies) outlines her love for teaching and how Concord High School has shown her happiness every day.

"When you work with adolescents, your life is never boring. Having been a teacher at Concord High School now for 10 years, I have to say, I do love my job. A psychic once told me that I would eventually change careers, so I think I'm becoming a bit of a sceptic because I actually really enjoy teaching. I know that something I do on a daily basis at Concord is look for smiles, as it is generally a tell-tale sign that everything is okay. In the many roles that I fulfil; when I enter a classroom, walk down the hallway or go to playground duty if the students are smiling it can make a very challenging day become quite easy."

Teachers' efforts usually go unnoticed; however, *Humans of Concord High School* has given us a platform to share what motivates them to pursue teaching. It's easy to take people for granted, but difficult to continually show gratitude for the things that they do for us. So we encourage students to always remember to give thanks to the teachers at our school.

Written and photographed by Fiana Dieu & Nicole Yu



Ms Picone
(Relieving Head Teacher Secondary Studies)



Senior students with Ms Picone

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Canada Bay Libraries give students an opportunity to work after school and on weekends in a safe and nurturing environment at Concord and or Five Dock Libraries.

We are seeking enthusiastic students wanting to make a difference in their community.

For more information and to apply check out the link below:

Student Shelves – CB17134

Click here to apply: <http://canadabay.applynow.net.au/jobs/CB17134>

Closing Date: Sunday, 17 December 2017 at 11:30pm

Claude Broomhead | Five Dock Library Manager | City of Canada Bay Libraries

Level 1 4-12 Garfield St, Five Dock NSW 2046 | www.canadabay.nsw.gov.au

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YOUTH SUMMER READING CLUB

CITY OF
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Want to Win A JB HI-FI Voucher ?



Join the Summer Reading Youth Program,

Monday 11th December 2017 – Wednesday 31st January 2018.

Open to all library members between the ages of 12 to 18.

Just drop in to the library, fill in an entry slip for every library book you read and return it to Concord or Five Dock Libraries. It's simple!

Weekly JB HI –FI Vouchers to be won!

For further information and terms and conditions contact Youth Services Librarian on 99116390 or visit www.canadabay.nsw.gov.au

City of Canada Bay Libraries
Concord Library, 60 Clarendon St | T 9911 6210
Five Dock Library, Level 1, 4-12 Garfield St, Five Dock T 9911 6310
The Learning Space | The Connection, Rhodes, 30 Shoreline Drive
www.canadabay.nsw.gov.au



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

STUDENT

AWARD

Kai SLAATS	Deputy Principal: Deputy Principal
Jiny LEE	Bronze Merit: Bronze Merit
Jiny LEE	Silver Merit: Silver Merit
Jiny LEE	Bronze Merit: Bronze Merit
Jiny LEE	Gold Merit: Gold Merit
Jiny LEE	Silver Merit: Silver Merit
Ryan TANG	Bronze Merit: Bronze Merit
Georgina DI CAMILLO	Silver Merit: Silver Merit
Lucas CHABO	Silver Merit: Silver Merit
Albert KONG	Silver Merit: Silver Merit
Andrew BARTLETT	Silver Merit: Silver Merit
Jessica YOON	Silver Merit: Silver Merit
Jessica YOON	Bronze Merit: Bronze Merit
Jessica YOON	Bronze Merit: Bronze Merit
Anthony KIM	Bronze Merit: Bronze Merit
Joe ARTESE	Bronze Merit: Bronze Merit
Joe ARTESE	Bronze Merit: Bronze Merit
Heshwaran NANTHAKUMARAN	Silver Merit: Silver Merit
Fiona DIEU	Head Teacher Award: Head Teacher
Nicole YU	Head Teacher Award: Head Teacher
Sophie WOOLASTON	Head Teacher Award: Head Teacher
Josie FEDELE	Head Teacher Award: Head Teacher
Christina FEDELE	Head Teacher Award: Head Teacher
Georgina DI CAMILLO	Head Teacher Award: Head Teacher
Donald ZHOU	Head Teacher Award: Head Teacher
Jamie MCLEOD	Head Teacher Award: Head Teacher
Abhishek Vignesh MURTHY	Head Teacher Award: Head Teacher
Albert KONG	Head Teacher Award: Head Teacher
Yoichi RYU	Head Teacher Award: Head Teacher
Paul LEE	Head Teacher Award: Head Teacher





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Benjamin WOOD	Head Teacher Award: Head Teacher
Esra VALERIO	Head Teacher Award: Head Teacher
Seth HENNESSY	Head Teacher Award: Head Teacher
Serena DAVIDSON	Head Teacher Award: Head Teacher
Sydney HOANG	Head Teacher Award: Head Teacher
Danny GRAHAM	Faculty Award: Faculty Award
Laura YELLOWLEES	Faculty Award: Faculty Award
Joel GAYTNHAM	Faculty Award: Faculty Award
Reha AZHAR	Faculty Award: Faculty Award
Marc-Anthony FERRO	Faculty Award: Faculty Award
Sophia FORDHAM	Faculty Award: Faculty Award
Raphael HA	Faculty Award: Faculty Award
Sakeena ZREIKA	Faculty Award: Faculty Award
Zaman KHAN	Faculty Award: Faculty Award
Joe ARTESE	Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser
Georgia MARTIN	Faculty Award: Faculty Award
Amy FALSON	Head Teacher Award: Head Teacher
Joshua CHIN	Head Teacher Award: Head Teacher
Max MACKINDER	Head Teacher Award: Head Teacher
Joel GAYNHAM	Head Teacher Award: Head Teacher
Rehan AZHAR	Head Teacher Award: Head Teacher
Joshua BARTLETT	Head Teacher Award: Head Teacher
Alex DARLING	Head Teacher Award: Head Teacher
Despina PAPAIONNOU	Head Teacher Award: Head Teacher
Chris SON	Head Teacher Award: Head Teacher
Christian ANGELOPOULOS	Head Teacher Award: Head Teacher
Esther SU	Head Teacher Award: Head Teacher
Jordan MASTROGIANNIS	Head Teacher Award: Head Teacher
Max TRAPNELL	Head Teacher Award: Head Teacher



Upcoming Dates

VARIATIONS TO ROUTINE TERM 4 WEEK 10 11 DECEMBER – 15 DECEMBER, 2017 WEEK B

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 Year 7 Water Safety Program 9:00am-3:00pm Robotics Club 12:35pm-1:15pm 	12 December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 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 Rewards Excursion 9:00am-3:00pm 	15 December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Assembly. Junior Year Meetings. Year 12 Morning Tea ATAR information released Last day of school for students 	

A LOOK AHEAD 2017 Term 4 Week 11

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

A TERM 1 WEEK 1	29 January <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Development Day (staff only) 	30 January <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7, 11 and 12 return to school Year 7 Parent Morning Tea 8:00am-10:30pm (P&C initiative) 	31 January <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 8, 9 & 10 return to school 	1 February <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	2 February <ul style="list-style-type: none">
B TERM 1 WEEK 2	5 February <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	6 February <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	7 February <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	8 February <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	9 February <ul style="list-style-type: none">
A TERM 1 WEEK 3	12 February <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	13 February <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 Meet and Greet and first P&C Meeting 5:00pm-7:00pm 	14 February <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	15 February <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	16 February <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Swimming Carnival 9:00am-3:00pm

