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VARIATIONS TO ROUTINE

TERM 2 WEEK 4 15 May – 19 May 2017

WEEK B

15 May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GATS interviews Year 10 & 12 History Study Day 9 – 3 pm Robotics club 12:35 - 1:15pm Enviro group Waste seminar 9 – 3pm 	16 May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	17 May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 9 Visual Arts Robotics club 12:35pm - 1:15pm
18 May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Years 7 and 12 parent teacher night Prefect meeting 12.15 – 3 pm AIME mentoring 3 – 4 pm 	19 May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assembly Senior. Junior year meetings Plain English Speaking competition Year 12 English to Hamlet 8.45am - 3pm Zone Cross Country 9am - 3pm Year 10 Visual Design to Opera House 11.20 am – 3 pm 	

A LOOK AHEAD 2017 Term 2 week 5, 6 and 7

A TERM 2 WEEK 5	22 May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VET work placements Robotics club 12:35pm - 1:15pm CATS class 9 am – 3 pm 	23 May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VET work placements UNSW ICAS Computer skills test 	24 May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VET work placements Robotics club 12:35pm - 1:15pm 	25 May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VET work placements Ancient History – National Maritime Museum 8.30 am – 3 pm Enviro working bee AIME mentoring 3pm – 4 pm 	26 May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VET work placements Zone Cross Country- wet weather date 9 am – 3 pm Sydney Writers Festival Year 9 & 10 9am – 3 pm <p><i>Assessment Tasks</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 History Task
B TERM 2 WEEK 6	29 May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VET work placements International Students excursion Robotics club 12:35pm - 1:15pm <p><i>Assessment Tasks</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 8 History Aztecs 8.55 – 9.45 am Year 9 English half yearly Year 12 Economics task Year 12 Music 	30 May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VET work placements UNSW ICAS Science test 	31 May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VET work placements Interschool Chess Robotics club 12:35pm - 1:15pm <p><i>Assessment Tasks</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 mathematics 2 unit task Year 10 Geography task Year 12 Music 	1 June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VET work placements Year 11 & 12 vaccinations Year 7 and 8 debating AIME mentoring 3pm – 4 pm 	2 June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VET work placements <p><i>Assessment Tasks</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 Mathematics Mid course exam 12Biology sills assessment Year 12 Music
A TERM 2 WEEK 7	5 June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zone Athletics Year 10 into 11 student info sessions begin CATS class 9am – 3 pm Robotics club 12:35pm - 1:15pm 	6 June	7 June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 Science Club Robotics club 12:35pm - 1:15pm 	8 June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AIME mentoring 3pm – 4 pm <p><i>Assessment Tasks</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 Mathematics Year 9 Maths Mid course exam Year 12 Chemistry task 	9 June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Cross Country AIME Years 9 and 10 ATSI students to Sydney Uni

Principals Report

I would like to extend an invitation to the parents and guardians of Year 7 and 12 to attend the Parent Teacher evening on Thursday 18th May from 4.00 pm. Please ensure that you have completed your bookings online prior to the evening. The Year 12 reports will be handed out on the evening.

On Friday the 12th May the school Athletics carnival was held. A fun day was had by all as shown in the pictures below. I would like to thank Mr Bilbija and the PDHPE faculty for the hard work and effort put into organising this successful event and congratulate the students for their participation and enthusiasm on the day.





We farewelled Ms Navin on Friday and we wish her well with her new position. She will be missed at Concord High School. Mr Mitchell has taken up the position of Year 8 Adviser and Ms De Silva will be the assistant Year Adviser. We welcome them to the roles and know that they will do a wonderful job supporting the students.

Mrs Jody Engisch
Relieving Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPALS REPORTS

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast club operates every Wednesday morning from 8am until 8.40am in the Senior Learning Centre. If you think your student would benefit from breakfast and a chat with some staff and other students please encourage them to come along Wednesday mornings. If they don't have lunch they can also come and let us know and we can help out.

Winter Uniform

Please ensure that your student is wearing Winter school uniform to school. Students who do not wear uniform should bring a note from home excusing them so that do not need to attend detention. If your student is unable to bring a note we are able to lend them second hand uniform items to wear and hold non uniform items for them. As this sometimes causes upset it is best if you are able to have your student in uniform. Any financial difficulties in purchasing uniform should be addressed to the relieving Principal Mrs Engisch.

NORTA NORTA

The Nort Norton tutoring has started for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. Please encourage your student to participate positively to get the best educational results.

AIME

Australian Indigenous mentoring experience continues every Thursday 3-4 pm in Common 4. Please encourage your student to attend. If they don't attend the afternoons they will not be invited to attend the Outreach days at Sydney University which are part of the program.

Year 12 students driving to school.

Unfortunately we continue to have concerns with some Year 12 students driving to school. Staff and members of the community have made direct complaints to the Police. School has made contact with families however the issues persist. The local area highway command have now deemed Stanley Street a black spot and increased patrols will be on hand with specific cars identified. Please discuss road safety with your student including as a pedestrian crossing roads.

Year 12 mentors

Please ensure that your student is making regular contact with their teacher mentor at school.

Year 12 ATAR CLUB

ATAR club this week discussed the bigger picture and started a discussion about life after school. All of Year 12 were emailed a link to the Concord High School careers website. On that site is a huge amount of information Mrs Milligan and Ms Peoples have put together for students and families to access. Please ask your student for the link so you can have informed discussions.

If you have any particular questions please contact Mr Munday the Year Advisor, Mrs Milligan Careers Advisor or Mr Anderson Year 12 Deputy.

STUDENT LEADERS OF 2017-18

Next week we will start the process to elect the new student leadership team for 2017-2018. Please encourage your student to consider applying. The Year 11 Adviser Ms Taing will have the application forms next week and can discuss with any student her recommendation. The application process includes a nomination form, interview, and vote. Remember leadership isn't always about being seen it is also about giving back. Below, Tony, Jack and Zac helping at the Athletics Carnival BBQ.



CONCORD HIGH SCHOOL ENVIRO TEAM AWARDED CANADA BAY COUNCIL GRANT

Dylan Phan and Hanel Kim represented Concord High School on Thursday 11 May and accepted a cheque on behalf of the student enviro group. The Enviro group applied for a small environment grant and was awarded a \$1,000 to continue the restoration of the Wildlife corridor along Crane St. The students with teacher mentors Ms Bekheet and Ms Celik attended the ceremony at Rhodes and are pictured with Mayor Helen McCaffrey. On Monday 15 May the enviro team are participating in a waste workshop at school and will attend six sessions throughout the day including conducting a waste audit. If your student would like to join to Enviro team please have them see Ms Bekheet or Ms Celik in the Sciences staffroom.



CONCORD HIGH SCHOOL CAPTAINS ATTEND LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Marsha and I were extremely honoured to be two of the 150 students invited to the 2017 Secondary Student Leadership Program. The first part of the day was spent observing regular state parliamentary proceedings, with some of our local members, such as taking time out of their day to talk to us about not only politics, but also leadership and overcoming adversity in life. We then walked to Government House, and were given a tour before meeting with the very down to earth Governor of NSW, His Excellency David Hurley. Overall, the day provided us with great insight on the achievements of democracy and the workings of our political system, and we are very thankful for this opportunity to represent Concord.



Governor of NSW, His Excellency David Hurley with Marsha and Matthew



Mrs Fiona Payne – (Years 7, 9, 11)
Mr Craig Anderson – (Years 8, 10, 12)



It was with sadness that Year 8 said goodbye to their Year Adviser, Mrs Navin, this week as she moves on to another position. Even though Mrs Navin has only been the Year Adviser for 5 terms, she has worked so hard to establish a meaningful connection with each and every student in her year level. I would also like to thank Mrs Navin for her contributions to the Mind Matters Team. I will miss her passion, energy and positive attitude she has brought to the Welfare Team.



I would like to welcome Mr Mitchell to the position of Year Adviser and Ms De Silva as the Assistant Year Adviser.

To all the mums in the Concord High School community – Happy Mothers Day – I hope you have a lovely day on Sunday with those close to you.

Mrs Fiona Milligan
Head Teacher Welfare



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

STUDENT	AWARD
Jordan BARTLETT	Year Adviser Award: Bronze Merit
Jordan BARTLETT	Principal's Award: Silver Merit
Jordan BARTLETT	Bronze Merit: Bronze Merit
Jordan BARTLETT	Year Adviser Award: Bronze Merit
Jordan BARTLETT	Faculty Award: Bronze merit

Well done to the students listed below, who were awarded a Merit this week.

Nicole SOROKA	Year Adviser Award: Bronze Merit
Nicole SOROKA	Bronze Merit: Bronze Merit

INQUISITIVE MINDS WORKSHOP WINNERS

On Thursday 4th of May, twenty Year 7 and Year 8 students attended the Inquisitive Minds Workshop. The students worked together as a team to solve engaging, hands-on puzzles and problem solving questions. The workshop consisted of two rounds where in the first round, students were to work in pairs in their own schools. The second round encouraged students to go out of their comfort zones, where they were to work with student from another school in order to complete challenging maths problems. Students of Concord High School were enthusiastic and showed great determination and sportsmanship in the workshop. They have won many prizes and had represented Concord High School in a proud manner. The following winners were:



Round 1

- 1st place: Cameron Will and Jun Hyuk Lim
- 2nd place: Adrian Pilot and Ned Arnold
- 3rd place: Medwin Lei and Jesse Callander
- 4th place: Roger Zhang and Sam Hogan

Round 2

- 1st place: Ned Arnold
- 2nd place: Cameron Will
- 3rd place: Ryan Lee
- 4th place: Medwin Lei



The first P&C meeting of Term 2 was held on Tuesday together with our Annual General Meeting (AGM). We will email the minutes of both the AGM and the general meeting together with the Audit and AGM reports to the P&C email group. Minutes will be posted to the CHS web site in due course

It has been a busy and productive year for the Concord High School P&C. Our very special thanks to all those who have been able to attend our P&C meetings, those wonderful volunteers who have served as office holders and committee members, been working and progressing P&C matters and projects during the year and those who offer their support in whatever capacity and time their busy lives allow. There are many ways to be involved in your P&C not all requiring too much time and as a community we really appreciate and value each and every contribution for it all makes a difference. The achievements we celebrate are our collective achievements.

The Uniform Shop continues to be run by the P&C with profits going to the school to support various projects. Our Uniform Shop Manager, Mae Czerkowski, has done an excellent job in running the Uniform Shop to profit, providing a fantastic, friendly and supportive service to students and families. Mae is supported by the Uniform Shop Sub Committee (USSC) who have met regularly throughout the year. Huge thanks to Mae for her dedication and diligence, the USSC members and Uniform Shop volunteers for all their hard work, time and commitment.

Funds raised this year from the profits returned from the Uniform Shop and our voluntary fundraising levy, which have built on previous years' funds, have allowed the P&C to support the school community in funding the following programs and purchases which help us support CHS, its executive and staff to ensure our children have the very best educational opportunities and learning environment

Programs and Purchases made this year include but are not limited to the Bully Busters Program, Blinds for the Demountables, the ClickView Resource System, Lockers, and our annual sponsorship allocated at the Principal's discretion.

We have run and supported a number of important school community events including the Sweets and Treats Stall at the Harmony Day celebrations, the Year 7 Parent/Carer Welcome Morning Tea, the hugely important World Teachers Day Morning Tea as well as providing refreshments for a gold coin donation at the various Parent/Teachers nights.

Members of the P&C have been working on various projects throughout the year which will continue into next year including the review of the Uniform Shop for 2017 and Beyond and investigation of the possible setting up of a Building Fund as well as the possible reinstatement of our Charitable Status. We thank all those who are currently and have previously worked on these projects. Our work and family commitments often mean we can take on P&C projects for a period of time and then pass on to others but the collective progression of these projects needs to be acknowledged. Thank you to all those involved in these projects.

We were sad to farewell Mrs Koob this year and will miss her support, presence and experience at our meetings but are delighted to welcome back Mrs Engisch in her role as Relieving Principal. We thank those staff members who have attended our meetings to update us on faculty matters and talk and update us on various matters such as this year's changes to NAPLAN testing, the new [Positive Behaviour for Learning \(PB4L\)](#) school programme and various other matters.

We have, of course, depleted our funds so will be launching next week the P&C's Annual Voluntary Fundraising Contribution appeal which, in addition to the Uniform Shop, is our primary means of fundraising. Without these yearly drives, we would be unable to help fund the many projects that students of Concord High are benefiting from. We ask you to look out for the form and kindly consider.

P&C Changes:

The P&C is made up of many wonderful fellow parent and carer volunteers with a few choosing and being elected to take on specific tasks. For 2017 the new office holders are:-

Emma Wakefield – President / Rae Lawrence – Vice President / James Duck – Treasurer / Cathy Scanlan – Secretary

We also have a newly formed Uniform Shop Sub Committee (USSC) details of which we will share in future KIT copy.

We would like to thank Leonie Duck who has stood down as Treasurer for all the great work she completed last year in helping in the financial running of the Uniform Shop, getting our banking online, through two audits and setting up some great new procedures. We'd also like to thank Terry Moore who has stood down as Vice President for all her support and work with the P&C.

Our next P&C General Meeting is on **Tuesday, 13 June – 7.00 pm – Staff Common Room**

Uniform Shop News:

The Uniform Shop's operating hours are Monday and Wednesday 10.30 am – 1.30 pm.

Please note at recess (10:35am – 10:55am) and lunch (12.35pm – 1.15pm) students are given priority – parents welcome after recess and before or after lunch.

Please note:

- the revenue of the uniform shop has reached the level whereby it is obliged to register for GST. This will occur in coming weeks and as a result, the prices of all uniform items will carry an additional cost of 10%. (For example, shirts now \$35 will become \$38.50). This is government law and unavoidable;
- the cost of the woolen jumpers, long sleeve shirts and PE tops will also increase from Monday 22nd May.

You can contact Mae on 0434 169 203 or email school_s_in@yahoo.com.au

If you want to be kept informed of P&C matters, receive the minutes, and/or become more involved please email us as per below. 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

Finally, very best wishes to all CHS students, families and staff from your Concord High School P&C.

GYMNASTICS

Congratulations to Joel Gaal of year 9. He has been selected to represent NSW in the upcoming 2017 Australian Championships. He will represent the NSW Men's Level 9 Under Gymnastics Team from the 22nd to 29th of May in Melbourne.

Being selected onto the NSW State Team is a tremendous achievement and that has required many months of vigorous training and preparation. Well done Joel and we wish you all the best for the competition!

BASEBALL

Congratulations to Jason Lim (year 8), Louis Back (year 9) and Kobi Slaats (year 8) who will be travelling to Adelaide to represent their club at the Junior Leagues Nationals Tournament from the 21st to 25th of May.

Furthermore, special congratulations must go to Jason and Kobi who have been selected to represent Australia in San Francisco from July 1st to 12th. They will be part of a team that have been selected from around our country by ex Major League Baseball players. Good luck boys!! All the best!



WATER POLO

Alice Pride of Year 7 has been selected in a NSW Waterpolo State Under 14s team.

She will be competing at the "Sydney Youth festival of Water Polo" in the July holidays at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre. Well done Alice!!

CELLS

By Ellie Tsangalias & Monica Cristovao

This term in year 7 science we have been learning about cells.

We first learnt that all living things are made of cells. Next, we learnt about plant and animal cells and their differences.

Ms Maslen has taught us many ways to remember the parts of the cells and what they do. We listened to a song called 'Cells, cells they're made of organelles' and it stuck in our brains for days.

We looked at cells under the microscope and made models of cells. Some of the models included cakes, clay models and much more.

We can't wait to learn more about cells.





What's happening in HOTS?



Enrichment refers to the broadening of the curriculum to develop knowledge, application, thinking skills and attitudes to a degree of complexity appropriate to the students' developmental level.
(Braggett, 1997)

What is HOTS? HOTS stands for High Order Thinking Skills. The program is designed for the Gifted and Talented students to extend and enrich them in specifically considered HOTS Societies and lessons that focus on a variety of interests.

To maintain a position in the Gifted and Talented class, students are expected to participate in the HOTS program. It is mandatory for GATS students to attend. Volunteers from other classes are welcome. Please see Ms Taing in Common 4 for details.

When: Monday 3.15 – 4pm (except the first and last Monday of each term)

Aim of HOTS: We aim to provide a differentiated curriculum to cater for the academic, social and emotional needs of the Gifted and Talented students; extending their understanding of what it means to be a creative and critical thinker who can effectively communicate with their peers. As 21st century learners, students should be able to work collaboratively with their peers to solve problems and be able to apply these skills in the real world.

The role of the HOTS teachers: To design lessons that broaden and enrich the students' understanding of selected topics, guide them in their research and to develop 21st century attributes through critical engagement with texts and class discussion.



HOTS Societies – Term 2: Vertical Classes for Term 2

Science and Greek Mythology: In this HOTS society, students will be examining some rip-roaring tales of violence, adventure and monsters. They will consider not just whether these tales were possible in terms of modern-day science, but also discover the roots of myth in fact.

We will question how we know what we know, introduce you to some cutting edge science, and allow you to enjoy the amazing (and gory) tales of the most influential culture in human history.

History of Magic and Superstition: In this HOTS society, students will be exploring the roots of magic and superstition in the ancient world, the rise of it in early medieval Europe, the types of magic in the High and Late Middle Ages, witchcraft and witch hunting in the Early Modern period and the rise of magic in the modern west from 1800.

Philosophy 2.0: In this HOTS society, students will be given the opportunity to explore the diversity of thought to develop their own opinions on key issues and evaluate different points of view. Topics include:

- Life after Death
- Belief in Deity
- Good and Evil
- Poverty and Wealth
- Religion and the Media
- Religion and Science

“Dooms Day” – An Insight into Modern Politics: In this HOTS society, students will explore the dynamics between North Korea and America; with a specific focus on how North Korea came to be the country they are today. They will examine key political agendas that have been publicised in the media and the impact of this for other countries. These are the societies that we are offering this term. If you have any questions about the program, please contact the school on 02 9745 3777.

Julie Taing
Gifted and Talented Coordinator



CASUAL STAFF NEEDED CONCORD GOLF CLUB

Concord Golf Club has an opportunity for casual Course Staff, working outside of school hours with 2-3 shifts per week on Mon, Tue, & Fri from 3.30pm-6.30pm. Position would suit year 10 or 11 students.

We are looking for committed and reliable people who enjoy working outdoors, and as part of a team. Shifts will reduce during winter months, when additional staff may not be needed, and additional work is available during school holidays.

Duties include manual labour maintaining fine turf and bunkers using course machinery. Full training will be provided, with further opportunities for the right staff.

To apply, or for more information, please email betty@cgccourse.com