



Concord High School Keeping In Touch

Respectful Responsible Achieving

Term 3 Week 1

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Principals Report

Term 3 has started with a very busy week. Staff engaged in meaningful professional learning on the staff development day with a focus on literacy, Mindmatters-growth and fixed mindsets and wellbeing. Valuable discussions and planning occurred to improve the learning outcomes of all students.



What Kind of Mindset Do You Have?



I can learn anything I want to.
When I'm frustrated, I persevere.
I want to challenge myself.
When I fail, I learn.
Tell me I try hard.
If you succeed, I'm inspired.
My effort and attitude determine everything.



I'm either good at it, or I'm not.
When I'm frustrated, I give up.
I don't like to be challenged.
When I fail, I'm no good.
Tell me I'm smart.
If you succeed, I feel threatened.
My abilities determine everything.

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School uniform

Thank you to parents for supporting the uniform policy at Concord High School and to students who have demonstrated a tremendous improvement in wearing the correct winter uniform to school.

I am seeking support from parents to ensure that students wear the correct sport uniform to both PDHPE lessons and Sport on Tuesday afternoons. The sport uniform consists of a yellow shirt with school logo, black school shorts with school logo and/or black tracksuit pants with school logo and runners. From week 2, term 3 students will not be able to participate in grade sport and represent the school if they do not have the correct sport uniform. All uniform items can be purchased from the school uniform shop on Monday or Wednesday between 10.30 am-1.30 pm. If you require financial assistance please feel free to request this by sending an email or letter addressed to the School Principal.

Youth Aware of Mental Health (YAM) program

The Year 9 students will be engaged in a program called YAM- Youth Aware of Mental Health, beginning on Thursday 3rd July. YAM is a program aimed at addressing the mental health needs of young people. If you have a child in Year 9 they will be bringing home an information letter about the program shortly. I have also attached a fact sheet in this newsletter about the program. There are 6 themes addressed in the program: What is mental health? Self-help advice, stress and crisis, depression and suicidal thoughts, helping a friend in need, who can I ask for advice?

P & C meeting

I would like to extend an invitation to parents to attend the next P & C meeting which will be held on Tuesday 25th July. During this evening more information will be provided about the Youth Aware of Mental Health (YAM) program and Mrs Fiona Milligan, Careers Adviser will present information about the Year 10 subject selection process and exit support for Year 12 students.



Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) Launch at Concord High School

On Wednesday 19th July the official launch for PB4L was held. Two formal assemblies were held and we were lucky enough to have an ex-student and previous school captain, Marlee Barber speak to students about being respectful, responsible and achieving in her career as a stunt woman. The Concord High School PB4L mascot Con Cordia was introduced and will be seen across the school in person and on posters to promote the PB4L expectations- Respectful, Responsible, Achievers. A special PB4L cake was cut by junior and senior students to symbolise the launch of PB4L and distributed to students and staff.

During the assemblies the Whanau group performed and two of our Year 12 students: Liam Adoremos and Jack Callander performed

their HSC music item.

Special thanks to the PB4L team consisting of Fiona Milligan, Fiona Payne, Grace Maslen and Tim Sloane and Jody Engisch. For the organisation of this important event and the ongoing implementation of PB4L at Concord High School.

Special thanks to Ms Maslen for designing and organising all of the new PB4L signage that can be seen across the school. The focus of the PB4L team will now be to support teachers in teaching and reinforcing the core expectations: respectful, responsible, achievers across the curriculum with students.



During the PB4L day a teachers vs students cricket match was organised by Ms Sarah Kim, school captain, Matthew Roper and the prefect body. The event was to raise funds for the McGrath foundation and \$1100 was raised to support this very important charity. The students enjoyed an afternoon in the sun watching the students defeat the teachers. More information about this special event can be found in this newsletter.



Prefect Induction SRC badge presentation

On Friday 21st July a special assembly was held to induct the new prefect body 2017-2018 and to present the Student Representative Council (SRC) with their badges.

Thank you to Catherine Picone and Sarah Kim for their impeccable organisation of the Prefect and SRC Induction assembly. This was a very successful event attended by parents and Year 10, 11 and 12 were beautifully behaved.

The wonderful concert band performed at the assembly. On Sunday 23rd July they performed and won gold. Congratulations!



The Whanau Group

Good luck to the Whanau group who will be competing at the Sydney Pacifica cultural festival on Wednesday 26th July at Sydney Olympic Park .We wish them well. Thank you to Mrs Joyce Valele and Mrs Pam Nolan for all of their hard work in preparing the group.



Youth Aware of Mental Health

The Department of Education is working with the Black Dog Institute to run a school-based peer support and mental health literacy program called Youth Aware of Mental Health (YAM).

What is YAM?

YAM is a program aimed at addressing the mental health needs of young people.

YAM involves discussion and role play. It aims to get young people involved and talking about mental health. By doing this young people will learn problem solving skills and gain knowledge about mental health.

This is a free program for all Year 9 students. The Department of Education has funded all costs associated with the YAM program.

Who is it for?

All Year 9 students

What is in the program?

There are 6 themes addressed in the program

- What is mental health?
- Self-help advice
- Stress and crisis
- Depression and suicidal thoughts
- Helping a friend in need?
- Who can I ask for advice?

How will YAM run in our school?

YAM will run over 3 weeks and is delivered in the classroom setting (up to 30 students) by accredited trainers external to the school.

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
Opening session	Role play 2	Closing session
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Role play 1	Role play 3	

Students will be given a booklet to keep. It will include a guide of local health resources as well as a list of different organisations who work with youth in the local community.

Who can I contact to discuss YAM?

The contact for YAM in our school is Mrs Milligan

When will YAM be delivered in our school?

YAM will be delivered in term three on Thursday 3rd, 10th and 17th August 2017

Where can I find more information about YAM

<http://www.y-a-m.org/>

Deputy Principals Report

Craig Anderson and Fiona Payne

Year 8 Subject selection for Year 9 electives.

In Week 2 of term we will start discussing with year 8 students the elective courses offered for Years 9 and 10. In Week 3 of term you will be asked to complete an online selection. Remember that the courses selected must be studied for both Years 9 and 10.

Years 8 and 9 parent teacher night. Thursday July 27. The perfect opportunity for Year 8 families to discuss elective choices for Year 9.

Year 10 subject selection for preliminary course.

Students will have an interview in Week 2 to discuss the courses that they have chosen for the preliminary course. There are strict requirements for the level of English and mathematics that students can study based on performance in years 9 and 10. At the interview students will be advised regarding the level of course, number of courses with a major work, ATAR or Non ATAR requirements and the combination of courses will be discussed. Any changes to study patterns will of course be sent home for your approval and sign off. There are a number of students that Mr Anderson is also interviewing and has requested that parents book an appointment and attend this meeting. If you would like to attend the course selection interview with your student please contact Mrs Milligan Careers Adviser or Mr Chappelow Year Adviser.

Uniform donations.

Thank you so very much for your generous donation of uniforms. Currently we are critically short of skirts. If your young woman has now outgrown her old skirts please drop them to the Side Office.



Upcoming Dates

VARIATIONS TO ROUTINE

TERM 3 WEEK 2

24 July – 28 July 2017

WEEK B

24 July <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Athletics Robotics club 12:35pm - 1:15pm Year 8 into 9 subject booklet issued Assessment Tasks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 Biology skills 	25 July <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Athletics Pacifica Cultural Event P & C meeting 7pm - 9pm Assessment Tasks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 Society and Culture PIPs due Year 11 maths ext 1 task Year 10 GATS Maths task 	26 July <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pacifica Cultural Event Opportunity class placement test HOTS to Sydney Jewish Museum Legacy public speaking Robotics club 12:35pm - 1:15pm
27 July <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Years 8 and 9 parent teacher night Australian Mathematic comp 	28 July <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Tree Day China Cultural excursion Junior assembly. Senior year meetings 	

A LOOK AHEAD 2017 Term 3 week 3, 4 and 5

A TERM 3 WEEK 3	31 July <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Robotics club 12:35pm - 1:15pm Year 8 into 9 subject online open Assessment Tasks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HSC Trial examinations 	1 August <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Australian national Chemistry Quiz Assessment Tasks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HSC Trial examinations UNSW ICAS English competition 	2 August <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Robotics club 12:35pm - 1:15pm Assessment Tasks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HSC Trial examinations 	3 August Assessment Tasks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HSC Trial examinations Year 11 2 unit Maths task 	4 August <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior assembly. Junior year meetings NAIDOC assemblies Assessment Tasks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HSC Trial examinations
B TERM 3 WEEK 4	7 August <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Robotics club 12:35pm - 1:15pm Assessment Tasks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HSC Trial examinations 	8 August Assessment Tasks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HSC Trial examinations 	9 August <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 9 to Macbeth Robotics club 12:35pm - 1:15pm Assessment Tasks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HSC Trial examinations 	10 August <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 Gala day Assessment Tasks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HSC Trial examinations 	11 August <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior assembly. Senior year meetings AIME Years 9,10 and 11 Assessment Tasks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HSC Trial examinations
A TERM 3 WEEK 5	14 August <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Robotics club 12:35pm - 1:15pm 	15 August <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNSW ICAS Mathematics test Mibu Town Student Group visit 	16 August <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Robotics club 12:35pm - 1:15pm 	17 August <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 Economics Year 11 B Street Smart 	18 August <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior assembly. Junior year meetings Year 9 Science Festival



CONCORD HIGH SCHOOL'S TEACHERS VS STUDENTS CRICKET MATCH

A fundraiser for the McGrath Foundation

Community engagement and active citizenship are fundamental qualities, which we instil in our students at Concord High School. On Wednesday 19th July, as part of the Positive Behaviour 4 Learning (PB4L) Launch Day, our students demonstrated these qualities by organising the *Teachers VS Students Cricket Match* to raise money for the **McGrath Foundation**. The foundation is a charity organisation that aims to place McGrath Breast Care Nurses in communities across Australia and increase [breast](#) health awareness.

During this event, Concord High School proudly raised over \$1,100 to donate to the McGrath Foundation. All participating staff and students had a wonderful time engaging in the Australian national pastime. It was a very close match between the two sides; however, we will have to give the trophy to the students this time. The staff put up some great runs and will be ready to take on the students again in future sporting events.



Teachers Team



Students Team

Both Ms Kim and Ms Picone would like to acknowledge the Year 12 Prefect body for supporting such an important cause and for taking unified action to assist those in need. We would also like to thank the Concord High School staff and students who contributed through both their donations and participation in the Cricket Match, proving that together, we can make a difference. The leadership team hope to engage in future fundraising events with the same level of success and achievement.

*"Through my experience with breast cancer, the mission for the McGrath Foundation became clear: to raise money to place breast care nurses in communities across Australia, as well as increase breast awareness in young people, particularly young women. **Breast cancer doesn't care how old you are, where you live, whether you're a career woman or a mother.** Breast cancer is a disease that currently affects one in eight Australian women of all ages and backgrounds. Please help the McGrath Foundation support Australian women. **Together, we can make a difference.**"*



Jane McGrath
Co-Founder of the McGrath Foundation
(1966 – 2008)



NSW School Band Festival

On Sunday 25 July, the Concord High School Concert Band performed at the NSW School Band Festival at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music - Verbrugghen Hall. The Festival caters for bands of all ability levels, from beginner bands to Australia's most accomplished school ensembles. Each event is named after a prominent composer or musician who has contributed to the band movement in Australia. The CHS Concert Band presented three pieces in the Graham Lloyd Secondary School Concert Band Event:

Viva La Vida **Coldplay**

Tenjin Yama **Kurt Hahn**

Pictures at an Exhibition **Mussorsky**

Students awarded a rating of Gold for their performance.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank Band Director Michael Solomon for his efforts in preparing the students for their performance, parents & friends of the CHS Concert Band for their support and above all I would like to congratulate the students for their dedication, commitment and outstanding achievement of a well-deserved result.

All students who play an instrument and who are not yet a member of the CHS Instrumental Ensembles Program are encouraged to speak with any of the Music teachers at Concord for further information and rehearsal times.

Vanessa Cesta
HT Creative & Performing Arts



Welfare News

By Fiona Milligan



Welcome back to term 3, I hope you had an enjoyable break.

Next Thursday, 27th July is a catch up day for those students in Year 7, 11 and 12 who missed their vaccinations last term. There are also a few Year 8 students who missed one at the end of last year. Year Advisers will be alerting these students that they will need to be here at school on time next Thursday. Students involved are asked to eat breakfast and wear their jumper/jacket on Thursday.

I have attached 2 information sheets for parents titled, “Tuning into Teens” and “Family One Stop Shop” which may be of interest.

We are fortunate to have 2 highly skilled School Counsellors working at Concord. A reminder that Ms Judi Joy is here on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday and Ms Jennifer Kent on a Tuesday and Thursday.

Yr 12 are busy getting ready for trials in week 3 – Ms Peoples and I are working closely with all students as they prepare for their post-school pathway. This is both an exciting, yet sometimes daunting time for students and I would encourage students and parents to access the support services we offer here at Concord.
Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Fiona Milligan
Head Teacher Welfare



Student Lateness at Concord High School

Due to an increase of student lateness, this term there will be a focus to target school lateness to encourage school connectedness and engagement.

Punctuality is an important habit to develop in students and it is essential to arrive on time to school as it:

- enables students to start the day organised and calm.
- ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities.
- helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine.
- gives students time to greet their friends before class.
- reduces classroom disruption.

By improving punctuality, students can also meet Concord High School's PB4L expectations of Responsible and Achieving behaviour. By arriving to class on time, students can demonstrate responsibility for their learning as well as demonstrate achievement in class as they can be positive members of the classroom.

Continuing from last term, the Head Teacher Administration will be implementing strategies to improve student lateness. Some strategies will include interviewing students about behaviour, detention and monitoring cards. If there is no improvement after these strategies, further consequences such as Deputy involvement and HSLO interviews will occur.

Please take the time to discuss with your child the importance of punctuality and if needed discuss and plan strategies to ensure your child arrives to school on time. With your support we can improve the school attendance, promote good practice and create a supportive environment.

Year 8 and 9 Parent Teacher Night Week 2

Dear Year 8 and 9 parents and guardians, this is a friendly announcement for you to put Parent Teacher Night in your diaries. Parent Teacher Night for Year 8 and 9 is happening on Thursday 27th July Week 2 between 4 and 7pm. This is a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress this year. Year 8 and 9 students today should have received information on the online booking process which will be open to use from the 21st of July until the 27th July at 6.30am. When booking, please remember to print a copy of your interview times.



P & C News

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In a world where busy families are time poor, the P&C feels this is the most equitable way for many to have an opportunity to contribute to support Concord High School in ensuring the student community have the very best educational opportunities and learning environment.

We are excited to have wonderful volunteers working on the P&C's Charity and Building Fund Status such that future contributions can be tax deductible and where the P&C voluntary levy can be included in the fees at the start of the school year.

Until then, we ask that you kindly consider the CHS P&C's 2017 Voluntary Fundraising Contribution request – we have funded many wonderful school projects over the years – our coffers are now a little depleted – to be able to continue our support of CHS, we rely on this fundraising drive.

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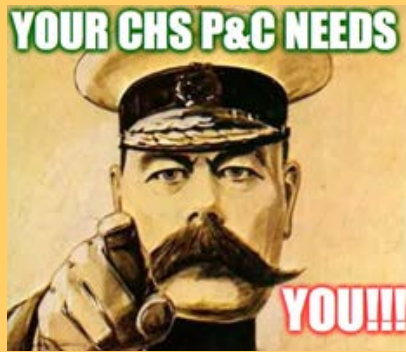
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The P&C is made up of many wonderful fellow parent/carers volunteers with a few choosing and being elected to take on specific tasks but please remember there are many ways to be involved and support your P&C and local community not all requiring too much time and each and every contribution is much appreciated.

Your P&C needs the people with the following skills from the community to help support our school and ongoing fundraising initiatives.

P&C Representatives on New Staff Merit Selection Panels

An important way of being involved is to sit as a P&C representative on a Merit Selection Panel for new staff. Please email us as below if you would be interested in receiving more information and let us know if you are currently trained and/or have sat on Panels before. Training will be provided and we will add your name to our list of volunteers.

Cake Stall Volunteers

We need a list of available people throughout the year who can help out and set up cake stalls for events run in the school. These events include Parent/Teacher Interview Evenings, Harmony Day, etc. and are an easy and fun way to support the school and community.

Landscapers

The school is looking for parents/carers who might have **landscaping** skills to help with the school's grounds beautification project.

Signwriters

The school is looking for parents/carers who might have **signwriting** skills to help with posters around the school supporting the PB4L process.

If you want further information or are available to help with any of the above, please email us on concordhighschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au



Concord High School

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING

Dear parents, guardians and students,

A friendly reminder that Concord High School's after school tutoring will begin on

Monday 24th July – Week 2, Term 3

In the school library.

Participating students must bring their own work (class work/assessment tasks) as our tutors are NOT expected to create separate tasks for each session.

Term 3 tutoring invoices will be mailed and e-mail to parents/guardians in **Week 3**. Parents/Guardians are NOT expected to provide their payments until the invoices have been sent out to them.

Please don't hesitate to contact Sarah Kim if you have further enquiries in this regard.

Thank You!

Sarah Kim (HSIE Faculty)
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Tuning into Teens

Free 6 Week Program for Parents
of Adolescents aged 12 and over



Every Wednesday for 6 weeks this course will help you learn how to better talk with and understand your teen, give tips on how to manage conflict and support your teen cope when they are angry or upset.

WHERE:

Canterbury City Community Centre
130 Railway Parade
Lakemba 2195

WHEN:

Starts Wednesday 26 July 2017
Finishes Wednesday 30 August 2017
10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Limited childminding will be available onsite

For more information or to make a booking call Romana on 9750 9344

Prosper
Project Australia

Family One Stop Shop

Thursdays from 10.30am – 2.30pm
during school term time

Drop in and appointments for;

**Rotary Community
Centre,
34 North Parade
Campsie**

**Free clothing
and goods pool
held monthly**
(eligibility criteria applies)

Financial counselling
Legal advice
Disability Support
Casework
Parent education
Counselling
Family Support

Free child minding available during appointments

For more information view the calendar
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COME PLAY GIRLS RUGBY 7S!!

U12, U14, U16, U18



WESTS JUNIOR RUGBY UNION

Training Tuesdays and Thursdays,
6.00pm, St Lukes Park, Concord

Tournament kicks off Saturday 22nd July



For info



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