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Term 3 Week 2

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Principals Report

Tree Day

On Friday 28th July the Enviro Cub together with Ms Bekheet, Ms Celik, Mr Slocum and Mr Anderson celebrated National Schools Tree Day by planting 250 trees and plants. Special thanks to Canada Bay Council, Bunnings Ashfield and Flower Power Enfield who assisted with donations and sent staff to come and help with the event.



Principals Report continued

Year 8 & 9 Parent Teacher Evening

Thank you very much to the teachers and parents of Year 8 and 9 students who engaged in the Parent Teacher evening on Thursday 27th July. The partnership between the school and parents and carers is important in supporting the education and wellbeing of the students.

A special thanks to the P & C who provided refreshments on the evening. The next P & C meeting will be held this term on Tuesday 5th September. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.



Education Week 2017

Education Week highlights the achievements of public education and our local schools, shining the spotlight on our students, our educators and the communities that support them.

This year's theme is I Learn, We Learn, celebrating the commitment of the NSW Department of Education to ensure that every student, every teacher, every leader and every school improves every year.

As part of the Education week celebrations, Serena Davison (School captain 2017-2018) & Benjamin Wood (Vice Captain 2017-2018) have been provided with a wonderful opportunity to participate in the Director for a Day program with Ms Kathy Powzun, Director PSNSW, Strathfield Principals Network on Monday 31 August 2017. The students will shadow Ms Powzun for the day as she goes about her every day activities and visiting various sites including some schools. We are very thankful to Ms Kathy Powzun for providing our student leaders with this great experience.

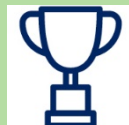
Students will also attend a special assembly on Friday with performances from their fellow students to celebrate Education Week.

This year's theme is I Learn, We Learn. It is a celebration of our schools' commitment to ensuring:



System-wide improvement

Every student, every teacher, every leader and every school will improve every year.



High expectations for all

A culture of high expectations for our students and our educators sets high standards, which leads to high achievement.



Principals Report continued



Personalised student learning

By teaching to the strengths and needs of each individual, students will be better able to reach and exceed their potential.



Wellbeing

Every student will be known, cared for and respected.



Creating stronger ties with local communities

Parents and carers are our schools' partners in the education and wellbeing of each student. Partnerships with local businesses and industry create opportunities for our students to contribute to and thrive in society.

Trial HSC examinations

I would like to wish the Year 12 students all the very best for their Trial HSC examinations that will be starting on Monday 31st July.

Remember the golden rules

- Get some sleep the night before
- Eat something
- Avoid 'panic talk' with other students
- Read the directions
- Make a time management plan and stick to it
- Watch the clock
- Start with the easy ones
- Build in revision time
- Don't leave the exam early
- Take control of your stress and make it work for you!



Deputy Principals Report

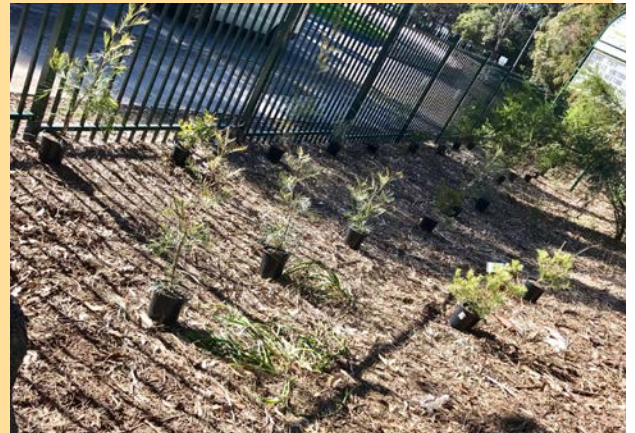
by Craig Anderson & Fiona Payne

National Schools Tree Day

Planet Ark has just celebrated 21 years of National Tree Day and Schools Tree Day - Australia's largest community tree-planting and nature care event. Concord High School participated in Schools Tree Day on Friday 28 July. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Canada Bay Council, Bunnings Ashfield and Flower Power Enfield who not only assisted with donations but they also sent staff to come and help our event. Please support these local businesses who generously support our school. There will be a full article next week.



The students have a talk from Observatory Hill Field Studies Centre on the importance of biodiversity using some native animals that have been to the taxidermist.



Some of the larger plants where they will be planted.



Some of the more than 250 plants that the team hopes to plant today.



Year 8 Subject Selection for Year 9 Electives.

Students have now been issued the Year 9 elective booklet and a note with the instructions for making online choices. The note has also been emailed to their @education email address. Online choices are open Monday 31 July to Monday 7 August. Remember that what is chosen must be studied for BOTH Years 9 and 10. Once you are happy with the choice please print your selection, sign it and have your student return it to the Side Office. No subject choice can be processed without family approval.

Year 10 subject selection for preliminary course.

Due to a number of calendar events, students will have an interview on Monday or Tuesday of Week 3 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.



Welfare News

by Fiona Milligan



One of the issues the Welfare Team deals with is BULLYING. The NSW Government has recently released the NSW Anti-Bullying website as one part of the Governments strategy to support schools to identify bullying, prevent it and respond effectively when it does occur.

The NSW Anti-bullying website,
Antibullying.nsw.gov.au
(<https://antibullying.nsw.gov.au>)

brings together existing and new resources into one accessible location. It provides content for teachers and school leaders, primary and secondary school-aged students, and their parents and carers.

As a result, the Welfare Team will be reviewing the website and updating our schools anti-bullying policy during this term. I would encourage parents to also become familiar with this resource as there is a whole section relating to parents with detailed information under the following headings:

A step-by-step guide for parents and carers when their child is involved with bullying.

- [Defining bullying](#)
- [Keeping my child safe online](#)
- [My child is being bullied](#)
- [My child is bullying others](#)
- [My child has seen bullying](#)

Also, included on the following page is fact sheet for parents.

On a different note, I would also like to wish Year 12 the very best as they commence their trials on Monday.





What is bullying?

Bullying has three key features.

It:

- involves a misuse of power in a relationship
- is ongoing and repeated, and
- involves behaviours that can cause harm.

Bullying can also occur online.

This is known as cyberbullying, which is using technology such as the internet or mobile devices to bully someone. It can include sending abusive texts and emails, posting hurtful messages and putting inappropriate comments on pictures of others.

Bullying of any kind is not acceptable in NSW schools, whatever the reason. Schools are committed to working with parents, staff and students to prevent bullying and respond quickly and effectively if it does occur.

What can you do if your child has been bullied?

Listen calmly and get the full story

Your child needs to know that they are being heard. Their feelings matter and their concerns should be taken seriously. Encourage your child to talk about what happened. Explain to your child that reporting the bullying is okay.

After listening to their concerns, ask questions to get more details if needed: who, what, where, when.

Reassure your child that they are not to blame

Children may blame themselves and this can make them feel even worse. Say supportive things like, 'That sounds really hard to deal with', or 'I'm so glad you told me. You should feel safe at school'.

Ask your child what they want to do – and what they want you to do

It is important to help your child to find their own solution as this will help them feel that they have some control over the situation.

If your child is not in any immediate danger and they feel confident, they could try these strategies:

- Ignore the bullying.
- Turn their back and walk away.
- Act unimpressed or pretend they don't care.
- Say "No" or "Just stop!" firmly.

If the bullying happened at school, support your child to tell a teacher.

If your child wants to talk to someone other than the school or you think added support would help, you could tell them to go to the Kids Helpline website. They can also call for free on 1800 55 1800.

When do I contact the school?

Your child may be reluctant for you to speak to school staff. Discuss the idea and reassure them that the school would want to know and is able to help.

If needed, make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher. You could also ask to talk with the principal.

Contact the school immediately if you have a concern about your child's safety.

Support for parents and carers
Kids Helpline also has a parent line with trained teams who provide support, information and counselling for parents of children aged 0-18 years. You can call them for the cost of a local call from 9am to 9pm Monday to Friday and 4pm to 9pm on weekends on 1300 1300 52.

Telephone interpreter service

If you would like to contact the school or Parent Line NSW and need assistance with English please call the telephone interpreter service on 131 450, tell them what language you need and ask the operator to make the call. The operator will get an interpreter on the line to assist you with your conversation. You will not be charged for this service.



P & C News

Many thanks to those parents and carers who attended our P&C meeting on Tuesday for your time and support and for our P&C volunteers who have been busy progressing P&C matters for your time and commitment. Special thanks to Mrs Fiona Milligan for attending to talk on Year 10 subject selection, Year 12 exit and the Youth Mental Health Program and for Mr Craig Anderson for standing in for Ms Jody Engisch.

The P&C were delighted to approve funding for another year of the ClickView Video Learning application that allows teachers and students to access Curriculum Related Video material to assist with their learning/teaching.

Our grants team have also started important work, working with CHS, on securing funds through grant applications so we thank Donna Hogan and Marie dela Rama on their work to date and wish them luck on their first grant application approved by the P&C.

Minutes for the 2016 and 2017 meetings to date can now be found on the CHS web site under Our School \ Your P&C \ Minutes & Documents.

Our next P&C meeting is on Tuesday, 5 September from 7.00 pm in the staff common room with a planned conclusion by 8.30 pm. **At this meeting we will be delighted to welcome Mrs Fiona Payne to talk to us about this year's CHS NAPLAN results.**

The P&C meetings are in the staff common room with all warmly welcome for a relaxed, fun and collegiate gathering of parent, carer, community and school staff members. The meetings provide a great way to stay connected with the school and your local community with important updates on school news and initiatives. Light refreshments are served.

2017 P&C VOLUNTARY FUNDRAISING CONTRIBUTION

The P&C relies on the annual Voluntary Fundraising Contribution as our primary means of fundraising together with the profits generated from the P&C run Uniform Shop.

You will shortly receive via email the 2017 fundraising form which will then be featured in the KIT going forward.

Without these yearly drives, we would be unable to help fund the many projects that students of Concord High are benefiting from. Details of past and future projects will be detailed on the form.

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 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.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

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 so appreciated.

Please take a moment to look at our call for volunteers listing in the KIT below.

If you want to be kept informed of P&C matters, receive the agenda or minutes, and/or become more involved please email us as per below. You can also find general information on the P&C on the CHS web site under Our School \ Your P&C. 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

CONCORD HIGH SCHOOL 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.

Tracksuit pants are now available from the Uniform Shop.

We continue our notice and confirm that prices of uniform shop items will increase from Monday, 7 August. The new price list can be obtained from the Uniform Shop and will be posted on the CHS web site under the Our School \ Uniform Shop tab from Monday, 7 August. The price increases are beyond our control as we are now required, due to our revenue, to register and charge GST and the supply price of some items have also increased from our supplier.

The Uniform Shop is run by our wonderful Uniform Shop Manager, Mae Czernkowski, who is supported by a team of parent/carers volunteers. Mae together with these volunteers has been working hard to ensure uniform prices are kept as reasonable as possible and that our Uniform Shop operates to a profit with all funds raised being donated to the school to help fund resources.

You can contact Mae, our Uniform Shop Manager, on 0434 169 203 or email school_s_in@yahoo.com.au

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

Managing Challenging Behaviours Collaboratively

The popular programme developed by Dr. Steve Walker, Brief Therapy Solutions

Workshops for parents with children diagnosed with ADHD, Oppositional Defiant Disorder (ODD), Conduct Disorder (CD) or challenging behaviours

What you will learn....

- Child development and the link to seriously challenging behaviours
- How to look for and identify lost skills in your child
- Parents as partners in managing behaviour
- Strategies to reduce outbursts
- How to make a difference in your child's challenging behaviour

Next workshop series commences in October 2017

Dates Every Monday from 16th October 2017 until 4th December 2017.

Venue Sales and Information Centre, Oran Park Drive, Oran Park

Time 12.30pm to 2.30pm

Presenters Carmel Flavell - Manager Quality and Inclusion (Master Child/Adolescent Welfare, BA (Socio/Women's Studies and Certificate IV in Training and Assessment) and Nicole Humphries - Casework Team Leader, Family Support - Wollondilly/Camden (Bachelor Social Science (Social Welfare)).

There is no fee charged for this course. All sessions need to be attended; there is NO childcare available for these workshops. Please call Nicole at Community Links Wollondilly on 4683 2776 to book your place. Please note these workshops are not for people employed in the sector, it is for parents and carers only.



POST SCHOOL EXPO 2017

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

JJCahill Memorial HS

Date: Tuesday, 1st August

Time: 10:00am—4:00pm

- ◊ Do you have a son, daughter or do you care for a student in years 9—12 with a disability?
- ◊ Have you given thought to what will happen after leaving school?
- ◊ Do you know about the National Insurance Disability Scheme?

School leavers and their families have the opportunity to visit a variety of Service Providers

**JJ Cahill Memorial High School,
Support Unit,
Sutherland St,
Mascot. 2020
Enter through the front foyer of the school.**

SERVICES EXHIBITING AT THIS POST SCHOOL EXPO INCLUDE:

Disability Employment Services (Open and Supported Employment)
Information and Support regarding the National Disability Insurance Scheme.
Service Providers working with NDIS
TAFE NSW
NDCO (National Disability Coordination Officer)
Department Human Services—Centrelink

TO FIND OUT MORE CONTACT:

Department of Education, Support Teacher Transition:

Sue Tomasetti: (02) 9300 9579
Sue.Tomasetti@det.nsw.edu.au

Susan Lake: (02) 9810 0471 (Ext: 144)
Susan.Lake@det.nsw.edu.au

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for 2017/2018 Season**



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1ST - 14TH AUGUST**

- **Register online at www.iwlac.org.au**
 - Select Inner West as your centre & follow the prompts
 - Family discounts for 2 or more children.
- Register online, then collect your Info Pack & Season Numbers and buy uniforms on the Collection & Information nights.
- Just bring a copy of:
 - Your printed online receipt
 - Your child's Birth Certificate or Passport (*new members only*)
- **Registration Pack Collection nights**
 - Fridays 18th & 25th August, 6pm to 8pm St Luke's Oval, Concord.
- **Information night for New Members & Age Managers**
 - Friday 1st September, 6pm to 8pm St Luke's Oval, Concord.
- **Season starts 6pm, Friday 8th September**
 - For boys and girls age 4-17 – St Luke's Oval, Concord
 - For Further information, 0469 843 096 or www.iwlac.org.au

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RUN WITH THE BULLS

The Inner West Bulls Basketball Association are extremely excited to announce the launch of our brand new girls only program ... the "Bull'ettes"!

This is a three tiered program designed specifically for girls from 11 to 16, to teach basketball skills and fundamentals, to provide local competitions for development and enjoyment, and to build pathways into representative teams!

As well as great competition and exercise, these sessions will also be loads of fun ... music blaring, fun games and activities.

Details are:

Ages: Under 14 (Born 2004/2005) and Under 16 (Born 2002/2003)

Venue: Club Ryde X, 724 Victoria Road, Ryde

Dates: Coaching and skills
Saturdays from 4.00pm - 6.00pm, starting July 29
Competition
U16s - Thursdays from 7.00pm starting 3rd August
U14s - Thursdays from 5.30pm starting 3rd August

Cost: Basketball NSW Registration - \$90 per annum
Competition Registration - \$50 per player per term
Cost includes all coaching sessions, all local competition games, representative section trial fees and a reversible "Bull'ettes" game singlet

Entry: Either enter as a team (minimum of six players) or as an individual and we will match you up with a team. Teams to wear matching singlets (either Bulls singlets, school team colours or your own singlets). To enter please email girlsbasketball@innerwestbulls.com, including player names and DOB.

Looking forward to seeing you court side!!

With thanks to our sponsor



GO BULLS!!

Upcoming Dates

VARIATIONS TO ROUTINE TERM 3 WEEK 3

31 July – 4 August 2017

WEEK A

31 July <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Robotics club 12:35pm - 1:15pm Year 8 into 9 subject online open Years 7 and 8 Touch football Assessment Tasks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HSC Trial examinations 	1 August <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Australian national Chemistry Quiz TBC Year 11 Bio excursion 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 Under 15 Boys knockout basketball ATSI languages seminar Assessment Tasks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HSC Trial examinations
3 August <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 9 - YAM program 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 	

A LOOK AHEAD 2017 Term 3 week 4, 5 and 6

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 Year 11 Economics task 	10 August <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 Gala Day YAM program- Year 9 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"> 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 YAM program- Year 9 Robotics club 12:35pm - 1:15pm 	18 August <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior assembly. Junior year meetings Year 9 Science Festival
B TERM 3 WEEK 6	21 August <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Robotics club 12:35pm - 1:15pm 	22 August	23 August <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Robotics club 12:35pm - 1:15pm Assessment Tasks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 Advanced and Standard English 	24 August	25 August <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior assembly. Senior year meetings

