



Concord High School Keeping In Touch *Respectful Responsible Achieving* Term 4 Week 1

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Principal's Report

Higher School Certificate

The Year 12 students started the HSC examinations on Thursday 18th October. On behalf of the Concord High School community I would like to send best wishes to the Year 12 students and their families for the HSC examination period.

Farmers Relief Fundraising

On Friday 19th October the Concord High School community came together to raise money for the farmers in Australia who have been affected by the drought. Students were able to dress up in mufti clothing or dress up like a farmer. Below are some teachers who dressed up in the theme of the day.



Principal's Report continued

The students organised a bake sale to raise more funds for the farmers and the music faculty led by Ms Cesta and supported by Mr Shaw and Ms Huang put on a concert in the theatrette. Special thanks to Ms Armitage, Ms Picone, Ms Taing, Ms Lombardo, Ms White and Ms Merchant for their organisation of the event and the teaching and SASS staff who baked treats for the bake stall. It was a wonderful day of celebrations and support for Australia's farming community. I am very proud of and thankful for the kindness and care of the staff and students at Concord High School for their generous spirit and enthusiasm in supporting this great initiative.



Music Performances



Acting Principal
Mrs Jody English



Deputy Principals Report

by Craig Anderson & Fiona Payne

Year 11 ATAR club

This is the first activity of the ATAR club. Tuesday October 23rd 6-7pm Universities Admission Centre (UAC) presentation to students and families in the school Hall. The presentation is for Year 11 students and families about how the Universities Admission Centre calculates the ATAR for University admission. Interested Year 10 students and families are also welcome to attend.

Year 11 have been issued an expression of interest note to join the ATAR club. The note briefly outlines the ATAR club including the teacher mentor program. Expressions of interest notes and mentor applications are due on Friday of Week 2, Friday 26 October. Please ask for and discuss this with your student. At the UAC information evening I will be able to speak with you should you have any questions.



The poster is for Remembrance Day 2018. It features a sepia-toned photograph of soldiers in the front line, with one soldier in the foreground wearing a gas mask. The text is arranged in a formal, centered layout. On the left, the word 'Armistice' is written in a large, bold, serif font, with 'NSW remembers 1918-2018' underneath. In the center, the Mayor's invitation is written in a smaller, sans-serif font. The title 'Remembrance Day' is prominently displayed in a large, red, cursive font. Below the title, the date and location of the service are given. To the right, there is a list of sponsors and their logos, including the Australian Government, NSW Government, and the City of Canada Bay. At the bottom left, there is a small caption for the photograph.

Armistice
NSW remembers 1918-2018

Men of the Australian 1st Divisional Signal Company.
Anzac Cove 25 April 1915. Photo courtesy of
Australian War Memorial Collection. A02781.

Mayor Angelo Tsirekas cordially
invites you to a service to commemorate

Remembrance Day

to be held 10.30am, Sunday 11 November 2018
Pavilion of Honour
Queen Elizabeth Park, Concord

RSVP by Friday 26 October
Online booking: bit.ly/CCBCremembrance
Contact: Lisa Togafau on 9911 6275
Dress: Lounge Suit/Medals

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and sponsorship provided by

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GOVERNMENT
CONCORD DISTRICT SUB BRANCH
City of
Canada Bay

Evacuation drill

This term we will be holding an emergency evacuation drill. Can you please discuss the reasons for why this is needed and offer reassurance to your student if you know that they are sensitive in these situations.

End of year examinations

Students in Years 7 to 10 will have end of year examinations this term. Your student at this time of the year should have homework to complete and study to do for the upcoming examinations.

Year 7 - Week 3

Year 8 - Week 4

Year 9 - Week 6

Year 10 - Week 5



Welfare News

By Fiona Milligan

Welcome back to Term 4 – I hope you had an enjoyable break. This is my favourite term of the year, as the weather warms up and we move into a festive mood, celebrating all the successes of the past year and with Christmas just around the corner – that came up quick!

I am thrilled that some of our students are going to the Invictus Games next week, what an amazing opportunity. For those who haven't been caught up with all the extra publicity the visiting Royals bring, and may be unsure of what this is, the **Invictus Games** is an international adaptive multi-sport event, created by Prince Harry, in which wounded, injured or sick armed services personnel and their associated veterans take part in sports including wheelchair basketball, sitting volleyball, and indoor rowing. Named after [Invictus](#), Latin for "unconquered" or "undefeated", the event was inspired by the [Warrior Games](#), a similar event held in the United States. The first Invictus Games took place in March 2014 at the [Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park](#) in [London, United Kingdom](#).

Our students who are going to the games will get to see a number of sports and meet with an athlete from the Australian team. When I was reading about all the various athletes and their wonderful personal stories, I note that a number of athletes have talked about their struggles with their mental health, particularly anxiety and depression. Years ago, talking about these issues would perhaps not have happened – it is so good to see that we are getting better at talking about our mental health just like we do about our physical health. I constantly say to our students here, if you had asthma, a sore leg, a fever, a bad cold – you would probably tell someone, a doctor, a family member, a friend, a partner, a work colleague etc. **Let's keep talking to these same people about our mental health.**

Lots happening with Welfare in Term 4 - values programs, police talks, resilience activities, study skills, peers support, All My Own Work to name a few, and a fun Rewards day to finish off with. I look forward to working with our students and families again this term.



STEM News

This is a reminder that Concord High School will be hosting a STEM careers night for Year 9-11 students and their families in Term 4. If you are interested in attending please RSVP as per the details below. Please contact Ms Leung if you have any questions.

Concord High School presents



STEM Careers Night

A forum for Year 9-11 students and their families to learn about careers in science, technology, engineering, maths and medicine

TUES 13 NOV

**6:30pm to 7:30pm
(doors open 6pm)
Concord High School
3 Stanley St, Concord**

Presented by
professionals working
in STEM

Light refreshments on
arrival and FREE goody
bags



RSVP by 30 OCT
alice.leung@det.nsw.edu.au



Concord High School News

Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS)

A number of Year 8 classes at Concord High School have been selected to take part in the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) on Wednesday 21 November 2018.

TIMSS is an important educational research project investigating student achievement in mathematics and science. More than 60 countries, including Australia, are participating in this study. TIMSS is an important activity to inform the community about how our students in Australia are performing in comparison to their peers in other countries.

The Year 8 classes selected to participate in TIMSS will receive more information later this term.

These selected students will do an assessment in mathematics and science and complete a questionnaire about their experiences at home and school. There is no need for students to study specifically for the assessment, as it will not affect individual students' grades or progress in school.

All data will be kept strictly confidential and no individual student or school will be identified in published data or reports.



NSW GOVERNMENT

INVICTUS GAMES SYDNEY 2018

CONCORD HIGH SCHOOL

Year 10 science students at Concord High School hosted the launch of the 'Cobberbot', the online and artificial intelligence led resource for students based on the Invictus Games mascot of the dog called Cobber. Students explored the technology of artificial intelligence while learning more about the Invictus Games Sydney 2018.

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INVICTUS GAMES SYDNEY 2018 EDUCATION PROJECT

Exploring the power of the Invictus Games through education
INCLUSION • RESILIENCE • SERVICE



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Dear Year 8 Parent or Carer

The *Validation of Assessment for Learning & Individual Development* (VALID) test for Year 8 students will be held between **Monday 29 October** and **Friday 9 November 2018**. The test takes approximately 70 minutes. The *VALID Science 8* test is an interactive, multimedia test completed entirely on a computer.

VALID Science 8 contains multiple choice, short response and extended response tasks that are grouped around real-world issues, including scientific investigations. This is a diagnostic test, with tasks framed on Stage 4 outcomes and essential content in the *NSW Science Years K–10 Syllabus*. Students will be tested on their:

- knowledge and understanding of science
- understanding and skills in the process of scientific investigation
- ability to evaluate evidence, make judgements and think critically
- ability to access information and communicate scientific ideas.

Students also complete a survey about their opinions, attitudes and values about science and technology.

Since students complete *VALID Science & Technology 8* on a computer, each student needs to bring headphones or earbuds that plug into a school computer. Earbuds for an iPod or portable player are suitable.

If your child has a disability that needs special consideration or has been educated in English for less than one year, please contact your child's school to discuss special provisions or possible exemption from the test.

Results of the test will be available during Term 1 2019. Information about each student is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that the right to privacy of all students is maintained. A personal report for each student will be sent to parents/carers to describe the science knowledge and skills demonstrated by the student in the test. There will also be information about how your child's results compare with overall performance of all students in the test.

The principal of your child's school is able to provide you with more details about the VALID program if you require additional information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jenny Donovan'.

Jenny Donovan

Executive Director, Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation
Department of Education



P&C News

Good luck and best wishes to all Year 12 students with their HSC exams and to the CHS staff, parents and carers supporting them.

Fittingly FRIDAY, 26 OCTOBER IS WORLD TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION ACROSS AUSTRALIA. This day allows students, parents, carers and the community to show their appreciation and thank the teachers and indeed all staff supporting them for the positive impact they make not only on the lives of our students but on society in general. As a P&C we traditionally hold a morning tea around this time to express our appreciation and we encourage all students, parents and carers to pass on their thanks and appreciation where they can. If you would like to volunteer to help the P&C at this morning tea, please email us as per below. (NB World Teachers' Day is held globally 5 October but as this is in the school holidays, Australia has its own date as above.)

This coming Tuesday is our next P&C meeting Tuesday, 23 October 2018 from 6.30 pm
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) followed by General Meeting
Staff Common Room (above front office). All members and non members welcome

Annual reports from the President, Treasurer, Grants Manager and Uniform sub-committee are presented at the AGM together with the audit report, which is the presentation of the annual report and balance sheet of the P&C Association's activities. The auditor for the following year is also proposed and approved.

The P&C office bearer and executive positions get elected at the AGM these being President, 2 x Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and Secretary. Representative positions are also elected at this meeting, which currently include the Grants Manager and the Uniform Shop Sub-Committee.

Details of these roles and what is involved can be found on the P&C Federation web site www.pandc.org.au - look under FAQs for the Quick Member Info guides on each role. Only financial P&C members are eligible to stand and be elected to a position but all nominations welcome. If you wish to nominate for a position but are unable to attend, please email us with these details as per below.

We table again our constitution documents which can be found on the CHS web site under Supporting Our Students / Parents, Carers & The Community / Your P&C / Minutes & P&C Docs if you wish to review them and propose amendments.

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. 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

Uniform Shop News

The Uniform Shop trading hours are: Monday and Wednesday 10.30am to 1.30pm.

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

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

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





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

Student

Award

John ROSIER

Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser

Che MARTIN-NAIR

Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser

PJ GOTH-TOWNEY

Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser

Taliesin LAW

Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser

Oscar MILLWARD

Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser

Lance PILOT

Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser

Jamie MCGROW

Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser

Wilson OU

Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser

Ivan ALEXANDER

Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser

Michael ANTUNES

Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser

Eileen WO

Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser

Emma ZAKNICH

Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser

Andriana TZOUGANATOS

Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser

Dilay KOSAR

Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser

Allira BOLT

Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser

Flynn SMITH

Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser

Rooley LEE

Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser

Miriam BLAIKIE

Faculty Award: Faculty Award

Madina ABBAZOVA


Faculty Award: Faculty Award

Ilse KNOTTENBELT


Faculty Award: Faculty Award



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THE LAB
TECH GAMES FUN



If you like computers and are on the autism spectrum, you could get mentoring from technology experts and meet other kids who share your interests.

MAKE FRIENDS, A GAME, A CAREER




WHAT IS THE LAB?

The Lab is a technology club for young people with high functioning autism or Asperger's Syndrome who like working with computers. We offer expert mentoring in programming, 3D, digital design and gaming - as well as the chance to meet others with similar interests.

Many young people living with autism have great skills, though may find it hard to build lasting professional or personal relationships.

The Lab provides an opportunity for young people to explore their technology interests and develop their social skills in a safe and supportive environment.

Your local Lab is at...



RHODES
The Learning Space, The Connection

30 Shoreline Drive
Rhodes NSW 2138

For more information visit www.thelab.org.au



Upcoming Dates

VARIATIONS TO ROUTINE TERM 4 WEEK 2 October 22, 2018 – October 26, 2018 WEEK B

October 22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 History Egypt Research Task 	October 23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 Science O Task UAC presentation to Year 11 students and families 6:00pm-7:00pm P&C Meeting 6:30pm-8:30pm 	October 24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 Science R Task Year 7 Science G Task Year 7 Science V & W Task Year 7 Science Y Task
October 25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 Science B Task Year 7 Science P Task Year 7 Science Y Task 	October 26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 Science B Task Year 7 Science G Task Year 7 Science V & W Task Year 7 Science P Task 	

A LOOK AHEAD 2018 Term 4 Week 3

A TERM 4 WEEK 3	October 29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 Assessment Week Year 7 PDHPE Task, all week, various periods 	October 30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 Assessment Week Year 7 Japanese 2 Task Year 8 Japanese 2 Task 	October 31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 Assessment Week Year 10 History Elective Task Year 7 Japanese 1 Task Year 8 Japanese 1 Task 	November 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 Assessment Week Year 7 History Task Year 8 R, V, W, Y Science Task 	November 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 Assessment Week Year 10 Food Tech Task Year 10 Wood Tech Task Year 9 Wood Task Year 7 English Task Year 8 R, V, W, Y Science Task Year 8 B, G, O, P Science Task Duke of Ed Hike 8:00am-11:00pm Year 7 Vaccinatoin 9:00am-12:35pm

