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**Term 4 Week 5**

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# Principal's Report

## China Day

Students from Concord High School participated in the annual China Day concert organised by the Confucius Institute and Department of Education NSW. The students who performed on the day were Max Trapnell, Paula De La Vara Arnaiz, Belle Gallen, Hannah Hampton, Khanishika Suresh Kumar and Isabelle Carbone. We are so proud of these talented and creative students who performed beautifully on the day. The students were awarded Principal Awards for their wonderful efforts.



# Principal's Report continued



## STEMM Careers Evening

This week Ms Leung organised an inspiring science, technology, engineering, mathematics and medicine (STEMM) careers evening at Concord High School. Over a hundred students and parents attended from Concord High School and Homebush Boys High School. The following inspiring special guests spoke on the evening:

Mich Atkinson	Orthopaedic Surgeon
Madeline Anning	Contracts Administrator Construction
Madeleine D'Arcy	Policy Writer Scientist USyd London School of Economics KPMG
Sarah D'Arcy	Current Science Graduate Macquarie Uni on having a "Plan B" as a school leaver
Pecky da Silva	Vascular Surgeon
Barbara MacKenzie	Information Services and Infrastructure Lead Sydney Adventist Hospital
Amanda Ng	Engineer for Sydney Water CSIRO STEMM in Schools
Terri O'Sullivan	Geologist Coal Mining
Michael Parker	Mining Engineer



**Acting Principal  
Mrs Jody Engisch**



# Deputy Principals Report

by Fiona Payne & Craig Anderson

## **Save the dates**

Wednesday 12 December school presentation evening.

Thursday 13 December HSC results released.

Friday 14 December morning tea for all HSC students. On this day ATARs are released. This is an opportunity to discuss ATARs and any advice required for changing preferences. Please strongly encourage your HSC student to attend.

## **Year 11 ATAR club**

54 students have now been allocated a teacher mentor. There are an additional 12 students that we are still matching due to the popularity of some staff and students having to consider who else they might benefit from being mentored by. Please discuss this with your student and check that they have met with their mentor or that they are planning to next week. Non ATAR students are also most welcome to join the ATAR club and mentoring project if they wish.

## **End of year examinations**

Your student at this time of the year should have homework to complete and study to do for the upcoming examinations.

Year 10 Weeks 5 and 6

Year 9 Week 6

## **Year 11 reports**

Year 11 reports are currently in the final stages of editing and printing and should be posted home next week. In the report package is information about a parent portal. Early next year we hope to post copies of reports that you can access online to use for any post school applications.

## **Alexander Deller in Year 10.**

Alexander has been playing cricket as part of the Sydney North team for the past four days. The team made it through to the final but unfortunately went down to the Sydney East team by 5 wickets. Alexander opened the bowling for Sydney North each day. His best figures being 4 for 15 off 8 overs against North West.



# Concord High School News

## Peer Reading

At Concord High School we have a Peer Reading program, and I have been lucky enough to witness students engaging in collaboration with their peers and reading some really interesting books! Research shows that with Peer Reading, students have generally improved their cooperation, their behaviour and their reading confidence.

So what is Peer Reading?

In Peer Reading, year 7 students are paired with a year 10 student to practice their reading. Our year 10 student have been through a training process to provide them with the skills needed to assist their reading buddy.

Our Year 7 readers have the opportunity to improve their literacy skills in a safe and welcoming environment, and work with a trusted peer. This can help remove potential barriers for students and help them engage with reading – and hopefully ignite a fire for reading in the students!

Most commonly, Peer Reading looks like this:

- Students gradually develop more independence with text through a structured approach.
- Students read collaboratively and engage in active discussions with peers.
- Students make meaning for themselves first, and then gather insight from their peers.
- The teacher regularly “pops in” to observe and monitor student progress.

This initiative will continue in 2019.



# P&C News

The next P&C Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 4th December 2018, 6.30pm

## **P&C Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2018**

On the 23rd October the CHS P&C AGM was held in the Staff Common Room at CHS. Elections for office bearers took place, followed by the normal P&C meeting.

Discussions on the night were around the uniform shop, the new P&C auditor, annual fund raising donations, second hand uniforms, skorts for 2019 summer season, world teachers day, Naplan and the school's parent portal. For more information the minutes will be published on the school website soon.

## **Congratulations to the new Office Bearers:**

President:	Angela Smith
Vice President:	Linda Dunkin
Vice President:	Emma Wakefield
Secretary:	Cathy Scanlan
Grants Manager:	Donna Hogan
Uniform shop subcommittee:	Linda Dunkin, Jennifer Dey, Vicki Saarinsen

Unfortunately, no nominations were received for the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer positions and we were unable to fill these very important roles. If you are interested in volunteering for either of these positions please email [concordhighschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au](mailto:concordhighschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au).

## **Uniform Shop News**

**CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!**

The Uniform Shop offers extended opening hours during December 2018 and January 2019 for Year 7 fittings which are by appointment only. We are required by law to have volunteers assist our Uniform Shop Manager, Mae, on the days listed below.

If you are able to volunteer for any of these days, either for all or any part of the time specified, we would be most grateful.

### **December:**

Tuesday 4/12/18, 2.30 pm – 6.30 pm  
Tuesday 11/12/18, 2.30 pm – 6.30 pm  
Thursday 13/12/18, 2.30 pm – 6.30 pm  
Tuesday 18/12/18, 2.30pm – 6.30 pm  
Thursday 20/12/18, 9.00am – 4.00 pm  
Friday 21/12/18, 9.00am – 4.00 pm

### **January:**

Wednesday 23/1/19, 9.00am – 2.00pm  
Thursday 24/1/19, 9.00 am – 2.00 pm

Volunteers will need a current Working With Children Check which can be organised online and at no cost through this link: <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-working-children-check>

If you are able to assist, please email: [concordhighschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au](mailto:concordhighschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au) your name, contact details, Working With Children Check No., and your preferred dates and times.



# P&C News continued

There are a large number of year 7 students joining CHS in 2019. This will place additional pressure on the P&C uniform shop. Please don't leave your uniform ordering to the last minute.

In addition to the above hours reserved for 2019 new enrolments, the Uniform Shop will continue to operate its normal trading hours:

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](mailto:school_s_in@yahoo.com.au).

## Refit of Uniform Shop

Over the last school holidays Angela Smith, Linda Dunkin and Nicole Wailes (pictured below) volunteered their time to redesign and work on the uniform shop. There was much activity, amounting to a good workout whilst unpacking stock, hanging and cleaning. The uniform shop looks fantastic and Mae has a refurbished desk and more space to get about. A big thank you to the volunteers! Make sure you check out the uniform shop soon.



Angela & Nicole



Linda & Mae

Please note all second hand uniforms are now being managed by the school. The P&C uniform shop no longer holds second hand uniforms. Please make all donations and enquiries to the side office.

## Grants Update / News

We have an outstanding grants Manager Donna Hogan, who last year applied for \$121,538 worth of grants on behalf of the P&C. Donna was successful in obtaining \$31,406 in funding, which was used to install the 'steel cover walkways and awnings' at the entrance of the demountables, outdoor seating and purchase plants for the enviro club. We are waiting to hear back on another \$39,132 which we are hoping to use for the construction of the concrete pathway to connect the demountable classrooms and installation of a colour bond awning cover along the length of the pathway between classrooms. **You are a Star Donna!** – many thanks on behalf of all the parents, carers, teachers and students!

(Don't forget if you work for an organisation that provides grants to the community, please pass this information onto Donna via the P&C email address – this would be a great way for you to contribute to the P&C ).



# P&C News continued

## World Teachers Day

On Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> October, the P&C supplied a 'Thank you' morning tea on behalf of all the parents and carers, for the great work they do to educate and support our students. Heading up the team of volunteers was Emma Wakefield, with a supportive crew in Donna Hogan and Bob Allison, who set up tables, organised platters of cakes and generally spoilt the teachers, as they so deserve. Emma made a lovely speech to the gathering and the teachers were grateful for a wonderful morning tea break. Thank you Volunteers!



## Next P&C Meeting – Open Table / Planning Event – Everyone Welcome!

The next P&C meeting will be on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 6.30pm to 8pm in the Staff Common Room. All members and non-members welcome. There will be a presentation by Literacy Coordinator, Ellen Hoy and Numeracy Coordinator, Kathy Kalachian about the 2018 NAPLAN results.

The agenda will be concise and there is going to be an open table, so **parents and carers can voice opinions on what they would like to see in the future from the P&C Committee.** We will be **throwing ideas around on what the hot topics are** for parents & carers in the home. We will be discussing what **professional speakers from outside of the school community we can invite to our meetings**, to gain insight on how we can best support our growing teens.

We are hoping to start a 'social committee' that will generate funds by organising quiz nights or social events. If you and another person would like to take this on, please come along and we can chat and throw some ideas about.

Directions: when you arrive at the school, walk through the front gates, turn left at the front office, then head up the first set of stairs on your left. Bring your coffee, water and if you'd like to share a plate of something, bring that along too!

If you are not on the Direct P&C mailing list, please email us at the below address. That way you can be notified of meeting dates, agendas, minutes, etc. For further information, please do not hesitate to contact us by emailing [concordhighschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au](mailto:concordhighschool@pandcaffiliate.org.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 this week.***

## **Student**

Talia ZAPPIA  
Julieanne LUU  
Amber GROENESCHEIJ  
Dakota THUPELL  
Ilse KNOTTENBELT  
Madina ABBAZOVA  
Taliesin LAW  
Amelia WALKLEY  
Dakota THUPELL  
Ilse KNOTTENBELT  
Ilse KNOTTENBELT  
Indiana BLASONATO  
Junhee LIM  
Taj THORNE  
Flynn SMITH  
Taliesin LAW  
Jamie MCGROW  
Alana SPINNATO  
Ava TOMEIO  
Matthew BROADBENT  
Jayde NEWMAN  
Amelia WALKLEY  
Rishiharan SHIVASHANKARAN  
Grace STIMPSON

## **Award**

**Bronze Merit:** Bronze Merit  
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# Welfare News

By Fiona Milligan

**FREE ONLINE HEALTHY LIFESTYLE PROGRAM FOR 13-17 YEAR OLDS**

The TEAM Program gives teenager who are above a healthy weight, an easy way to learn about nutrition, physical activity and behaviour change.

Weekly online activities  
 FREE resources including a fitness tracker  
 Personal health coaching  
 Complete on your phone, tablet or computer



**SIGN UP NOW!**  
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**FREE ONLINE PROGRAM FOR TEENAGERS**

Are you worried about your weight?  
 Do you want to be fitter, healthier and happier?

Join our **FREE** online healthy lifestyle program for 13 - 17 year olds who are above a healthy weight.



Freebies include:  
**FREE FITNESS TRACKER**  
 (valued at \$149)

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# Community News

**DOGGY DAY OUT**  
 Sunday, 18 November 9.30am-12.00pm


**Five Dock Park, Five Dock**

Pup along to our **FREE** event for dog lovers

- ☛ Performances by:  
 Dr Katrina Warren & The Wonderdogs  
 Sydney All Breeds Dog Training Club
- ☛ Take part in our pawesome fashion show with a fabulous prize for best dressed dog
- ☛ Strike a pose in our dog friendly photo booth
- ☛ Pet-themed activities for children
- ☛ Have your say about Council's off leash trial sites
- ☛ Market stalls to spoil your pooch
- ☛ Food, drinks and music



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# Upcoming Dates

## VARIATIONS TO ROUTINE

**TERM 4 WEEK 6 November 19, 2018 – November 23, 2018 WEEK B**

<p><b>November 19</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Year 9 Assessment Week</li> <li>o Year 9 Commerce Yearly Test</li> <li>o Year 9 History WW1 Source Test</li> <li>o Year 9 Photography</li> <li>o Year 9 History Movement of People Essay</li> <li>o Year 9 English yearly</li> <li>o Year 9 Media studies</li> </ul>	<p><b>November 20</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Year 9 Assessment Week</li> <li>o Year 10 English</li> </ul>	<p><b>November 21</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Year 10 Geography</li> <li>o Year 10 English</li> <li>o Year 9 Assessment Week</li> <li>o Year 9 History Elective</li> </ul>
<p><b>November 22</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Year 8 History Test</li> <li>o Year 9 Geography Test</li> <li>o Year 9 History Source analysis Test</li> <li>o Year 9 Assessment Week</li> <li>o Year 9 Engineering</li> <li>o Year 9 Graphics</li> <li>o Year 9 Visual Design</li> <li>o Year 10 History WW2 Essay</li> </ul>	<p><b>November 23</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Year 7 History</li> <li>o Year 8 Geography</li> <li>o Year 9 Assessment Week</li> <li>o Year 7 Technology</li> <li>o Year 8 Technology</li> <li>o Year 10 Electronics</li> <li>o Year 9 Textiles</li> </ul>	

## A LOOK AHEAD 2018 Term 4 Week 7

<p><b>A TERM 4 WEEK 7</b></p>	<p><b>November 26</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Year 10 Visual Design</li> </ul>	<p><b>November 27</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Year 9 Visual Arts</li> </ul>	<p><b>November 28</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Year 10 Engineering</li> <li>o Year 9 IST</li> </ul>	<p><b>November 29</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Year 9 Food Tech</li> </ul>	<p><b>November 30</b></p>
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