



Concord High School **Keeping In Touch** *Respectful Responsible Achieving* **Term 1 Week 3**

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Principals Report

Valentines Day

Love was in the air at Concord High School on the 14th February with the Year 12 students organising a Valentine's day stall. The Year 12 cupids delivered roses, messages and serenaded students and staff. Special thanks to the Year 12 students and Ms Taing, for organising this enjoyable initiative.



Principals Report continued

Year 7 Meet and Greet



It was a wonderful opportunity to meet with so many Year 7 parents at the Year 7 meet and greet evening last Tuesday. This is an informal event where parents and carers were able to talk informally to staff about the curriculum in each Key Learning area and both the expectations of students and parents in supporting student's engagement and learning were discussed. The attendance of parents and carers was very high at both this event and the P & C meeting which took place on the same evening. Evidence strongly suggests that building positive partnerships between the school community and families will strengthen connections and assist in engaging and improving student outcomes. At Concord High School we value these connections and are grateful for the support of parents and carers. Thank you to all the families that attended with a special mention to Ms Turner and Mrs Easterbrook for organising this fabulous event.

Chinese New Year Celebrations

Concord High School is a diverse and culturally rich school and celebrating events linked with student's cultural heritage is important and valued by the school community. The students and staff will be celebrating Chinese New Year on Monday 19th February. The Confucius Classroom will run Chinese New Year celebration activities during the day and students will have the opportunity to engage in a variety of activities including Chinese knot making, craft making workshops and Chinese paper-cutting. At lunchtime students wearing a lion dance costume will be dancing across the playground.

On Wednesday 21st March we will be celebrating Harmony Day. Harmony Day celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. We look forward to celebrating this very special event by show casing the amazing talent of the students at Concord High School.



Principals Report continued

Swimming Carnival

The students and staff of Concord High School enjoyed a wonderful day at the annual swimming carnival on Friday. Congratulations to all of the competitors and to the students who got dressed up in Hawaiian inspired costumes and cheered on the competitors. Special thanks to Mr Bilbija, Mr Wynne and the fabulous PDHPE faculty for organising such a wonderful event.



Principals Report continued



Mrs Jody Engisch
Relieving Principal



Deputy Principals Report

by Craig Anderson & Fiona Payne

Lunch time activities at Concord High School

Please encourage your young man or woman to join in with one of the many clubs at school.

Breakfast club is every Wednesday morning in the staff common room. All students are welcome to come and have breakfast or take some goodies for recess or lunch. Breakfast club operates from 7.45 to 8.30 am.

Robotics club is every Monday and Wednesday lunchtime in Common 6. See Ms Gould in Mathematics.

Maths club is every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at lunch in 6.5. Staff and senior mathematics students are on hand to do activities, help with homework and classwork.

Confucius classroom club every Monday and Friday in Room 2.2. See Ms Yuan in LOTE.

Greek dancing group in Common 2 most lunchtimes. See Ms Theodoris in Common 2.

Mens group meet Wednesday lunchtimes in the staff common room. See Mr White in English.

Girls sport group meet Wednesday lunchtime in the school hall. See Ms Verniquet in PDHPE.

If you know your student would benefit from participating in these clubs and might need some extra encouragement please contact the year adviser.

ATAR club

Year 12 students were offered a teacher mentor last year as a component of the ATAR club. We will start regular lunch time meetings with Year 12 ATAR students in the coming weeks. If your student had a teacher mentor please check that they have started meeting again this year.

Year 9 and 11 changes to courses

We have been able to allow some students to change courses however the timeframe for changes has now ended and no more changes will be possible.

Year 12 changes to courses

At this time of year, many Year 12 students are considering making changes in their course load (reduction in units or levels etc). It is important that these decisions are made in a considered way as the implications of dropping one subject may be that another subject later causes more issues and any changes cannot be undone! As a result, no changes will be made without the student having an interview with the Deputy.



Deputy Principals Report continued

It is also often very wise to have a “buffer” with more than the minimum number of units being studied. Each student’s needs will be assessed and decisions made on a case by case basis. Where a student has had changes approved, a new timetable will be issued. Students should not “assume” that they will be dropping a subject until it has been approved. Students will not be allowed to drop a subject where they have outstanding N Warnings.

HSC Disability Provisions

If you believe that your Year 12 student may qualify for HSC Disability Provisions, please make contact with the school as soon as possible to make enquiries and commence the process of an application. Ms Catherine Picone, Head Secondary Studies, is the contact.

Year 12 students enjoying the swimming carnival



Welfare News

by Ms F Milligan



VACCINATIONS FOR 2018

Visit 1 – Year 7 – HPV (1st dose) and dTpa (Boostrix), **Friday 2 March 2018**

Visit 2 – Year 10 and 11 Meningococcal ACWY vaccination, **Wednesday 13 June 2018**

Visit 3 – Year 7 – HPV (2nd dose) and mop ups of Year 10 and Year 11, **Friday 2 November 2018**

Ms Fiona Milligan
Head Teacher Welfare

Creative & Performing Arts News

by Ms V Cesta

CHS ENSEMBLE REGISTRATION NIGHT TUESDAY 20 FEBRUARY 5 PM in the STAFF COMMON ROOM

Rehearsals

Vocal Group LUNCH TIME Thursday Week 3 Common 1 Ms Huang

Concert Band 7:40am - 8:45am Wednesday Week 4 Mr Dennis

String Ensemble 7:40am - 8:45am Tuesday Week 4 Mr Solomon

Stage Band 7:40am - 8:45am Monday Week 4 Ms Cesta

If you are currently hiring an instrument from CHS please return it to Ms Cesta ASAP for inspection and registration.

Kind regards,

Vanessa Cesta

HT Creative & Performing Arts



Languages News

by Ms P Merchant

Year 7



French



MARDI GRAS



On Wednesday February 14th, Ms Theodoris and her Year 7 students celebrated Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday). Known as Shrove Tuesday or Pancake Day in Australia, Mardi Gras is the last day before the period of Lent begins.

Lent involves abstaining from meat, eggs and sugary and fatty foods for 40 days and 40 nights, so Mardi Gras is the last day to indulge the appetite – hence the name ‘Fat Tuesday.’ Pancakes were traditionally eaten as they were a way to eat fatty foods and use up eggs, milk and sugar.

Year 7 discussed the significance of Mardi Gras in France then feasted on pancakes topped with strawberry jam and cream while listening to French music.



Languages News continued

Wednesday 14th was also another significant day in the French calendar: La Saint-Valentin (Valentine's Day). Students shaped their pancakes into hearts and made cards to present to family and friends.

The faculty appreciates how willing Year 7 is to try new things and how enthusiastically they have begun their studies of French.

Merci Year 7!

LOTE





Leadership at Concord High School is important because leaders are motivators who wilfully incite change within the school community when they see best fit. One of the School Representatives for Year 10, Koray Ozbay, is a dedicated member of the SRC and is an active participant in school activities.

This week, Koray discusses inclusivity and how he has experienced this since being at Concord High School.

“Concord has made me feel like I’m really a part of the community because the teachers are always really welcoming. They are very approachable, they always have something supportive to say, they never put me down, they’re always really encouraging and that is something that is good about Concord because they employ good teachers but also someone there to teach you.”

Koray is an excellent example of leadership and we are excited to see what there is to come.



**Koray Ozbay
(Year 10 SRC)**

**Written and Photographed by Fiona Dieu,
Nicole Yu and Vignesh Murthy (Prefects)**





*Are you an imaginative and creative student in years 7-10?
Do you enjoy creating art and learning new skills?*

Join the **Concord High Art Club**

- You will meet and **collaborate with other artistic students**
- Improve your **art making skills** by creating a variety of artworks
- **Enter competitions** and **win Prizes** for yourself and the school
- Work on **community and individual projects**

WHEN: Every Tuesday afternoon 3:00 - 4:00pm

COST: \$25 for the term

STUDENTS: Collect a permission note from the Visual Arts Staffroom (Common 11) and pay at the side office. See Ms Hantes for more information.

PARENTS: If you would like more information, or would like to offer your expertise as a guest presenter/ tutor please call the Art Club Coordinator Ms. Hantes on 97453777 ext. 125

HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON!



MARCH

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SYMPHONIA JUBILATE

COMMUNITY THROUGH MUSIC

Starting Saturday 3rd March 2018

3 Orchestras, Primo, Secondo and Pizzicato.

High School, Primary School orchestral players and young string players.

No audition process necessary, just a desire to play music.

Enrolments are now available online at www.symphonijubilate.com.

Any enquiries ring orchestra manager Margaret Coote 0438 100554

REHEARSAL AND CONCERT VENUE
MARIE BASHIR PUBLIC SCHOOL HALL.

Albert Rd, Strathfield. 4pm-6.15pm.

Supported by the Department of Education.





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

STUDENT

AWARD

Abhishek Vignesh MURTHY

Platinum Award: Platinum Award

Josephine FEDELE

Platinum Award: Platinum Award



Upcoming Dates

VARIATIONS TO ROUTINE TERM 1 WEEK 4 19 FEBRUARY – 23 FEBRUARY 2018 WEEK B

19 February <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 Legal Studies in Class Task 9:45am-11:45am Encore Showcase 10:35am-6:00pm 	20 February <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instrumental Ensembles Registration Night 3:00pm-6:00pm 	21 February <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 Camp
22 February <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 Camp Prefects Afternoon Tea 4:00pm-6:00pm Knockout Volleyball Girls 9:45am-12:35pm 	23 February <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 Camp 	

A LOOK AHEAD 2018 Term 1 Weeks 4, 5 & 6

A TERM 1 WEEK 5	26 February <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	27 February <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prefects Afternoon Tea 4:00pm-6:00pm 	28 February <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	1 March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	2 March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 Vaccinations Y11 and Y12 Food Tech 9:45am-3:00pm
B TERM 1 WEEK 6	5 March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zone Swimming Carnival 	6 March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Night Prefects Afternoon Tea 4:00pm-6:00pm 	7 March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	8 March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GATS Open Night 5:30pm-6:30pm 	9 March <ul style="list-style-type: none">
A TERM 1 WEEK 7	12 March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	13 March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prefects Afternoon Tea 4:00pm-6:00pm 	14 March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Photo Day 	15 March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 Hospitality catering for Japanese visit 9:00am-2:00pm Kozoji High School visit 	16 March <ul style="list-style-type: none">

