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Principal's Report



It has been an incredibly eventful week at Concord High School. Concord High School hosted a Positive Behaviour for Learning Teacher Meet, International Student Guardian Evening, Japan student visit and school photos. I am thankful for all of the staff who were involved in these events and the tremendous leadership shown by the student ambassadors.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT GUARDIAN EVENING

This week there was an International student Guardian evening hosted by Ms Finlayson; International student coordinator and Ms Fu; Liason Officer.



Principal's Report continued

JAPANESE STUDENT STUDY TOUR

I would like to thank Ms Hui Yuan, Ms Penny Merchant and Mrs Kate Easterbrook for organising, preparing and hosting the Japan student study tour on Thursday 14th March.

Students were organised to take the visitors around, classes were arranged for them to visit and gifts and certificates given to the guests. All this the day after Mrs Hui Yuan coordinated the school photographs. Ms Hui Yuan hosts at least two of these events each year to great success.

Mrs Easterbrook and the Year 12 Hospitality students worked very hard to create a range of salads, boxed and labelled (in English and Japanese) that were really appreciated by the visiting Japanese students. The best part of the visit, according to their tour operator and from what was observed, was the students sitting down together, talking and enjoying a meal. The Japanese students were able to practise their English and meet Australian students in a relaxed way. The visitors ended up staying later than expected as they were enjoying the company of Concord students so much.

Below are some pictures of the visit and snap shots of the Year 12 Hospitality students preparing the catering.



Principal's Report continued

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL) TEACHER MEET AT CONCORD HIGH SCHOOL

On Thursday 15th March, Concord High School hosted a PBL Teacher Meet. There were 90 teachers and Principals that attended from surrounding Primary and High Schools. Special thanks to the enthusiastic and hardworking PB4L team at Concord High School, consisting of Mrs Fiona Payne, Mr Tim Sloane, Mrs Fiona, Milligan, Ms Artemis Theodoris and Mrs Jody Engisch who assisted the regional PBL team in organising this event. We are very proud of Emily Lockley from Year 9 for reading an Acknowledgement of Country.



At the beginning of 2017 Positive Behaviour for Learning was introduced to Concord High School. At Concord High School behaviour is managed using the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) model. PB4L provided staff and students at Concord High School with a positive, proactive system for defining, teaching and supporting appropriate student behaviours.

The model is based around our three core values:

- Respectful
- Responsible
- Achieving



Data analysed over the last year provides us with evidence that since implementation there has been a significant increase in positive incidents, decrease in negative incidents and improvement in student engagement.

Mrs Jody Engisch
Relieving Principal



Deputy Principal's Report

by Craig Anderson & Fiona Payne

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDENTS

Walanga Muru, the Office of Indigenous Strategy at Macquarie University have tutors that will start next **Thursday 22 March from 3 to 4 pm in** Common 4. Please encourage your student to attend or we will not be able to sustain this program. *Walanga Muru is a Darug language name meaning Follow your Path.*

ATAR CLUB

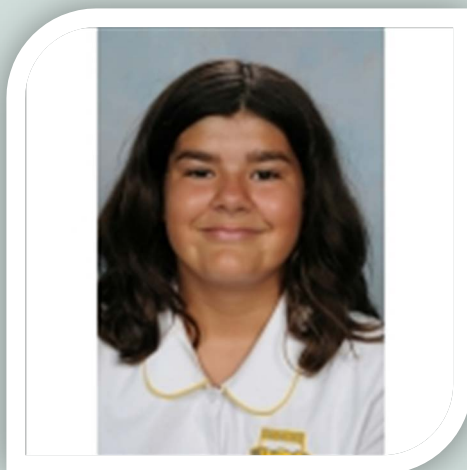
The ATAR club will meet Friday 23 March in the Theatrette at lunch 1. The focus will be the Mid Course examinations. Please encourage your Year 12 student to attend and check they are regularly meeting with their mentor.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

On Wednesday this week we held school photo day. One of the aspects of the day is to have a Year 12 fun photo to mark the end of their high school years. The students spend a great deal of time being creative for this photo and I would like to acknowledge their creativity, sense of fun whilst remaining respectful. Congratulations to all of our students who put in a great effort.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALICE PRIDE

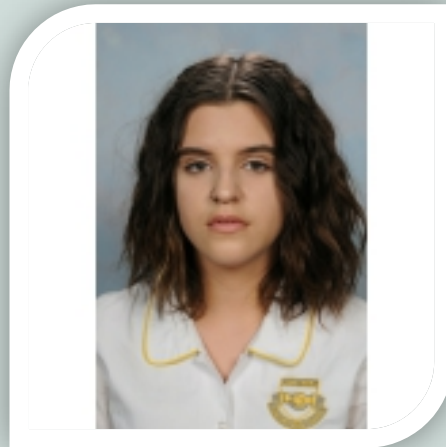
Alice Pride of Year 8 has been selected to be part of the National under 14's Waterpolo Championships with her club team UTS Balmain, to be held in Albury in late March. She has also been selected for the NSW Waterpolo Talented Athlete Program which gives her the chance to trial for a NSW representative team to play in the Pan Pac Games in New Zealand in July.



Deputy Principal's Report continued

CONGRATULATIONS TO TRINITY SANTOS

Trinity Santos of Year 11 has been selected to be part of the NSW Public Schools Year 11 Drama Ensemble. Trinity is an elective drama student at Concord High and her selection for the prestigious Arts Unit Ensemble will enable her to perform once again at the State Drama Festival at the Seymour Centre in October.



YEAR 12

If your student is currently in Year 12, then the following tips could be useful.

Mid-course examinations are coming up, starting on Friday 6 April and continuing through till the end of term.

- 1) Ensure that all class and assessment work is up to date. Has your student had any N-Warnings this term?? These need to be cleared as soon as possible.
- 2) Prepare study notes on the topics you have studied in Terms 4 2017 and Term 1 2018.
- 3) Keep up to date and on top of any subject in which you have a major work or personal interest project. The upcoming April holidays will be vital!
- 4) Practise the sorts of questions that you will get in the examination under exam conditions. Give yourself 40 minutes and prepare an essay from a past paper.

What to do in the April holidays? Set up a study plan so that there is plenty of time for relaxation, family and friends but set aside time each week to work on something for school.



Welfare News

by Ms Milligan

YEAR 10 & 11 VACCINATIONS

Vaccination forms for Yr 10 and 11 students are being sent out this week. The vaccination students will receive is for the meningococcal virus. I would ask parents to complete the paperwork and return to the Year Adviser as soon as possible. The injection will take place on the 13th June.

RAISE FOUNDATION

Raise Foundation have been running a mentoring program here at Concord for the last 3 years during Terms 2 and 3. The program allows a small number of Year 8 and 9 students to work one on one with a mentor every Wednesday. The aim is to help students set goals for the future, build resilience and coping strategies, develop confidence and to learn effective communication skills. The number of participants depends on how many volunteer mentors Raise is able to engage. This year, we have 16 mentors who will be coming to Concord – I have recently invited 16 of our students to join the program – I would appreciate parent support in completing the paperwork which has come home.

HARMONY DAY

Harmony Day is this Wednesday 21st March – I am looking forward to the student led assemblies and eating the yummy food! I will include an article on this in the next KIT.



If your child talks to you about bullying:

1. **Listen** calmly and get the full story.
2. **Reassure** your child that they are not to blame.
3. **Ask** your child what they want to do about it and how you can help.
4. **Visit** www.bullyingnoway.gov.au to find some strategies.
5. **Contact** the school.
6. **Check in** regularly with your child.

BULLYING. NO WAY!

www.bullyingnoway.gov.au



Raise Foundation Mentoring Opportunity



What is the opportunity for your child?

Raise Foundation runs mentoring programs in over 80 high schools across five states in Australia.

This year, **Concord High** is excited to be partnering with Raise Foundation to offer an evidence-based mentoring program to selected students during terms 2 and 3.

Students are matched with a trained Raise mentor and use the mentoring time to set goals for their future, build resilience and coping strategies, develop confidence, as well as learning advanced communication skills

How are students selected for the program?

Students are selected to participate based on their potential and capacity to benefit from mentoring.

Concord High and Raise Foundation are proud to provide the opportunity for students to develop their unique potential, and graduate from the program feeling empowered and confident within themselves!

What are the outcomes from the program?

- Improved relationships
- Advanced resilience and coping strategies,
 - Increased self-confidence;
- Increased ability to identify and achieve goals
- Increased ability to ask for help from trusted adults,
- Engagement with education and employment options.

- ✓ 99% of schools asked for the program to return to their school
- ✓ 98% of students say they enjoyed the program
- ✓ 90% of mentees say they would recommend the program to a friend

"It was so great having someone to talk to, who understood me and didn't judge me"



raise.org.au

Sports News

VOLLEYBALL REPORT

Concord High School is proud to have entered an Open Boys and Open Girls Volleyball team in the knockout competition series. Both teams have been training hard every Wednesday afternoon after school. Our Open Boys team played Fort Street High School on Tuesday 6th of March. Despite some entertaining rallies and powerful serving, the boys went down 3-0 sets. Our Open Girls team have won their first three matches; beating Hornsby Girls High School 3-0 sets, Fort Street High School 3-0 sets and Kariong Mountains High School on the Central Coast 3-1 sets. The team consists of mainly year 11 students but also has a representative from year 9 and year 10. The Open Girls team will be playing in a semi-final in the next week or two. Well done and best of luck to the girls.



By Miss A Verniquet
PDHPE Teacher
Volleyball Coach

Creative & Performing Arts News

NSW ARTS UNIT DRAMA ENSEMBLES

Congratulations to Jasmine Smith (Year 10) and Trinity Santos (Year 11) who were both successful candidates for the NSW Arts Unit Senior Drama Ensembles Program.

Both students were required to perform a 2 - 3 minute monologue as part of the audition process as well as segments from a play to work with on the day of auditions.

Jasmine and Trinity are now committed to attending a rehearsal once a week at the Arts Unit in preparation for the following performances:

The Drama Company will perform a new play and perform in 1 season of 3 performances at NIDA in June and the Senior & Year 10 ensembles will participate in the State Drama Festival at the Seymour Centre in October.

We wish both girls all the best on their performance journeys.

IMPROVING LITERACY AND NUMERACY

ADVICE FOR YEAR 10 STUDENTS

March 2018 update

This year, you will have the first of many opportunities to pass the **minimum standard online tests** to receive your HSC.



THE ONLINE TESTS



To show that you meet the standard, you need to pass 45 minute online tests of basic reading, writing and numeracy **skills needed for everyday tasks**, including:

- ✓ a multiple choice **reading** test
- ✓ a multiple choice **numeracy** test
- ✓ a short **writing** test based on a choice between a visual or written prompt

2017 NAPLAN TESTS

If you achieved Band 8s or above in one or more of the 2017 Year 9 NAPLAN tests you are recognised as having met the HSC minimum standard in that area/s and will not need to sit the corresponding online test/s.

MULTIPLE OPPORTUNITIES

Don't worry, you don't need to pass the online tests this year. In fact, you get **many opportunities** to pass them, from Year 10 until a few years after Year 12.

Your teachers will help you to decide when you are ready to take the tests, and once you have passed them, you won't need to take them again.

TEST DATES



The online test dates at Concord High School for 2018 are:

- Term 2: 21st May 2018- Numeracy and Reading
- Term 3: August 27- Writing
- Term 4: November 15 & 16- Numeracy, Reading and Writing

WHAT TO EXPECT?

Visit educationstandards.nesa.nsw.edu.au/HSCminimumstandard to:

- ✓ try demonstration questions to get a feel for the test format
- ✓ view sample test questions and answers online
- ✓ take short practice tests which your school may organise



STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Some students with disabilities will be eligible for extra provisions for the minimum standard online tests, or an exemption from the HSC minimum standard requirement.

You are encouraged to talk to your teachers to determine whether you are eligible for provisions.

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P & C News

Harmony Day P&C Sweet Treats Stall

A reminder we are looking for donations from Parents/Carers of Sweet Treats to sell to students at the P&C Sweet Treats stall this coming Wednesday, 21st March as part of CHS' Harmony Day celebrations.

We are also after volunteers to help run the stall on the day - we have a few wonderful volunteers signed up but need more - it is a busy stall when you think there are @ 1,200 students always hungry and most with a sweet tooth! We setup from 9.00 am but if you are only able to join us to help at recess - 10.35 am - 10.55 am - that would also be wonderful. Volunteers generally retire for a coffee after the event at a coffee shop in Majors Bay Road, so it's a great way to meet and socialise with other parents and carers.

Email the P&C your name and mobile number if you can help and we'll get in contact - concordhighschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

Thank you in advance for your kind donations.

Donations can be either store-bought or homemade. Suggestions include cakes, cupcakes, biscuits, brownies, rocky road, bags of lollies &/or chocolates, slices etc. We are looking for anything sweet that will appeal to high school kids!

Monies raised from the Sweet Treats Stall will form part of the funds raised by the various activities on the day and donated to a charity chosen by CHS.

Your Sweet Treats will need to be delivered by students or parents/carers before school on the morning of Wednesday, 21 March.

Please deliver on disposable & covered plates if you can. If you provide a container that you would like returned to you, please be sure to write your child's name and year on a label and attach firmly. These will be returned to the front office for pick up after the event. Store-bought items can be provided as bought and we will plate up. **A list of all ingredients used must be provided.**

If you wish to decorate with a flag for the country of origin and details of the dish, that would be great. At the same time, we appreciate how hectic life is, so donations of any kind — international or not — will be most warmly welcomed and appreciated by the P&C and students.

This is a great way to support the school and students on this really important day and we thank all those planning to donate and our volunteers on the day.

Next P&C Meeting this Tuesday, 20 March 2018

7.00pm to 8.30pm in the Staff Common Room (above the front office). All members and non-members welcome.

P&C Volunteers

The P&C is made up of many wonderful fellow Parent/Carer volunteers, and there are many ways to be involved in your P&C — not all of which require too much time, and many of which can be done from home. We will be profiling some of the jobs in the KIT going forward.



P & C News continued

Volunteer Call — P&C Vice President

With huge thanks to Marie dela Rama who is standing down as Vice President, we will be declaring this position vacant at the next P&C meeting. So if you have any interest in this role and want further information, please email us as per below.

Volunteer Call — P&C Auditor

We are looking for a Parent /Carer volunteer to take on the audit role for the next CHS P&C end of financial year (end June 2018). The details of the role from the P&C Federation are below. This is a great role for those who wish to be involved but would prefer a once a year, defined task to complete. You will be supported in this role by the Treasurer and can talk with and reference our previous auditor. This task is done easily from home and has a good long lead time, needing completion anytime between the end of June and September when we hold our AGM.

The auditor does not need to be a qualified professional. The auditor must possess appropriate skills and experience in auditing and financial record management together with an appreciation of the issues of probity as they relate to the role of association auditor. The auditor must not have or appear to have any conflict of interest arising, for example, from a personal or business relationship with an Officer of the association and must be prepared to swear that the records are a true and correct statement of the information provided by the Treasurer.

It would be wonderful to have this role filled by a volunteer Parent/Carer as in the past two years we have had to pay an auditor to complete the work for us. Please email us as per below if you are interested with many thanks.

For further information, please do not hesitate to contact us by emailing concordhighschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

Uniform Shop News

There has been a delay in the delivery of the short sleeve shirts. Order due in week commencing 19th March and another in April.

Wet weather jackets have been ordered & delivery expected in two weeks.

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. Well Done!

STUDENT	AWARD
Syed AZHAR	Bronze Merit: Bronze Merit
Julian GOODWIN-WARD	Bronze Merit: Bronze Merit
Julian GOODWIN-WARD	Silver Merit: Silver Merit
Jason BAENA-TAN	Gold Merit Award: Gold Merit Award
Nicole SOROKA	Faculty Award: Faculty Award
Elliot BULL	Faculty Award: Faculty Award
David DELA RAMA	Faculty Award: Faculty Award
Kyle PATTERSON	Faculty Award: Faculty Award
Taliesin LAW	Faculty Award: Faculty Award
Adam ROBERTSON-HODDER	Bronze Merit: Bronze Merit
Adam ROBERTSON-HODDER	Silver Merit: Silver Merit



Upcoming Dates

VARIATIONS TO ROUTINE TERM 1 WEEK 8 19 MARCH – 23 MARCH 2018 WEEK B

19 March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chinese New Year celebration Year 12 Biology excursion 	20 March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GATS placement test 	21 March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harmony Day
22 March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	23 March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Period 1 Formal assembly - 7 & 10 Period 2 Formal assembly - 8 & 9 Period 3 Formal assembly - 11 & 12 Year 7 French film Year 9 Maths Task 	

A LOOK AHEAD 2018 Term 1 Weeks 9, 10 & 11

A TERM 1 WEEK 9	26 March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 study skills Year 7 English/EALD task Year 11 Science skills assessment 	27 March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maths CAT competition GATS makeup test Year 11 Visual Arts task 	28 March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Cross Country Regional Swimming Year 11 EAL/D Task Year 12 Economics task 	29 March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lunch- Worlds Greatest Shave Year 10 Geography task Year 11 Society and Culture task 1 Year 11 Bio skills task Year 11 Physics task 	30 March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good Friday
B TERM 1 WEEK 10	2 April <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easter Monday 	3 April	4 April <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Cross Country wet weather date Year 9 English/EALD task 	5 April <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 Drama Year 12 Modern Task 	6 April <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 mathematics task Year 11 Economics task Year 11 Drama task Year 11 English task 1
A TERM 1 WEEK 11	9 April <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 Engineering Studies - Half Yearly Topic Test NSWCHSSA Swimming championships ATSI students to Bangarra Dance workshop Prefects to ANZAC Service 	10 April <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 Mid Course examinations NSWCHSSA Swimming championships 	11 April <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 Mid Course examinations Year 11 Cross Roads Camp 	12 April <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 Mid Course examinations Year 11 Cross Roads Camp 	13 April <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 Mid Course examination Year 11 Cross Roads Camp

