



## Concord High School **Keeping In Touch** *Respectful Responsible Achieving* **Term 1 Week 8**

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# Principals Report



Harmony Day is a day we celebrate our cultural diversity and promote social inclusion within our community. The ongoing theme of Harmony Day is 'everyone belongs'. Harmony Day is a day of cultural respect for all.

"At Concord High School we do not discriminate instead we celebrate diversity  
as this is the Concord way".

Concord High School is a cultural diverse school made up students from a variety of different cultural backgrounds including students originating from China, Korea, Turkey, Greece, Italy, Japan amongst many others. The school motto is 'Concordia' meaning harmony. At Concord High School we celebrate our culturally diverse, harmonious community.



# Principals Report continued

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March, Mrs Milligan, Head Teacher of Welfare lead an enthusiastic committee of students and teachers who organised and ran the Harmony Day initiatives and assemblies. During the junior and senior assemblies, our talented students were showcased in a range of culturally focused performances including; Japanese, Chinese, Turkish, Phanua group dances and Korean and Japanese songs. Members of our Prefect leadership team spoke about the meaning of harmony day and the cultural make up of Concord High School. These students were Esra Valerio, Yoichi Rye and Paul Lee and I was very proud to listen to the wonderful speeches and messages they presented to the student body. Serena Davison and Nicole Yu were fabulous chair persons at each of the assemblies.

I would like to make special mention of the P & C association representatives; Asimina, Cathy, Emma, Kathy, Kirsten, Lucy, Matthew, Rachel, Tanya and Teresa who gave generously of their time to run a cake stall on the day. The cake stall raised, \$746 which will be donated to the Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders) which is an independent international medical humanitarian organisation that delivers emergency aid to people affected by armed conflict, epidemics, healthcare exclusion and natural or man-made disasters.

Below are some illustrations of students during the Harmony Day celebrations.





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## Staff Professional Learning-Building Capacity

This week teachers engaged in a Professional Learning workshop after school lead by Joel Davies which was held at Concord High School for teachers from Concord High School, Strathfield South High School, Homebush Boys High School and Concord Public School working collaboratively towards accreditation at highly accomplished or lead levels. These opportunities enable teachers to continue to develop their skills and knowledge in a collaborative way with the outcome of improving student engagement and outcomes.



# Principals Report continued

## Year 8 Artwork

Below is some artwork created by our talented Year 8 students



## Positive Behaviour For Learning

**BE  
RESPECTFUL**

**BE  
RESPONSIBLE**

**BE AN  
ACHIEVER**



# Deputy Principals Report

by Craig Anderson & Fiona Payne

## **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students after school tutoring**

We have established a connection with Walanga Muru, the Office of Indigenous Strategy at Macquarie University recruited tutors for the usual Thursday afternoon meeting time of 3 to 4 pm in Common 4. We had a great start yesterday with four tutors and Aunty Sue Pinckham (Macquarie University's Cultural Advisor). Unfortunately our student numbers are still low. Please encourage your student to attend next Thursday afternoon. They can bring any school work, homework or assignment that they need some help with or come along just for a chat.

*Walanga Muru is a Darug language name meaning Follow your Path.*

## **Sick students and school**

If your student is sick in the morning before school please do not send them to school. Unfortunately we have a virus at school and the large numbers of students coming to school sick and then having to go home only spreads it to other students. On average we have 15 students a day that report to sick bay and have to go home as they are too unwell to stay at school.

## **ATAR club**

The ATAR club has started and will be held at lunchtime in the Theatrette each Friday. This week we discussed past HSC results and what ATAR was attained. Weekly study planners were also made available for students who wanted one. Please discuss ATAR club, mentoring and Mid Course examination preparation with your student.

## **Uniform**

Please check with your student as they prepare for school that they are wearing the correct school uniform. Mei in the uniform shop has a huge delivery of stock and is ready for any Winter purchases. Please assist your student comply with the uniform policy. If you have any uniform items that are in good condition but no longer fit your student please drop the to the side office as we issue uniform on a daily basis to those in need.

## **Sports Uniform**

We are currently completing a blitz on sports uniforms. Can you please ensure that your student is wearing the yellow sports shirt and black Concord High School sports shorts with the school emblem during PDHPE practical lessons and sports. Black tracksuit pants with the school emblem are also available.





# Welfare News

by Ms F Milligan

We had two very important events this week, Harmony Day and Formal Assemblies.

Harmony Day is one of my favourite days, a celebration of Australia's cultural diversity.

It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. The theme for this year was "Everyone Belongs"

Here at Concord, there have been a group of teachers and students preparing all year for the assembly which incorporates both speeches and dance acts. I would like to thank the teachers and students who were involved – you did a great job. The other part of Harmony Day is the yummy food. Thank you to Ms Rubessa for the Gelato Stall and Ms Theodoris for the Greek BBQ. Our P and C never let us down in their cake and sweet stall – thank you Emma, Asimina, Cathy, Kirsten, Lucy, Matthew, Tanya and Teresa for giving up your day to come in and serve. Thank you to all those families who sent in food to be sold by the P & C.

Our Formal Year Assemblies were held today and the theme was Respect – one of our PB4L values. I would like to thank the Year Advisers, Assistant Year Advisers and students who put the assemblies together. Congratulations to the students who received awards and to our amazingly talented singers and musicians. I am always in awe of students who can get up in front of their peers and perform, well done.



I hope you have a lovely weekend.

**Mrs Fiona Milligan**  
**Head Teacher Welfare**

## RUBBISH IN THE PLAYGROUND

I feel very lucky and proud to be a teacher here at Concord and I am always treated with the upmost **respect** by our students, both here at school and when I see them in the community. They are a credit to their families. Having said that, today our students felt my wrath when I spoke to them about the rubbish being left in the playground. I have asked our students to consider the fact that Concord High School is in fact their second home and that it is not acceptable to just throw rubbish on the ground. We have plenty of bins, they are often empty. Could I please ask for your support in having a discussion about this issue at home? I have every confidence that this situation will improve if our students can own their behaviour and treat the playground with **respect**.

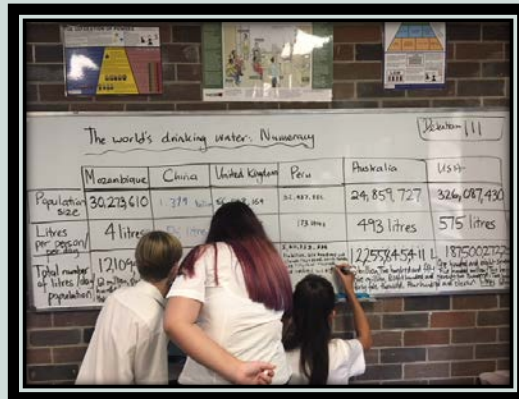




# HSIE News

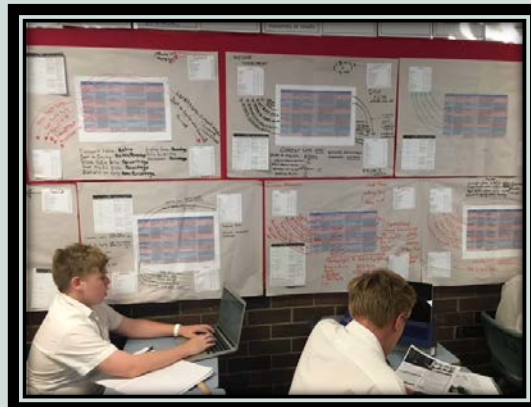
In this past week in HSIE..... Numeracy in the classroom!

Numeracy has been a big focus in HSIE this past week.



Year 8V Geography and Year 12 Business Studies were engaged in activities this week that focused on numeracy. Students were asked to use numbers, formulas and percentages to work out whether countries and businesses were efficient in water usage and financial management of small- medium enterprises.

Students were engaged in basic terminology which would enable them to build upon these words and research the numbers required to assess the efficiency rates.



Year 8V were responsible for working on five countries with certain water usages per person per day and calculate the total water usage per day in that particular country. Students were then asked to apply multiplication, percentages and units of measurement to work out the total and record this in a table format. The totals were then interpreted in terms of units of value and had to write this down in words to assist with their literacy skills.

Year 12 Business Studies were working busily on financial processes and utilising their numeracy skills by working out formulas used in financial statements. Students were able to compile data using percentages, division and ratios to assess the financial status of the company.

Thank you to all staff who are working hard in HSIE on numeracy skills and Mrs Kalachian for your many emails on numeracy!!



# HSIE News continued

In this past week in HSIE..... Fieldwork in action!



Year 11 Geography with Miss Turner went on an excursion to the Field of Mars. On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> of March, the Year 11 Geography class visited the Field of Mars in Gladesville to learn about the Biophysical Environment. The class started off the day with an overview at the Educational Centre of the environment, followed by fieldwork activities. Students learnt about the fauna and flora, undertook soil testing and took down observations of climate variations and environmental management issues. This fieldwork experience provided students with a practical experience and will applying their knowledge and experience to their upcoming assessment task.

A big thank you to Robert the school's G.A, who drove the class to the venue using the school bus.





# TAS News

## 2018 ICAS Digital Technologies Competition

At this time of year we organise participants for the ICAS Digital Technologies Competitions. They are international examinations run by UNSW. The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) is an independent, quality skills-based assessment program which rewards and recognises achievement. ICAS gives you broad insights into your child's performance across English, Mathematics, Science, Digital Technologies, Spelling and Writing.

The **Digital Technologies** Competition examination will be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

It is expected that all students in the Gifted and Talented class take part in this competition. If you have not already paid, the cost of this competition is \$ 9.00. Money must be paid to the side office or via online payments by Monday 27/03/2018.

For online payments the Payment description is ICAS Digital Technologies Assessment

**\*\*NB: Online Payments will NOT be accepted after 5.00 pm 27/03/2018. \*\***

## PDHPE News

Dear Parents,

There has been a slight change to the uniform requirements for participation in the School Cross Country Carnival which will be held on Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup> of March.

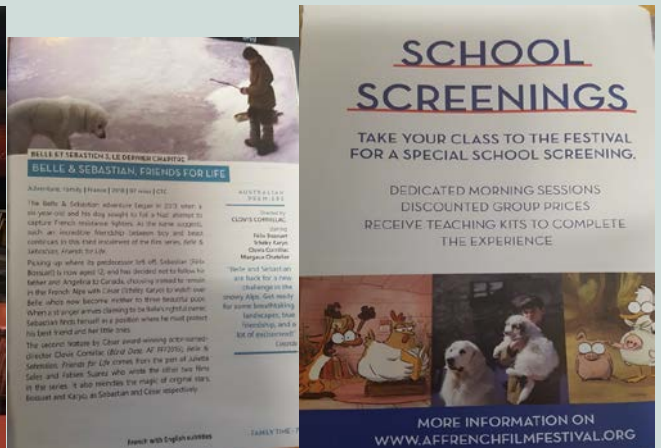
Participants will be permitted to wear their full sports uniform all day. Please disregard the information relating to uniform on the permission note.

Mr Bilbija

## LOTE NEWS

### Concord high school at the French Film Festival

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, Mrs Theodoris' and Ms Rubessa's year 7 French classes had the opportunity to see the film **Belle & Sebastian, Friends for Life**, as part of the annual French Film Festival at the Palace Cinema on Norton street. The students enjoyed the experience of watching a French film and reading the English subtitles. It was a great way for students to be immersed in the French language and culture while eating popcorn!





## AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING FOR TERM 2, 2018

Tutoring will begin Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May and end on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June

Concord High School provides an after school tutoring program to support and enhance student learning in the classroom. The program is conducted on a term basis and will be available on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays in English, Maths and Science for both junior and senior students.

Concord High School specifically allocates tutors that have achieved high ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank) results in their respective HSC (Higher School Certificate) courses to ensure that a high level of academic support is provided to all enrolled students.

There will be 8 tutoring sessions (Week 2 – Week 9) in Term 2, which will be held in the school library from 3:00-4:00pm and from 4:00-5:00pm. If you are interested in enrolling your child into this program, please apply online through the following link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfi95QrPZ8K6wQLn-HL7aNM8B1UNJenFv9i0kRMvvCDJmXmA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfi95QrPZ8K6wQLn-HL7aNM8B1UNJenFv9i0kRMvvCDJmXmA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

All applications will be accepted on a 'first come first served' basis. As there is always a high demand for our tutors, it is kindly requested that parents/guardians have flexibility in making their preferences on the online application form.

Students and parents/guardians will be notified of the success of their application during the week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018 (Term 2, Week 1). If you any issues in this regard, please do not hesitate to speak to the tutoring coordinator, Ms Sarah Kim on 9745 3777 or via e-mail at [sarah.kim69@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:sarah.kim69@det.nsw.edu.au).

**Applications for Term 2 2018 will OPEN on**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

**and CLOSE on**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

Applications are considered on a first come, first served basis.

Please contact Ms Sarah Kim if you have further enquiries in this regard.

[sarah.kim69@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:sarah.kim69@det.nsw.edu.au)





# P & C News

## **Harmony Day P&C Sweet Treats Stall**

The P&C were once again delighted to hold our Sweet Treats Stall as part of CHS' important Harmony Day Celebrations on Wednesday. Despite the weather, it was a great day and, even in face of tough competition from the ice cream stall, everything was sold by lunch and we were able to raise \$746. As in previous years and as advertised this was donated to the school's chosen charity for the day, which this year was Médecins Sans Frontières/Doctors Without Borders (MSF).

Thank you to all the parents and carers who donated sweet treats for us to sell on the day. Special thanks to our wonderful team of parent/carer volunteers who set up and ran the stall and those who stayed on to cover the lunch sales. Thank you Asimina, Cathy, Emma, Kathy, Kirsten, Lucy, Matthew, Rachel, Tanya and Teresa for your time. Apologies if I missed anybody.

It was wonderful for the P&C and parent/carer community to be part of such an important school and community event so thank you CHS for inviting us and thank you to all that were involved.

## **Reports from this Tuesday's P&C Meeting**

### ***Guest Speakers: CHS Welfare System Overview & Presentation & Feedback on CHS Draft Anti-Bullying Policy:***

We thank Mrs Fiona Milligan, Head Teacher Welfare, for taking the time to come and talk to the P&C about CHS' Welfare system and its roles within CHS. Mrs Milligan together with Ms Jody Engisch, Relieving Principal also presented and garnered parent/carer feedback on the CHS Draft Anti-Bullying Policy. We thank those that were able to attend the meeting for their honest and valued feedback and suggestions which I know were valued by Ms Jody Engisch, Mrs Milligan and the CHS team.

### ***Welcome & Congratulations to our New Vice President - Angela Devine-Smith***

We are delighted to congratulate Angela Divine-Smith on her election at the meeting to the role of Vice President. Angela is a new Year 7 parent who has also very kindly taken on the responsibility for coordinating our Social and Fundraising activities and already has brought some great fresh ideas and perspectives to these important areas of our P&C activities. The P&C team and CHS look forward to working with Angela on exciting new initiatives in these areas. Thank you Angela for your time and commitment.

We'd like once again to thank most sincerely our outgoing Vice President, Maria del Rama for all the wonderful work she carried out in her role as VP and as a very valued member of the P&C. Thank you Maria.

### ***Purchase of 90 Additional Lockers for CHS Approved & Fundraising Planning for 2018***

The P&C were delighted to approve the funding of 90 new lockers for CHS from previous funding.

We also presented to the P&C on behalf of CHS their wish list of items for P&C funding for 2018 and beyond. From this and further discussion we were able to highlight and approve items for potential funding into our 2018 financial and fundraising planning. This will provide a great focus for our upcoming annual Voluntary Fundraising Contribution drive which, together with the monies raised through the Uniform Shop, forms the main source of the funds we use to provide facilities and equipment for the school.

## **Uniform Shop News**

### ***Stock Delivery News:***

Boys short sleeve shirts, the wet weather jackets and size 12 cotton jumpers (limited stock of these items) have arrived and are available.

Thank you to Mae going in on her day off to take delivery and to unpack these items so that they will be available Monday. As always Mae we appreciate your extra dedication. Thank you.

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

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





It often takes time for students to adjust and acquaint themselves to a new physical and social environment. This is very much the case when entering high school where students have to navigate their way around new buildings, new teachers and new peers.

Upon reflection, Year 9 student, Sienna Davison, discusses what helped her to develop more confidence in her learning at Concord High School:

"The welcoming atmosphere and support from teachers has been an inspiration for me as a student at Concord High School. Teachers are always willing to help and support students in their academic work, as well as their personal welfare. I feel that teachers really care about you. We have many staff members who help out students every day. We have head teachers for each subject, teachers for welfare concerns and the SRC to help us out when in need. They also give great advice on handling difficult situations at school. These things at Concord inspire me to achieve goals in all aspects of my life and provide me with every step I need to achieve them."

Being a junior student is tough, but with the support of the Concord High School community nothing is too difficult.

If you ever need assistance, know that our teachers, students, Prefects and the SRC are always happy to lend a helping hand.

*By Vignesh Murthy, Fiona Dieu and Nicole Yu  
(Year 12 Prefects)*



***Sienna Davison  
Year 9 Student***

## U/15s Russell Lea Women's soccer team urgently need:

### A coach

2017 division 2 premiers, this team of talented and passionate players need a coach to further develop their skills. The club can organise a coaching course for polishing up on finer points and practical guidance. This is a great opportunity an *experienced coach, someone interested in coaching*, or perhaps a *Duke of Edinburgh's International Award* participant.

Season starts 7 April.

For more details, please call Helen 0409 600 765



### Players

You need to be turning 15 this year but can play up if turning 14 this year. Sunday morning mainly local early games. Come on!

INTERESTED IN WATER POLO  
OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL?

## JOIN US AT DRUMMOYNE "TRY DAY"

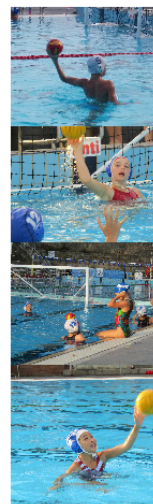


**WHO:** Boys and Girls  
born 04, 05, 06

**WHEN:** Sun 25 Mar  
Rego from 8.45am  
Pool time 9-10am

**WHERE:** Drummoyne  
Swim Centre,  
Henley Marine Drive

**BRING:** goggles and  
\$4.90 for pool entry



Please **RSVP** by **21 March** to  
Andrew Murray  
[andrew.j.murray@optusnet.com.au](mailto:andrew.j.murray@optusnet.com.au)

Free **BBQ** after for participants







***Congratulations to the students listed below, who were awarded a Merit last week.  
Well done!***

<b>STUDENT</b>	<b>AWARD</b>
Brianna BARRETT	Faculty Award: Faculty Award
Emma ZAKNICH	Faculty Award: Faculty Award
Summer COVENTRY	Faculty Award: Faculty Award
Ozan ZINCIRCI	Faculty Award: Faculty Award
Hannah HAMPTON	Faculty Award: Faculty Award
Justine CASTROGIOVANNI	Faculty Award: Faculty Award
Aleyna GUNDOGANLI	Faculty Award: Faculty Award
Monique SIMIC	Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser
Rhami HAZIM	Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser
Martina LATINI-PRIVITERA	Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser
Rozell HAMMOU	Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser
Aliya TOKDOGAN	Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser
Giuliana NICOLETTI	Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser
Mikail OZGUVEN	Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser
Abhishek Vignesh MURTHY	Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser
Albert KONG	Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser
Max ZAPPACOSTA	Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser
Rosalia IENNA	Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser
Morgan LAW	Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser
Zoe GARBEN	Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser
Aleja MAGAT	Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser
Jordan SMITH	Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser
Seth HENNESSY	Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser
Max ZAPPACOSTA	Bronze Merit: Bronze Merit
Lachlan DE GIOIA	Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser
Tyler GIANNETTO	Year Adviser Award: Year Adviser



# Upcoming Dates

## VARIATIONS TO ROUTINE TERM 1 WEEK 9 26 MARCH – 30 MARCH 2018 WEEK A

<b>26 March</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 10 study skills</li> <li>Year 7 English/EALD task</li> <li>Year 11 Science skills assessment</li> </ul>	<b>27 March</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maths CAT competition</li> <li>GATS makeup test</li> <li>Year 11 Visual Arts task</li> </ul>	<b>28 March</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Cross Country</li> <li>Regional Swimming</li> <li>Year 11 EAL/D Task</li> <li>Year 12 Economics task</li> </ul>
<b>29 March</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lunch- Worlds Greatest Shave</li> <li>Year 10 Geography task</li> <li>Year 11 Society and Culture task 1</li> <li>Year 11 Bio skills task</li> <li>Year 11 Physics task</li> </ul>	<b>30 March</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Good Friday</li> </ul>	

## A LOOK AHEAD 2018 Term 1 Weeks 10 & 11

<b>B TERM 1 WEEK 10</b>	<b>2 April</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Easter Monday</li> </ul>	<b>3 April</b>	<b>4 April</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Cross Country wet weather date</li> <li>Year 9 English/EALD task</li> </ul>	<b>5 April</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 10 Drama</li> <li>Year 12 Modern Task</li> </ul>	<b>6 April</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 11 mathematics task</li> <li>Year 11 Economics task</li> <li>Year 11 Drama task</li> <li>Year 11 English task 1</li> </ul>
<b>A TERM 1 WEEK 11</b>	<b>9 April</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 12 Engineering Studies - Half Yearly Topic Test</li> <li>NSWCHSSA Swimming championships</li> <li>ATSI students to Bangarra Dance workshop</li> <li>Prefects to ANZAC Service</li> </ul>	<b>10 April</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 12 Mid Course examinations</li> <li>NSWCHSSA Swimming championships</li> </ul>	<b>11 April</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 12 Mid Course examinations</li> <li>Year 11 Cross Roads Camp</li> </ul>	<b>12 April</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 12 Mid Course examinations</li> <li>Year 11 Cross Roads Camp</li> </ul>	<b>13 April</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 12 Mid Course examination</li> <li>Year 11 Cross Roads Camp</li> </ul>