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# Principals Report

## Athletics Carnival

The students and teachers engaged in a wonderful Athletics carnival on Friday organised and coordinated by Mr Bilbija and the PDHPE Faculty. Students were asked to dress in super hero theme and there were some creative and innovative costumes worn by some students and teachers. Student participation was high and many personal bests achieved by students.





# Concord High School Athletics carnival

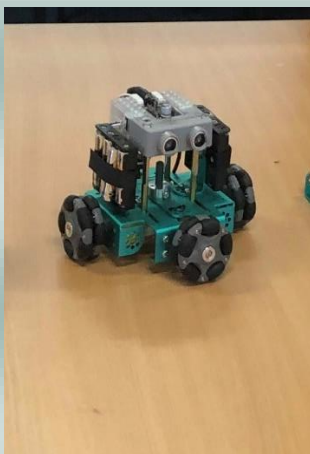
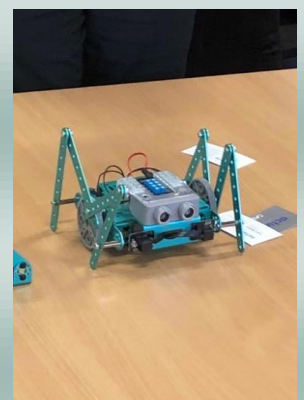


# Principals Report continued

## NSW FlipRobot initiative

Concord High School has been lucky enough to be provided with the wonderful opportunity, along with Canterbury Boys High school to be part of the NSW FlipRobot Initiative, which is a collaboration between the department and Actura Australia. The Technological Applied Studies faculty along with the Robotics Coordinator, Ms Gould and Science teachers/Head teachers Mr Sloane and Ms Leung will be involved in trialling some robotics equipment for Stage 4 Technology (Mandatory) and STEM. The initiative will involve Concord High School receiving a set of Fliprobots and professional learning from Actura Australia at no charge.

Last Thursday Actura Australia provided Concord HS with 24 FlipRobots and all required extension kits and access to an online coding platform. Concord HS will get to keep the robots and extension kits after the initiative. The teachers will engage in two days of professional development and will provide feedback about the Fliprobots on Yammer over a three year period.





# Principals Report continued



## Student Achievement

Congratulations to Alice Pride of Year 8 who has been selected to represent NSW in Water Polo to play at the Pan Pacific Games in New Zealand during the July School Holidays for 5 days.

## National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

NAPLAN tests for Years 7 and 9 will take place from Tuesday 15<sup>h</sup> May to Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018. The four tests will cover language conventions, writing, reading and numeracy. All students in Years 7 and 9 will complete the tests at school during the scheduled periods.

Tuesday 15 May – Language Conventions- Writing

Wednesday 16 May – Reading

Thursday 17 May – Numeracy

Thank you in advance to Ms Cathy Picone for organising the NAPLAN Tests.

**Relieving Principal**  
**Mrs Jody Engisch**



# Deputy Principals Report

by Craig Anderson & Fiona Payne

## Save the date

May 23<sup>rd</sup> is Year 7 and 12 parent teacher night.

June 4<sup>th</sup> is Year 10 subject information night for Year 11 2019.

## NAPLAN Years 7 and 9

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Years 7 and 9 students will sit the NAPLAN tests in the school hall. While any testing can be a difficult experience please ensure that your student takes these tests seriously. Minimum standards achieved in the NAPLAN tests are linked to satisfactory completion of the Higher School Certificate. If students don't achieve the minimum standard required by Year 9 NAPLAN they have opportunities to sit makeup tests in Years 10, 11 and 12 to demonstrate the minimum standard.

## 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. Please encourage your student to attend 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 name meaning Follow your Path.*

## P & C lockers

Our generous school P & C has just purchased 90 new lockers for the school. If your student would like a school locker it is a \$45 hire fee for the year. Please ask your student to see Ms Ryan at the Side Office for more information. At the time of this going to print we have approximately 50 lockers available.



# Deputy Principals Report continued

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## **ATAR club**

The ATAR club will start Friday Week 3 and run every Friday lunchtime in the Theatrette for the term. This term the focus is on transition beyond school with a variety of guest speakers including past students, Universities, TAFE and of course our career and transition advisers.

## **YEAR 12**

With Term 2 now well underway, it is a timely reminder that students should be reviewing any N-Warnings they have received and ensuring that these are cleared. Leaving this till later in the year runs the risk of the work remaining incomplete and placing subjects in danger on non-completion.

The 2018 HSC written examination timetable is now available on the NESA website.

<http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/hsc/key-dates-exam-timetables/hsc-written-exam-timetable>

Students can also view their own personalised timetables using the Students Online site:

<https://studentsonline.nesa.nsw.edu.au/>

## **YEAR 10**

Year 10 start the process of selecting their Year 11 subjects for 2019 during Week 5.

On Wednesday 30 May, periods 5 and 6, a session will be held in the Theatrette for all Year 10 classes to provide information on the process and the subjects available.

In Week 6, on the evening of Monday 4 June, an information session for parents will be held.

Students will then have until Wednesday 13 June to complete their choices.

Interviews for all students about their final subjects will be held during Week 9.





# Concord High School

## SPORTS



### All Schools Touch Football



On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> of May, Mrs Stojkovski and Miss Verniquet took a combined year 9 and 10 boy and girl touch team to the All Schools competition run by NSW Touch Football. The all-day competition was held at Doyle Park in Parramatta. The girls played against Galston High School (two teams), Mount St Benedict and Kellyville High School and finished the day in fourth place after one win, a draw and two losses. The players of the day for the girls team were Vani Sorovi and Martina Latini-Privitera. The boys played against Galston High School (two teams), Toongabbie Catholic College, Kellyville High School and Patrician Brothers. They won all bar one round game and finished second to make it to the grand final against Patrician Brothers. In the grand final the game went to a drop off (extra time). Despite a huge effort from the boys, Patrician Brothers were just too good and scored when the game was down to 4 v 4. The payers of the day for the boys team were Lachlan De Gioia and Andrew Yee. Both teams trained hard every Tuesday afternoon leading up to the tournament and should be proud of how they played and how they represented Concord High School.

#### Girls Team

##### Year 9

Erica Hill-Munro  
Kaylah Neowhouse  
Yasmin Shalash  
Deema Zreika  
Sakeena Zreika

##### Year 10

Jade Karagoz  
Lara Kayabas  
Martina Latini-Privitera  
Vani Sorovi  
Caitlin Taru



#### Boys Team

##### Year 9

Dylan Castrogiovanni  
Hayden De Gioia  
Julian Latini-Privitera  
Daniel Settineri

##### Year 10

Maurice Carbone  
Lachlan De Gioia  
Vincent Fedele  
Nazir Hammound  
Cameron Mills  
Cainan Talisitana  
Andrew Yee



# Concord High School

## MUSIC

### AMEB (Australian Music Examination Board) ONLINE COLLABORATIVE ORCHESTRA PROJECT



We invite you to take part in the AMEB Online Orchestra - a collaborative orchestra made up of Australians playing from wherever they are around the country. Individuals, schools and community groups will record their part to Waltzing Matilda and each video will contribute towards a final video presentation of the work. The final video performance will be released later in the year with a launch presentation on the big screen at Federation Square in Melbourne on Wednesday 12 September. Our Project Ambassadors, Benjamin Northey and Amber Hammond will be joining us for this Australian first - The AMEB Online Orchestra.

**Any student who plays an instrument, can read music, and is interested in participating in this National Project will need to collect a permission note and their music parts from Ms Cesta in Common 1.**

**STUDENTS MUST RETURN THE SIGNED PERMISSION NOTE INCLUDING MEDIA RELEASE NO LATER THAN 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2018.**





# CONCORD HIGH SCHOOL

## MUSIC CONTINUED

### TERM 2

#### **Concord High School Instrumental Program**

We would like to welcome our new Concert band Director, Leon Dennis. Mr Dennis is an experienced conductor and is currently the Director of the Sydney Academy of Brass, Beginner Concert band conductor at Beecroft Public School and a Brass Tutor at Beecroft PS, Pymble PS and St Gregory's College in Campbelltown. The Concert band is currently preparing for the NSW Schools Band festival, which will be held at the Conservatorium of Music in early September. We would also like to welcome our new Concert Band members that have started this year.

**The Concert band is currently in need of Brass players.** In particular, more trumpets trombones and Euphonium or Tuba. Students at CHS who would like to join the concert band and who already play a brass instrument are encouraged to see Ms Cesta as soon as possible to collect forms and begin rehearsals.

To assist with promotion of the brass section, Mr Dennis has agreed to tutor any students who are interested in learning a brass instrument. If there are any students who would like to learn one of the above mentioned instruments and join the CHS Concert band please see Ms Cesta to collect the relevant forms and organise a time for lessons. The school has a supply of brass instruments and we are offering free instrument hire to those interested students.

Rehearsals for all ensembles have begun details and times of weekly rehearsals are listed below.

Monday 7:40am – 8:45am	Stage band	Theatrette	Ms Cesta
Tuesday 7:40am – 8:45am	String Ensemble	Common 1	Mr Solomon
Wednesday 7:40am – 8:45am	Concert Band	Theatrette	Mr Dennis
Thursday	Vocal Ensemble	Common 1	Ms Huang



# CONCORD HIGH SCHOOL

## 2018 MULTILIT PROGRAM

### LEARNING SUPPORT FACULTY

At Concord High we endeavour to provide a wide range of learning support for our students to ensure that everyone meets the basic standards of Literacy and Numeracy. Literacy and Reading skills are the paramount basic skills for success, not only at school but in our daily lives.

We are running a Reading Program called MultiLit, which is a special teaching program designed for students who are experiencing difficulty with their reading skills. The program is usually delivered on a one-to-one basis by learning support teachers or trained volunteers. The MultiLit program is research based and was developed by Macquarie University. The way that MultiLit operates is that teachers work with students in sessions, between three and five times per week, using the carefully structured RTP program materials. Each session has three main components:

- Word Attack Skills (phonics) – which teaches students skills to improve the accuracy and fluency of their reading, as well as spelling.
- Sight Words – which teaches students to quickly recognise the most common words that appear in text.
- Reinforced Reading – which gives students the chance to practise their new skills by reading books aloud.

Each session takes approximately 20 minutes per child. In order to manage this program and provide the students with four sessions per week, we are seeking some interested parent volunteers. Ideally, volunteers would be available from 9:15am to 10:30am one or more days per week. Full training and a demonstration of the program materials will be provided. All that is required of volunteers is to arrive and assist students with their reading.

Please contact Mr Craig Stewart, Learning Support Teacher and MultiLit Coordinator by email on [CRAIG.W.STEWART@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:CRAIG.W.STEWART@det.nsw.edu.au) if you have any queries about this program.







Students at Concord High School embrace and value the importance of supporting charity groups and organisations. This year, we participated in the *World's Greatest Shave*, which is an organisation that was founded in 1998 to help raise funds for the research and treatment of blood related cancers in Australia.

Concord High School students actively engaged in and supported this fundraiser by volunteering to either colour, cut or shave their hair. An amazing effort was made this year with our students raising a total of \$12,845. One of the participants who shaved her head was Year 10 student, *Carinn Parisi* who raised \$897 to support this organisation.

"I decided to sign up for the World's Greatest Shave because I want to help people and it is of personal importance for me to do so. I have witnessed and experienced the loss of many members of my family who unfortunately lost their battle with cancer. I wanted my efforts to be in remembrance of them and to support others who may be also going through the same thing. Participating in this event this year has helped me be more confident because lots of people talk to me now, which hasn't happened before. So it has helped me as much as I have tried to help the organisation."

We commend all the students who have actively been a part of fundraisers and charity events throughout the year and thank the Leadership Team for their effort in coordinating this event. We hope for many more amazing achievements like this.

Written and Photographed by  
Fiona Dieu, Vignesh Murthy  
And Nicole Yu



**Carinn Parisi – World's Greatest Shave Participant**

**ALL ENTRIES CLOSE ON MONDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2018!!!**

**Concord High School**

**Before and After School Sports (BASS) Program**

**Let's Get Physical! – Term 2, 2018**



Dear Parent / Guardian,

The **Before and After School Sports (BASS) Program** is continuing to offer a variety of activities before and after school. Students will have the opportunity to further their interest and develop skills in many sporting activities. These activities will be conducted by specialist coaches who aim to improve the skill levels of each student. The focus of this program is **skill development** as well as fun, fitness and friendship! All skill levels from beginner to advanced will be catered for.

**\*\* Please note:** This term is an **8 week** Sports Coaching Program

**\*\* All activities in the coaching program will commence in Week 3 of Term 2, 2018** (week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018)

Each activity has a minimum and maximum number of students. This is designed to ensure small group sizes, optimum individual attention and cost effectiveness.

The supervising coach will take every care of the group. However, your child has some responsibilities and obligations associated with the coaching session, and we assume that your permission also involves an undertaking by your child to act responsibly. Of particular importance:-

- Students must obey the directions of any teacher/supervisor without delay or question
- Students must remain within the area/s designated by supervising staff
- Students must not leave the group to undertake independent activities

Please see over a permission note for your child to sign up for the **8 week program** in the sport of their choice. Please join the Edmodo group online to receive updates, information and/or changes that may take place during the term. Payment of the full term fee should be returned with the permission note to the side office as soon as possible in order to secure a placement. The P&C have kindly donated some money, offering sponsorship to a select number of students who wish to participate in the program, but are unable to due to financial difficulties. If you would like to apply for this sponsorship, please notify the program coordinator.

Ms. Silverine De Silva

BASS Program Coordinator, PDHPE Faculty

**Ph: 0408 428 876**

**Email: [silverine.desilva2@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:silverine.desilva2@det.nsw.edu.au)**

**Edmodo group code: b3ynje**





# ALL ENTRIES CLOSE ON MONDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2018!!!

## Before and After School Sports (BASS) Program 2018 (8 weeks)



Sport – 069	Code	Day of week	Time	Start date	Venue	Term Fee
Personal Training (Strength & Fitness)	015	Tuesday	7.30 – 8.30am	15/05/2018	CHS – Hall	\$65
Futsal (Indoor Soccer)	007	Wednesday	7.30 – 8.30am	16/05/2018	CHS - Hall	\$65

### BEFORE SCHOOL PROGRAM

### AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Sport – 069	Code	Day of week	Time	Start date	Venue	Term Fee
Basketball	020	Tuesday	3.15 – 4.15pm	15/05/2018	CHS - Hall	\$65
Dance	011	Tuesday	3.15 – 4.15pm	15/05/2018	CHS – Theatre	\$65
Soccer (Football)	023	Wednesday	3.15 – 4.15pm	16/05/2018	CHS – Oval	\$65
Netball	020	Wednesday	3.15 - 4.15pm	16/05/2018	CHS – Courts	\$65
Badminton	001	Thursday	3.15 - 4.15pm	17/05/2018	CHS – Hall	\$45
AFL	008	Thursday	3.15-4.15pm	17/05/2018	CHS – Oval	\$65

**Please tear off and return payment and permission note to the side office as soon as possible.**

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## Before and After School Sports (BASS) Program – Term 2, 2018



I give permission for (Student's Name) \_\_\_\_\_ in Year \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in a specialised coaching program in. I am also aware that my child has some responsibilities and obligations associated with the coaching session, and that my permission also involves an undertaking of my child to act responsibly.

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Parent's / Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's / Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE JOIN THE BASS EDMODO GROUP TO RECEIVE REGULAR UPDATES, INFORMATION and POSSIBLE CHANGES THAT MAY OCCUR DURING THE TERM. Group code: b3ynje**



# Upcoming Dates

## VARIATIONS TO ROUTINE TERM 2 WEEK 3 14 May – 18 May 2018 WEEK A

<b>14 May</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Taste of TAFE</li> <li>o GATS interviews</li> <li>o Prelim Mid Course Exams</li> <li>o Prefects afternoon tea- Homebush Boys 4pm - 6pm</li> </ul>	<b>15 May</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o NAPLAN Years 7 &amp; 9</li> <li>o GATS interviews</li> <li>o Prelim Mid Course Exams</li> </ul>	<b>16 May</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o NAPLAN Years 7 &amp; 9</li> <li>o GATS interviews</li> <li>o Prefects afternoon tea Burwood GHS 4pm - 5:30pm</li> <li>o Prelim Mid Course Exams</li> <li>o Year 10 Visual Arts</li> </ul>
<b>17 May</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o NAPLAN Years 7 &amp; 9</li> <li>o Year 10 Cafe and Hospitality skills</li> <li>o Prelim Mid Course Exams</li> <li>o Prelim Modern History</li> <li>o HSC Visual Arts</li> <li>o Year 8 Japanese</li> <li>o Year 10 Science B, G, O, P</li> <li>o Year 10 Science R, V, W, Y</li> </ul>	<b>18 May</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Year 7 History</li> <li>o Prelim Mid Course Exams</li> <li>o Year 10 Science R, V, W, Y</li> </ul>	

## A LOOK AHEAD 2018 Term 2 Week 4, 5 & 6

<b>B TERM 2 WEEK 4</b>	<b>21 May</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Taste of TAFE</li> <li>o Year 10 Minimum Standards test- Numeracy and Reading 09am - 3pm</li> <li>o Year 11 debating 09am - 3pm</li> <li>o HSC minimum standards test Year 10</li> </ul>	<b>22 May</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Debating day 09am - 12:35pm</li> <li>o Year 12 Geog fieldwork 09am - 11:45am</li> </ul>	<b>23 May</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Years 7 and 12 parent teacher night</li> <li>o Year 9 History Elective</li> <li>o Year 10 Geography</li> <li>o HSC Geography</li> <li>o Australian History competition 09:45am - 10:35am</li> <li>o Prelim Drama</li> <li>o Year 7 French</li> <li>o Year 7 Italian</li> <li>o Year 7 Chinese 1 Written 10:55am - 12:35pm</li> </ul>	<b>24 May</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Year 10 Cafe and Hospitality skills 9am - 3pm</li> <li>o Year 7 Japanese 2</li> <li>o Year 8 French</li> <li>o Year 8 Italian</li> <li>o Year 9 Science B, G, O, P</li> <li>o Year 7 Chinese 2 Speaking 8:55am - 09:45am</li> <li>o Year 8 Chinese 1 Written 2:05pm - 2:55pm</li> </ul>	<b>25 May</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o School athletics carnival wet weather day</li> <li>o Nan Tien Temple excursion 9am - 3pm</li> <li>o Prelim Community &amp; Family</li> <li>o Knockout netball 12pm - 2pm</li> <li>o Year 7 Japanese 1</li> <li>o Year 8 Japanese</li> <li>o Year 9 Science B, G, O, P</li> <li>o Year 9 Science R, V, W, Y</li> <li>o Year 7 Chinese 1 Speaking 1:15pm - 2:05pm</li> <li>o Year 8 Chinese 1 Written 2:05pm - 2:55pm</li> </ul>
<b>A TERM 2 WEEK 5</b>	<b>28 May</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Taste of TAFE</li> <li>o Year 11 Chemistry</li> <li>o Online Music orchestra 09am - 09:45am</li> <li>o Year 10 Chinese Written 08:55am - 10:35am</li> <li>o Year 8 Chinese 1 Speaking 1:15pm - 2:05pm</li> </ul>	<b>29 May</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o ICAS Science test</li> <li>o Year 9 Photography</li> <li>o Year 10 Japanese Speaking</li> <li>o HSC Chinese &amp; Literature</li> <li>o Year 7 Chinese 2 Written 10:55am - 12:35pm</li> </ul>	<b>30 May</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Zone cross country</li> <li>o Year 9 Commerce</li> <li>o HSC Society &amp; Culture</li> <li>o Prelim Engineering</li> <li>o Year 8 Chinese 1 Speaking 1:15pm - 2:05pm</li> </ul>	<b>31 May</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Year 10 Cafe and Hospitality skills</li> <li>o Year 9 Geography</li> <li>o Year 10 History</li> <li>o Year 10 Engineering</li> <li>o Year 9 IST</li> <li>o Year 7 French</li> <li>o Year 7 Italian</li> <li>o Year 7 Japanese 2</li> <li>o Year 7 Japanese 1</li> <li>o Year 8 French</li> <li>o Year 8 Italian</li> <li>o Year 8 R, V, W, Y Science</li> <li>o Year 11 Mathematics 08am - 09am</li> </ul>	<b>1 June</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Year 7 Geography</li> <li>o Year 8 History</li> <li>o Prelim Business Studies</li> <li>o Year 10 Electronics</li> <li>o Year 10 Japanese Writing</li> <li>o Year 8 R, V, W, Y Science</li> <li>o Year 8 B, G, O, P Science</li> <li>o Year 10 Chinese Speaking 09:45am - 10:35am</li> </ul>
<b>B TERM 2 WEEK 6</b>	<b>4 June</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Taste of TAFE</li> <li>o Year 10-11 Subject selection night</li> <li>o Year 9 History</li> <li>o HSC Chemistry task 3 09am - 3pm</li> </ul>	<b>5 June</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Year 12 Bio skills assess 09am - 10:45am</li> </ul>	<b>6 June</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Zone cross country wet weather date</li> <li>o Year 10 Science TBC</li> <li>o HSC Business Studies</li> </ul>	<b>7 June</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Year 10 Cafe and Hospitality skills 09am - 3pm</li> <li>o Year 10 History</li> <li>o Prelim Industrial Tech</li> </ul>	<b>8 June</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Year 10 Visual Design 09am - 1:30pm</li> </ul>

