



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

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Principals Report

Welcome back to term 3. I hope that families had a restful break and students are refreshed and ready to engage in another term of learning.

Welcome to Mrs Phillis Munoz who will be relieving in the role of School Administration Manager while Mrs Polley is on leave for the year. Mrs Munoz comes with a wealth of knowledge and

On Tuesday 31st August a P&C Meeting will be held in the staff common room from 6.30 pm. Ms Fatma Bekheet will be a guest speaker on the evening and will be discussing the Concord High School Enviro Club initiatives and the social media communication through Twitter both of which she is responsible for coordinating. All parents and caregivers are welcome to attend.

During term 2 the school went through a canteen tender process and Bon Appetite were successful in gaining the contract for the next two year period. We have been very impressed so far with the high quality of healthy food and warm and enthusiastic customer service that Yvette, Steve and their team are providing. Staff at the school were treated to an impressive morning tea on the staff development day and the long lines at the canteen indicate that the students are happy with the changes.

Subject Selection Process Year 11, 2019

Ms Payne is in the final stages of leading the subject selection process for Year 11, 2019. Year 10 students have had the opportunity to be interviewed by a staff member and a chance to discuss their choices.

Year 9 Electives 2019

Students in Year 8 had a meeting today and were provided with information about the electives available for 2019. Students have been issued with handbooks and a letter providing information about completing elective choices online. Can you please support your child in completing their elective choices online before Friday, 3rd August. Students are required to complete two electives over Year 9 and 10.



Principals Report continued

Year 8 Electives 2019

For the first time at Concord High School Year 8 students will be provided with the exciting opportunity to engage in one elective of their choice in Year 8. Shortly students will be provided with a handbook and details about how to select an elective online.

Uniform

Can I please ask for the support of parents in ensuring that students wear the correct winter uniform each day. There are a lot of students wearing tracksuit pants and hoodies.

Concerning Behaviour of Students after School

It has come to our attention this week that there are students from Concord High School behaving inappropriately and unsafely at local parks after school. Can I please ask for the support of parents in ensuring that students are discouraged from meeting up in parks such as Rothwall Park. There have been reports of vandalism, rude behavior and unsafe behaviour such as students climbing on roofs.

NAIDOC Assembly

During the assembly one of our indigenous students Ely Corliss spoke to the senior students about NAIDOC and played a video of our indigenous students participation in a Bangarra dance workshop.

Student Achievement

Congratulations to Year 12 students Ben Wood and Valanti Balazs who participated in the HTN and ACF Inter-schools Culinary Competition at Ryde TAFE. They came 4th with one point difference. The boys each won a \$100 voucher for cooking equipment and cook books. We are so proud of their efforts.



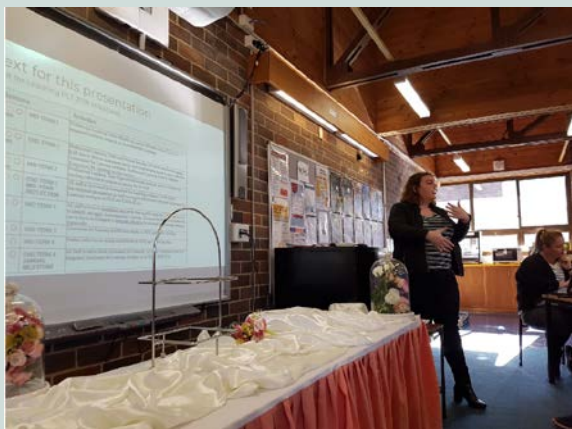
Principals Report continued

Year 8 and 9 Parent Teacher Evening

The Year 8 and 9 parent teacher evening will be held on Wednesday 1st August from 4.00 pm in the school hall. Please ensure that you have made your booking online prior to attending. We look forward to meeting with you on the evening.

Staff Development Day

On Monday 23rd July the staff from Concord High School were actively engaged in a professional development day. During the day the capacity of staff was built with focuses on assessment for learning, literacy, PB4L and effective use of technology in the classroom. Students will implement the knowledge and skills developed on the day into their teaching and learning programs to effectively engage students.



Attached to this issue of the Keeping in Touch is some important information for Year 8, 9 and 10 about mathematics courses at Concord High School.

Mrs Jody Engisch
Acting Principal

Deputy Principals Report

by Craig Anderson

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday August 1st Years 8 and 9 parent teacher night

Monday August 6th Year 12 Trial HSC examinations commence.

PARENT PORTAL

We are continuously improving communication with parents and carers. One new initiative in 2018 is opening the Sentral for Parents portal. This portal provides parents with access to their child's timetable, attendance and academic reports. Parents can also access the school's newsletter- Keeping In Touch. All parents will receive a letter in Term 3 with information on accessing the portal. Before we can start this however, family contact information will need to be updated. We will send home to each student a copy of the details we have. Please check what we have recorded, make any adjustments and then have your student return it to their Year Adviser.

Year 7 have been issued with the information to be checked. At this time we have 150 returned from 227 after three days of constant reminders and requests. If you can return the form with your student asap to Ms Turner the Year 7 Year Adviser please.

YEAR 12 TRIAL HSC EXAMINATIONS

The Trial HSC examinations will be held during Weeks 3 and 4 of this term. To assist your student discuss with them drawing up a study timetable similar to the school timetable. This is a way you can positively assist your student to plan their study and to then assist them to stick to the plan. The biggest reminder is any absence from an examination must have a medical certificate using the illness/misadventure process and the student will be expected to sit any missed examinations immediately they return to school. The Relieving Deputy Principal must be contacted and Ms Payne informed of the absence on the day. Maintaining a calm and supportive environment at home will be the best thing that you can do. These are not the weeks to try and start anything new.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDENTS AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING NOW CANCELLED HOWEVER WE HAVE A NEW PROGRAM

Unfortunately due to the low number of students attending tutoring in Semester 1 Macquarie University Walanga Muru, the Office of Indigenous Strategy at Macquarie University has now withdrawn their support.

The Walanga Muru program has however offered to run an In-School Engagement Program. This is an initiative by Walanga Muru, to improve educational aspirations, cultural knowledges and resiliency skills amongst Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students in years 7 to 11. We believe that this is an excellent program and we have accepted the offer. These workshops will start in Week 6 of term and students will bring an information note home for this.

Deputy Principals Report continued

NATIONAL SCHOOLS TREE DAY

The enviro team and Ms Bekheet held National Schools Tree Day on Thursday of this week. Drawing on the assistance of Canada Bay Council for grant funds and Lachlan Prentice from the Canada Bay Council Bushcare team we were able to plant 50 new trees in the wildlife corridor to add to the biodiversity of flora. The amazing enviro team pictured below worked all day to weed, plant and water the new trees.



Deputy Principals Report continued

REQUEST FOR DONATIONS OF SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

With the cold weather the need for second hand uniforms has increased dramatically. If your student has uniform that they have outgrown please send it to the Side Office. On a daily basis we are needing to provide students with uniform. We are desperate for winter items and in particular size 30 boys long pants. Any assistance is greatly appreciated.

FOOD DELIVERIES AND SCHOOL DON'T MIX

With the rise of mobile technologies we increasingly are trying to manage appropriate use at school. Students are not able to order food to be delivered to school. This includes pizza deliveries and most recently Uber eats. If any student has food delivered it will be confiscated. As you would imagine there are concerns with child protection having strangers come to the school, foods that may cause allergic reactions as well as breaching our school canteen contract. Please remind your student that ordering food for delivery is against the school rules.

Deputy Principals Report

by Fiona Payne

YEAR 8 into YEAR 9 2019 SUBJECT SELECTIONS

Students will be issued with information about their elective subject choices for 2019 during Week 1. Choices will be made using an online form, the details of which will be included in the letter your student brings home from school. The same information will be included in an email sent to parents and carers during Week 2.

Final subject choices for current Year 8 students will be due by Friday 3 August 2018.

YEAR 10 into YEAR 11 2019 SUBJECT SELECTIONS

Final subject choices will be confirmed in the early weeks of this term. Almost all students have been now interviewed but any students who have not had an interview will be contacted in this coming week. Please be assured that no student will be disadvantaged by this situation as final subject movements will not occur until all current students have been interviewed.

Concerns around subjects will be discussed on a case by case basis but students are encouraged to be flexible in their outlook. The goal is to find the best possible combination of subjects for each student.

YEAR 10 and 12 N WARNINGS

Students with work that is incomplete or non-serious in nature have been provided with a list of their current N Warnings. It is advised that students speak to the relevant class teachers to arrange the completion of the required work as soon as possible.

For Year 12, outstanding work must be completed shortly and students with N-Warnings will be contacted and placed on an improvement program.

Year 12's should continue to maintain a healthy study routine (plenty of sleep, healthy food and exercise) through their final term. The Trial Higher School Certificate Examination timetable has been distributed to all students as a hard copy and an email and begins on Monday 6 August.



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Concord High School Before and After School Sports (BASS) Program Let's Get Physical! – Term 3, 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 3, 2018** (week commencing 7th August 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

PDHPE Faculty
BASS Program Coordinator

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Edmodo group code: b3ynje



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



BEFORE SCHOOL PROGRAM

| Sport – 069 | Day of week | Time | Start date | Venue | Term Fee |
|--|-------------|---------------|------------|------------|----------|
| Personal Training (Strength & Fitness) | Tuesday | 7.30 – 8.30am | 07/08/2018 | CHS – Hall | \$65 |
| Futsal (Indoor Soccer) | Wednesday | 7.30 – 8.30am | 08/08/2018 | CHS – Hall | \$65 |

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

| Sport – 069 | Day of week | Time | Start date | Venue | Term Fee |
|-------------------|-------------|---------------|------------|---------------|----------|
| Basketball | Tuesday | 3.15 – 4.15pm | 07/08/2018 | CHS – Hall | \$65 |
| Dance | Tuesday | 3.15 – 4.15pm | 07/08/2018 | CHS – Theatre | \$65 |
| Football (Soccer) | Wednesday | 3.15 – 4.15pm | 08/08/2018 | CHS – Oval | \$65 |
| Netball | Wednesday | 3.15 – 4.15pm | 08/08/2018 | CHS – Courts | \$65 |
| Badminton | Thursday | 3.15 – 4.15pm | 09/08/2018 | CHS – Hall | \$45 |
| AFL | Thursday | 3.15-4.15pm | 09/08/2018 | CHS – Oval | \$65 |
| Animation | Thursday | 3.15-4.15pm | 09/08/2018 | CHS- | |

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.

sport code amount start date
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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



Welfare News

By Fiona Milligan

Welcome back to Term 3 – I hope you had a relaxing break.

Looking back at Term 2, it was very busy in the Welfare Faculty – some of the highlights included our formal assemblies, Peer Support activities, girls and boys mentoring, the rewards excursion, the Year 8 Respectful Relationships Day, the Year 7 Welfare Day and the Year 12 Bake Sale. This term, lots more will be happening, including Year 9 working with our Police Youth Worker, looking at safe behaviours, Year 11 going to a Road Safety excursion and Year 10 participating in a fun Life Be In It program.

As well as teaching here, I am the mother of two boys (11 and 13), and recently a Play Station game called FORTNITE has landed in my happy home! I often talk to parents about this game both here at school and outside of school. Personally, I have had my struggles in setting boundaries and rules around the game and our School Counsellor, Mrs Joy, has provided me with some resources which I have found useful.

The article below may assist families with some understanding about ways to engage with their young people around issues that arise in negotiating game time and its importance to the young person.

https://childmind.org/article/parents-guide-dealing-fortnite/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Parents+Guide+to+Fortnite&utm_campaign=Weekly-7-3-18

I am looking forward to another great term in Welfare, please contact either myself or my Year Advisers if we can be of further assistance throughout the term.



P&C News

We hope all staff and students of Concord High School and their families and carers had a wonderful holiday break.

Our next P&C meeting is this coming Tuesday, 31st July 2018 with our new start time of 6.30 pm

We are delighted to welcome our guest speaker Ms Fatma Bekheet. Ms Bekheet is one of Concord's Science Teachers and will be talking to us about the CHS Enviro Club initiatives and the social media communication through twitter both of which she is responsible for coordinating. It will be wonderful to hear more about the great work the Enviro Club have done so far in promoting the environment and sustainability message across the school and regenerating the school grounds to create a more habitable place for our local native wildlife as well as how they will use the recently awarded \$1,200 grant from the Telstra Kids grant program.

Tuesday, 11th September 2018 Annual General Meeting following by General Meeting

PLEASE NOTE: We are working on a new meeting start time of 6.30 pm with finish at 8.00 pm. Staff Common Room (above front office). All members and non members welcome.

Uniform Shop News

Winter scarves on special for \$10.

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 this week

STUDENT

Josh SHEDDEN
Antonia WONG
Dakota THUELL
Alana AL SAADI
Dilay KOSAR
Sarah SHIN

AWARD

Deputy Principal: Deputy Principal Award
Bronze Merit: Bronze Merit
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Upcoming Dates

VARIATIONS TO ROUTINE TERM 3 WEEK 2 30 July 2018 – 3 August 2018 WEEK B

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| July 30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional athletics | July 31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ICAS English test Regional athletics P&C meeting Year 10 Girls welfare program 09am - 12pm P&C meeting 7pm - 8:30pm | August 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Years 8 and 9 parent teacher night Opportunity Class Placement tests |
| August 2 | August 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maritime Museum Year 11 English Studies Assembly junior. Senior year meetings | |

A LOOK AHEAD 2018 Term 3 Week 3

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| A TERM 3 WEEK 3 | August 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trial HSC examinations | August 7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trial HSC examinations Year 10 Minimum standards test in English 09:45am - 10:35am | August 8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trial HSC examinations Year 9 Commerce | August 9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trial HSC examinations Maths AMC competition 09am - 10:35am Year 8 Chinese 12:40pm - 2:45pm | August 10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trial HSC examinations Year 7 Technology Year 8 Technology Year 9 Visual Arts |
| B TERM 3 WEEK 4 | August 13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trial HSC examinations | August 14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trial HSC examinations | August 15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trial HSC examinations | August 16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trial HSC examinations Year 9 Visual Design Year 9 Visual Arts | August 17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trial HSC examinations |

