



Concord High School Keeping In Touch *Respectful Responsible Achieving* Term I Week 7

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Principal's Report

Open Night

Last Tuesday 5th March the school held our annual Open Night for students who are looking at coming to the school in 2020. The night was a spectacular success, with an estimated 600 parents and children enjoying a sausage sizzle followed by a tour of the school with our proud student leaders, and the opportunity to meet our amazing staff and explore our great facilities. The feedback from families I spoke to was overwhelmingly positive and we look forward to many of them joining the Concord High Community in 2020 and beyond.

Fees and Finance

In the coming week we will be sending invoices home to all families in the school for 2019 school fees. The payment of these fees is integral to the effective running of the school and I would encourage all members of our Concord community to support the school with the payment of these fees in a timely manner. The school has a process in place to support families who are experiencing genuine financial difficulty.

March P & C Meeting

The next meeting of our school P & C will be on Tuesday 19th March, commencing at 6:30pm in the school Library. Our guest speaker on the night will be the Concord High School Technology Coordinator – Alice Leung who will provide parents with information regarding the latest social media sites and what to be aware of when young people are engaging with these various social media platforms.



Principal's Report continued

HSC Minimum Standards

The NSW government announced last year that all students needed to achieve a minimum standard of literacy and numeracy before they are eligible for the award of a Higher School Certificate. This week we have provided all Year 10 students the opportunity to meet this minimum standard via an online assessment. Any students who did not meet the standard or who were absent on the day of testing will have numerous further opportunities to sit the test. Concord High is committed to ensuring that all our students have achieved the minimum standard by the time they complete the HSC.

Till next week.

Victor Newby
Principal



Deputy Principal's Report

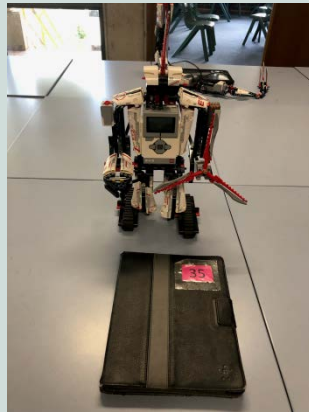
By Jody English

Concord High Schools open night and GATS information evening was held on Tuesday 5 March. There were huge numbers of Primary School students and parents in attendance on the evening and the teachers and students of Concord High arranged some wonderful activities for the students to experience a snap shot of what high school life is like. Below are some photos taken on the evening.



Deputy Principal's Report continued

By Jody Engisch



Our wonderful student leaders who took the parents and students on tours around the school on the evening.



Japanese student visit

On Thursday 14th March, 19 students from Kozoji High School in Japan came to Concord High School to experience an Australian school. The students engaged in various lessons and enjoyed a traditional Australian BBQ for lunch.



Deputy Principal's Report

By Craig Anderson

Congratulations to the school enviro team

Last week the school enviro team held a working bee at school to weed and water the gardens. The team also used brute force and a lot of sweat to move some fallen trees along the Crane St fence. This amazing team meets weekly with Ms Bekheet in the Science common on a Thursday lunchtime. Congratulations on your leadership, citizenship and teamwork.



ATAR club

Year 12 students who are members of the school ATAR club are attending weekly meetings in the school library on a Friday lunchtime. Each week we have guest presenters and this week was Macquarie University. Please check with your student each Friday afternoon and discuss the content delivered at school to assist your young person with their thoughts about life after Year 12.

Harmony Day

Concord High School is celebrating Harmony Day next week on Thursday March 21. March 21 is Australia's Harmony Day, which celebrates the country's cultural diversity.

March 21 is also the United Nations Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. It is an important day because it gives Australians an opportunity to celebrate our culturally diverse society.

To celebrate you can wear a little orange. However you must wear FULL school uniform but can wear one orange accessory this may be a hat, sock, ribbons or tie.

We will be celebrating harmony day at Concord, there will be assemblies and cultural food to celebrate our diversity.

Student volunteers

We are very fortunate at Concord to have a school culture of volunteering and providing assistance to others. On Thursday we needed assistance to set up 150 examination desks and chairs before school. Without any hesitation 30 students came along to the school hall and gave up their time to help. If your student came home with a merit certificate from Mr Anderson please thank them for their school spirit.



Welfare News

By Fiona Milligan

Friday, 15 March 2019, is The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDA). The theme this year is Bullying. No Way! Take action every day. The NDA is a fantastic opportunity to highlight the steps Concord High School takes every single day to promote respectful relationships and prevent bullying. We do this informally through our PB4L system and formally through our welfare and discipline policies and initiatives.

Today, Years 7, 8 and 10 are involved in specific workshops focusing on Anti-bullying. I am hoping that your child will come home and carry on these conversations with you over the weekend.

As in all things Welfare, I believe a respectful and committed partnership between school and home goes a long way in ensuring a positive outcome. This article below from REACHOUT gives parents some helpful tips when dealing with bullying issues.

How can you – parents - support your young person?

Young people only need one bad experience, and it can make them afraid to ask for help again. You are the most important adult in your teen's life, and with your support, they can work through any issues:

- Research anti-bullying strategies together and use it as an opportunity to plan. REACHOUT bullying resources are a great place to start.
- It might sound a little funny, but limiting eye contact can actually make those awkward moments a bit easier. Driving in the car or washing the dishes can be great opportunities for a more serious chat.
- Make a solid plan with your teen over when they will approach a teacher – after class, book a time during lunch? Discuss whether they want you to be there the first time they talk to the teacher, or would they prefer to do it alone?
- Ask them to think about a time when a teacher was really helpful at school. What worked well? What did they find useful, or not?
- If they're worried about people at school finding out, suggest your teen talk to their teacher at a time they know is private, like after class. They should also let the teacher know that they're worried and ask the teacher to keep things private.
- Chat to your teenager about other adults in their life that they trust. Maybe they would prefer to talk to them about it before approaching the school.

It can be confusing for parents and young people to know how to approach their school about a bullying issue. There are lots of different things to try, but the most important thing is that your teens know that they can trust you, and that's you'll be there to support them, not matter what's going on at school.

ReachOut.com



PDHPE News

BASS -Term 2 will commence on the 7th of May 2019. The sports that will be offered for term 2 are basketball, tennis, badminton, futsal, soccer, dance, netball and personal training. However this is subject to change if a coach cannot be confirmed or if there is limited amount of student interest. In either of those cases, there will be weekly updates of the BASS changes, posted up on the edmodo page (please add yourself to the edmodo page if you have not done so yet- Code qu3fem).

Any questions, please come and see Ms De Silva in common 8.

Applications are due on the 29th of April 2019.

Before and After School Sports (BASS) Program Let's Get Physical! – Term 2, 2019



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 2 of Term 2** (Week commencing 7th May 2019)**

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 group to receive notices about any 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

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Edmodo Group: qu3fem



PDHPE News

Before and After School Sports (BASS) Program 2019 (8 weeks)

BEFORE SCHOOL PROGRAM

Sport	Day of week	Time	Start date	Venue	Term Fee
Personal Training (Strength & Fitness)	Tuesday	7.30 – 8.30am	07/05/2019	CHS – Hall	\$65
Futsal (Indoor Soccer)	Wednesday	7.30 – 8.30am	08/05/2019	CHS - Hall	\$65

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Sport	Day of week	Time	Start date	Venue	Term Fee
Basketball	Tuesday	3.15 – 4.15pm	07/05/2019	CHS - Hall	\$65
Dance	Tuesday	3.15 – 4.15pm	07/05/2019	CHS – Theatre	\$65
Tennis	Tuesday	3.15- 4.15pm	07/05/2019	Clitra Park Tennis Courts	\$65
Soccer	Wednesday	3.15 – 4.15pm	08/05/2019	CHS – Oval	\$65
Netball	Wednesday	3.15 – 4.15pm	08/05/2019	CHS – Courts	\$65
Badminton	Thursday	3.15 – 4.15pm	09/05/2019	CHS – Hall	\$50

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

Before and After School Sports (BASS) Program – Term 2, 2019

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 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: qu3fem



PDHPE News

Zone Swimming Carnival

On Thursday the 7th of March, Concord High School sent 40 students to the Northern Suburbs Zone Swimming Carnival at Macquarie University Aquatic Centre. Weather was kind to us and we had some fantastic performances from our students that represented Concord High School to a very high standard. This was reflected by our **second place** finish in the zone amongst all schools in relation to overall points!!

Below is a long list of students who finished first or second in their events at the carnival. It is extremely pleasing to see how many relay teams we have going on to the next level of competition. This would be close to a record! Individual and relay swimmers will be representing Concord High School and the Northern Suburbs Zone at the Sydney North Regional Swimming Championships at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre on Thursday the 21st of March.

Good luck to all, and well done Concord!

Year 7

Elsie Gray	1st – 13 year old girls 100m backstroke
Julian Mantle	2nd – 12 year old boys 100m butterfly
Darcy Woodley	1st – 13 year old boys 100m breaststroke
	2nd – 13 year old boys 100m freestyle
	2nd – 13 year old boys 50m freestyle
	2nd – 13 year old boys 100m backstroke
Maisy Wright-Smith	2nd – 12 year old girls 100m breaststroke
	2nd – 12 year old girls 100m freestyle

Year 8

William Chiang	2nd - 13 year old boys 200m freestyle
Caitlin Oeser	1st – 13 year old girls 100m breaststroke
	1st – 13 year old girls 100m freestyle
	2nd – 13 year old girls 50m freestyle
Harrison Woodley	1st – 14 year old boys 200m freestyle
	2nd – 14 year old boys 100m breaststroke
	1st – 14 year old boys 100m freestyle
	1st – 14 year old boys 50m freestyle
	1st – 14 year old boys 100m butterfly

Year 10

Andrew Huh	2nd – 16 year old boys 100m backstroke
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Year 11

Benjamin Comer	1st – 16 year old boys 200m freestyle
	1st – 16 year old boys 100m breaststroke
	1st – 16 year old boys 100m freestyle
	1st – Open boys 200m Individual Medley
	1st – 16 year old boys 50m freestyle



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Kisha Chabo	2nd – 17+ year old girls 200m freestyle 2nd – 17+ year old girls 100m breaststroke 2nd – 17+ year old girls 50m freestyle 1st – 17+ year old girls 100m butterfly
Curtis Woodley	2nd – 17+ year old boys 50m freestyle (tied)

Year 12

Hobin Seo	1st – 17+ year old boys 200m freestyle 1st – 17+ year old boys 100m freestyle 2nd – 17+ year old boys 50m freestyle (tied)
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Relays

1st	12 year old boys 4x50m freestyle relay Julian Mantle, Jacob Grant, Jasper Boyle & Noah Chabo
1st	13 year old boys 4x50m freestyle relay Darcy Woodley, William Chiang, Damien Kwok & Kaiden Deller
2nd	13 year old girls 4x50m freestyle relay Caitlin Oeser, Elsie Gray, Amelia Walkley & Talia Zappia
2nd	15 year old boys 4x50m freestyle relay Joseph Natalegawa, Omer Orcun, Jayden Kwok & Noah Stefas
2nd	16 year old boys 4x50m freestyle relay Andrew Huh, Daniel Samuel, Jung Woo Lee & Ryan Lee
1st	17+ year old boys 4x50m freestyle relay Benjamin Comer, Curtis Woodley, Hobin Seo & Lachlan Georgiadis
2nd	Open boys 4x50m medley relay Benjamin Comer, Curtis Woodley, Hobin Seo & Lachlan Georgiadis
2nd	All ages boys 6x50m freestyle relay Julian Mantle, Darcy Woodley, Harrison Woodley, Omer Orcun, Benjamin Comer & Curtis Woodley
2nd	All ages girls 6x50m freestyle relay Maisy Wright-Smith, Caitlin Oeser, Miriam Blaikie, Rachel Seo, Grace Kiefer & Kisha Chabo

Lost & Found

A piece of jewelry has been found at the front office of Concord High School. If you have lost anything of value recently please contact the office on 9745 3777.



Concord High School News

Google Classroom Email Summaries for Parents

Parents will soon be able sign up for emails providing details about their child's school work and homework.

The majority of classes at our school uses Google Classroom to set work tasks for students and this has been a very successful way of students seeing all their work tasks on their device. In many cases, the tasks can be completed on their device.

Google have recently launched a new feature called Google Guardian which allows parents to sign up for daily or weekly email summaries of the Google Classroom activity. These email summaries provide details such as

- Any tasks from the previous week that has not been completed.
- All tasks for the forthcoming week.
- Any other announcements and grades from tasks that have been marked and entered into Google Classroom.

Parents will soon receive an email to sign up for this service. The invitation to receive Google Guardian emails will be sent to parents and those who have parental responsibility for a child, as recorded on our school administration system. Please note that we cannot offer the Google Guardian email service to any person other than a child's parents or other adults with parental responsibility. We hope that you will find this additional service useful. You can read more about Google Guardian email summaries [here](#).

P&C News

Hi Parents and Carers

A busy beginning of the school year for the P&C Committee, with exciting speakers at the first meeting on 12th February, held in the school library. Plus the first event for the year celebrating International Women's Day, held on 7th March, also in the library.

At the first meeting I welcomed the year 7 parents and carers to CHS P&C. With a turnout of approximately 50 people, we were all enthralled by our guest speakers who made suggestions on how to help support our students through high school. Ellen Hoy the year 7 advisor, Judy and Robert from the school counselling team, were insightful on how our students brains function and develop, and how our own expectations may need adjusting to meet the needs of what our students are going through and how they are feeling as they grow. It was a great night!



P&C News continued

We heard from the CHS young women's advocate Ms Patulny who gave a passionate speech about equality. We also heard from special guests Dr. Aleta Knowles <https://au.linkedin.com/in/aleta/de> & Tara Lal <http://www.tarajlal.com/>. Aleta guided us through her careers development as a woman in science and Tara gave a heartfelt account of her life's struggles as a young girl and woman, and how she dealt with loss, grief and came out the other side as a strong woman.

At the close of the speakers, I walked around the room, there was a real bustle in the air. People told me how much they enjoyed the evening, with one person holding a tissue saying she shed a few tears. We all had a great evening, that was short, sharp, fun and informative – that's how we like it!

A quick insight behind the CHS P&C curtain.

The committee's executive team led by myself, handle most of the behind the scenes administrative tasks and planning for 2019/2020 at impromptu get-togethers or phone calls. Before our meeting on the 12th February we met at my place on a Sunday afternoon over cheese and coffee, note books and pens in hand, discussing how we can improve the school environment for our students. We addressed the secretary and finance side of the agenda ahead of time, pulling out the key issues so we can make this a brief activity for the meetings you attend. It helps us all stick to the agenda on the meeting nights.

If your family is anything like mine, you are probably time poor? Working full time, raising my Son, supporting my aging Mum, life is never dull and never stops. Although I have my hands full, I am proud to lead the committee which is growing. We have men and women who are offering their talents to make CHS a positive environment to learn in. Since becoming the new P&C President as of last October 2018, I thoroughly enjoy spending time with this 'new' group of friends. We all have nothing but the best of interests at heart for the students at CHS. Finding out what the struggles are in the school yard, and for the parents at home. We support one another by getting professional people to come and talk at the meetings, to help us navigate through raising our young people.

If you haven't been to a P&C meeting before, come along. In primary school I could rarely contribute to the P&C activities, maybe I did the odd 'serving behind a cake stall' or a 'disco night', but was not involved in the committee due to work and family commitments. I'm finding because its high school, this is a fabulous time to 'connect' 'plug in' to what my young person is involved in, because these are informative years, and very different from when I was in high school. Especially with technology advancing in leaps and bounds, I find it's a lot to deal with, and I'm fairly tech savvy. So if you'd like the inside information on how the school is managed directly from the Principles mouth, and have support from our guest speakers, come along to the next meeting on the 19th March, 6.30pm in the library.

Also to get yourself placed on the P&C's new direct mailer please email; concordhighschoolpandc@gmail.com.

Very best regards

Angela Smith - CHS P&C President



Community News



MARTIAL ARTS

The goal of Kummooyeh is to help our members and students develop, grow and improve both physical and mentally through progression in martial arts training.

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2019 Harmony Day Poster and Song Writing Competitions 'Harmony – it's up to us'

Each year the Harmony Day Poster and Song Writing Competitions attract thousands of entries and brings out the creativity and passion of school students motivated by a desire for a peaceful and inclusive society. The competitions are open to all primary and secondary students across NSW and the ACT.

Closing date

The closing date for entries is Friday 12 April 2019

Prizes – Poster Competition

Prizes are awarded in two categories – Senior (Year 7 – Year 12) and Junior (K - Year 6). In each category the following prizes are awarded:

- State Winner \$500
- Regional Winner \$150
- State Winner's School \$500

Prizes – Song Writing Competition

- 1st Prize \$500
- 2nd Prize \$300
- 3rd Prize \$150

Winners will be decided in May-2019 and a prize giving function is scheduled to be held at the NSW Parliament in June 2019

Entry forms

Entry forms and instructions are available at:
www.movingforwardtogether.org.au

For more information please contact

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2018 entry



2018 entry



Upcoming Dates

VARIATIONS TO ROUTINE

TERM 1 WEEK 8

18 March – March 22, 2019 **WEEK B**

Monday 18 March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Year 7 Geography Task No. 1 ○ Year 11 CAFS task 1 	Tuesday 19 March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ GATS Allwell test ○ Prefects afternoon tea Strathfield Girls HS ○ Year 7 Geography Task No. 1 ○ Year 12 mathematics standard task 2 ○ Year 12 Ext 1 Mathematics 	Wednesday 20 March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Worlds Greatest Shave ○ Year 7 Geography Task No. 1 ○ Year 11 English EAL/D
Thursday 21 March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Regional swimming carnival ○ Year 12 Advanced and standard English starting today ○ Year 9 Elective History Task No.1 ○ Year 8 International Studies Task 1 Part a ○ Year 11 English Studies ○ Year 12 EAL/D task 3 	Friday 22 March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Year 12 Business Studies Task NO. 2 Quiz ○ Year 11 mathematics advanced task 1 	

A LOOK AHEAD 2019 Term 1 Week 9

A TERM 1 WEEK 9	Monday 25 March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Year 11 Earth and Environment ○ Year 11 Physics ○ HSC History Extension Task ○ Year 12 History Extension Task ○ Year 8 International Studies Task 1 Part b ○ Year 11 Japanes task 1 	Tuesday 26 March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Year 9 English task 1 ○ Year 12 Continuers task 2 	Wednesday 27 March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Year 11 Geography Field of Mars Task ○ Year 12 Music 1 Task 2 ○ Year 11 Music 1 Task 1 ○ Year 11 Biology ○ Year 11 Biology skills 	Thursday 28 March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Year 12 Visual Arts Task 2 ○ Year 12 PDHPE ○ Year 11 PDHPE ○ Year 11 Society and Culture Task 1 	Friday 29 March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Year 9 Geography Task ○ Year 11 Japanese task 1 ○ Year 11 Chemistry ○ Year 11 Chinese and Lit task 1 ○ Year 11 IPT task 1 ○ Year 12 Food tech task 2 ○ Year 12 Engineering task 2

