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Term 2 Week 5

Principal's Report

Subject Selection Night – Year 10

Next Thursday 6th June will be one of the most important nights in the school annual calendar for students and their parents/carers in Year 10. This night will provide the opportunity to receive recent, up to date information (some things have changed) on requirements for the completion of the Higher School Certificate over the next 2 years. It will also be an opportunity to meet with faculty teachers and Head Teachers regarding the range of subjects on offer, ask questions and begin to make choices that will form curriculum patterns for the remainder of high school.

Over the course of the subject selection process, staff will be providing advice to families around the pre-requisite knowledge and rigor of various courses. This advice will be made with a weight of experience and deep understanding of the requirements of courses. I would strongly encourage parents, carers and students to heed this advice and make subject choices accordingly. If a Head Teacher advises that your child does not have the pre-requisite knowledge and understanding to meet the rigor of a particular HSC course, they are highly likely to be right.

I cannot recommend attendance on this night strongly enough to all parents and carers and it is essential that students attend as well. The night will commence at 6pm and conclude at 8pm in the Concord High School Hall.

Semester I Reports

Semester I reports will be released this term for all students. Year 7-11 reports will be published on Sentral Parent Portal **only** at <https://web1.concord-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/portal>. Please make sure you know your Parent Portal username and password. If you need to reset your username and password, please follow the instructions on the Parent Portal page. If you still need further assistance, please email the school at concord-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

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Principal's Report continued

P&C Event

On Saturday 11th May the Concord High P&C organised a social, fundraising event at the Canada Bay Club. This was an outstanding comedy night featuring three high quality acts. The event was attended by over 120 parents and friends of Concord High School and raised in excess of \$4,000 on the night. These funds will flow on to the school and will enable us to improve a range of facilities and services across the school. I would like to thank the P&C Committee, in particular the Social group for their excellent organisation of what was a highly enjoyable and successful event. The team are looking at organising another similar night before the end of the year. Keep an eye out for information.

Staffing

Over the past few weeks we have welcomed three new substantive members to our staff at Concord.

Tina Bean (Science) was successful through a merit selection process to fill a permanent vacancy in the Science faculty. Tina has been working at the school in a temporary capacity for the past couple of years, she adds a valuable skill set to our school in the area of STEM education.

Nikki Phillips (TAS) was also successful through a merit selection process to fill a vacancy in the TAS faculty. Nikki has also been at the school in a temporary capacity for some time and brings to Concord a broad range of skills in the areas of Technology, Computing and Home Economics.

Georgia Moir (Visual Arts) has joined Concord High in Week 5 this term on a permanent basis. Georgia is a Department of Education targeted graduate who has been working on a temporary basis on the Central Coast. We are delighted to have her join us at Concord.

I would like to congratulate all of our new permanent staff on their appointment and wish them long, happy careers as members of the team at Concord High School.

Until next fortnight,
Victor Newby
Principal



Deputy Principal's Report

Jody Engisch, Craig Anderson & Danka Milinovic

Important dates for Term 2

Week 6 June 6 Year 10 into 11 Subject information night

Week 7 June 14 Year 10 vaccinations

Week 8 June 17 Zone Athletics and June 21 Regional Cross Country

Week 9 June 28 NAIDOC assembly

Week 10 July 5 last day of term 2

Mobile phones and laptop use at school

As you are aware there is much discussion about student use of mobile phones and appropriate use of laptops in all schools at the moment. Concord High School mobile phone use policy is that students are not to have their phones out at anytime at school including recess and lunch.

Our bring your own device policy is quite limited to use of the school network only. This means we can control access to sites and many are blocked.

As a school we are having ongoing discussions regarding appropriate use of technology and how to improve this.

As a family what can you do to help?

Please turn off student access to data while they are at school. Students create a personal hotspot and allow other student access, enabling them to access content that is not educationally appropriate.

Please don't call your student during school hours on their mobile phone. Any message can be left at the school office and it will be passed on.

Please reinforce what appropriate mobile phone and laptop use is to support the school.

There will be more information in coming weeks on how we can work together to ensure productive learning for students.

Walanga Muru- Macquarie University.

The Culture, Leadership and Scholarship program run by Macquarie University started on Wednesday and will have several sessions. The first session was scheduled this week to have the students together to discuss and mark National Reconciliation week. The theme this year of Walking together with courage was reinforced with activities based on culture.



Deputy Principal's Report continued

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Breakfast club

Our hugely popular Breakfast club continues every Wednesday morning from 7.30am in the staff common room. We are very grateful to for the continued support from Coles and OzHarvest. I would like to acknowledge our amazing Student Learning Support Officers who shop, make toast, tea and milo and clean up every week creating a warm and welcoming environment for our students.



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Lucas Gardens School

We were delighted to be invited for the second year to attend and participate in the Lucas Gardens School Student representative Council Ceremony on Friday 31st May. Students from the Concord High School SRC presented the newly elected Lucas gardens SRC representatives with their badges. Concluding the ceremony the Principal of Lucas Gardens School, Jenny Zagas took the students for a tour around the school. We are very proud of our community partnership with Lucas Gardens School and look forward to continuing our support through student mentoring and designing more resources to improve student learning.



There has been a reported case of pneumonia in Year 7.

Year 10 Subject selection Evening

The Parents/Caregivers and students of Year 10 are invited to attend a Subject Selection Evening on Thursday 6th June from 6.00-8.00 pm in the school hall. During this evening information will be provided about the Preliminary and HSC courses and requirements and selecting suitable choices. Following this evening students are required to complete their choices online. On Thursday 30th May students were provided with information and a specific code to select courses. It is very important that students select courses in preference order and complete choices online by Thursday 13th June.



Welfare News

WELFARE NEWS

#Girls on the Block

An exciting welfare program has commenced this term where Year 9 female students have partnered with the Year 12 Prefects, Year 7 -12 SRC members and have the support from Miss Peoples and Ms Patulny.

We call our program – “Girls on the Block”.

The project is simple: The purpose is to re-design the female toilets in the school and use the space to promote female mental health, self-empowerment, and to provide a welcoming space for all. Toilet doors will be painted with bright colours and will include self-empowering and inspirational quotes. Watch the internal space be transformed into something amazing that our female students are going to love!!

The project is going to span over the next few terms and is going to involve various fundraising events and other activities that you are going to be hearing about throughout the year.



Why?

- To make it a more welcoming and safe place for anyone who may use it to escape the crowds during break times.
- To help boost female empowerment and self –esteem.
- A place where students can access support information for mental health.

However, for us to be able to do this, **we need your help.**

Welfare News continued

CAKE STALL

At recess on Thursday 6th June (Week 6), we are going to be hosting a cake and sweets stall which will help fund the project, allowing us to purchase paint, brushes, pot plants and other items needed in the design of the bathrooms.

To support this program please bring along some money and buy a cake or two!

DONATE A CAKE OR SOMETHING SWEET

A great way to support this cause would be for students and parents to donate a cake, a tray of cookies or muffins or anything sweet for us to sell at the store.



Please drop off your baked goods or sweet treats to the Staff Common room on Thursday Morning before school starts.

IMPORTANT: Please write on a small piece of paper any allergen information Eg. Contains dairy/gluten. Please don't include any items with nut products.



WAIT..... THERE'S MORE!!!

Competition Time!!!! Get Creative and Design a bathroom door of your own!

We are also holding a design competition, and it is something the entire school can participate in.

To Enter: Create a design for the front of a bathroom door which promotes a positive message for females!

Using digital media or your own art skills, create an A4 page design.

Submit your design page to Miss Peoples with your name and year group by Week 8 – Thursday 20th June.

The Winner will be announced in Week 9 and your design will be included on one of the bathroom doors!

Thank you for supporting this project! #GirlsOnTheBlock

P&C News

P&C News - Concord High School (CHS)

The next P&C Meeting - Tuesday 18th June, 6.30pm – School Library

Dear Parents and Carers

A wonderful time was had by around 130 people who attended the 'Comedy for a Cause' fund raising event, on Saturday 11th May. Outstanding MC for the night, comedian David Smiedt kept us all in stitches. Then the 3 line up comedy acts of differing styles poked fun at theirs and our, everyday lives. Comedians Gary Eck, Bruce Griffiths and Cait Johnson throughout the evening drew on parents from the front two rows, including myself, plus Principal Newby (who thought he'd safely sat near the back) for material. As target of many jokes, the audience was almost rolling in the isles laughing - thank you parents, carers and Victor for being such great sports!

Total funds raised was \$4,265.71 which is an amazing result. Thank you so much to all those parents and carers who participated in the evening and gave their money to support the school whilst having a fun night out.

A big big thank you to the lovely women who organised and coordinated the night, Linda Dunkin, Chantelle Dowdell, Kiri Collins, Vicki Saarinsen, Julie Constantinidis and Helen Pusenjak. The volunteer work you did between working your regular jobs plus raising your families was above and beyond my expectations. You were a dedicated and hugely productive team. To have so many wonderful fund raising prizes from local businesses that wanted to support our school was amazing. A big big thank you to Emma Wakefield for donating her beautiful handmade jewelry as thank you gifts for our hard working volunteers, and for the raffle prizes. Emma your jewelry is amazing! Thank you all ladies for your valuable time on behalf of the school community.

I would like to thank Principal Newby who attended the evening and brought his wife and mother along. When I spoke with them, they told me how much of a great evening they were having, smiles all round. Thanks Victor for supporting our students in your own time. Some photos below at the end of the evening as we were winding up.



Watch out for the next P&C event which will be in the 4th term. A quiz night, and I think I can safely say after the vibe of the comedy night, and how much fun the parents and carers had, another evening of relaxation and laughs will surely be another great success! I hope to see you there. ☺

In other news: after many months of analysis and consideration, we have the results and a recommendation from the P&C Executive, with regard to the future of the CHS Uniform Shop. I urge you all to attend the next meeting on the June 18th, 6.30pm in the school library to cast your vote on its operation going forward.

Kind regards
Angela Smith
CHS P&C President
presidentchspc@gmail.com

PDHPE News

Health for Life – Year 7 PDHPE

During their PDHPE lessons in term 3 students in year 7 will be participating in the Health4life Initiative. The Health4Life Initiative aims to empower young people to improve their health and wellbeing and prevent chronic disease later in life. This initiative is being conducted by the University of Sydney and backed by a consortium of stakeholders. As part of the study students will complete surveys and be part of eHealth program to concurrently target six key lifestyle risk factors among secondary school students: physical inactivity, poor diet, risky alcohol use, smoking, recreational screen time and poor sleep. To support the schools involvement in the initiative, which includes schools from across Australia, parental permission will be sort for all students. More details will follow in regards the details for giving parental permission. This is a great opportunity for the students and school to be part of a national initiative, which will have a positive effect on their health and the health of the wider community. See below the link for more details.

<https://health4life.org.au/>

School Athletics Carnival

On Friday the 17th of May, Concord High School held our annual school athletics carnival on the St Luke's grounds next to the school.

It was a successful day with many students participating in multiple events, a numbers of records broken and some students dressing up in costume to promote the theme of the day, which was 'film'.

Congratulations to all and especially to those age champions below:

12 year old girls age champion	Maisy Wright-Smith
12 year old boys age champion	Jasper Boyle
13 year old girls age champion	Elsie Gray
13 year old boys age champion	Ivan Balic
14 year old girls age champion	Flynn Smith
14 year old boys age champion	Thomas Comer
15 year old girls age champion	Anastasia O'Connell
15 year old boys age champion	Jacob Leon
16 year old girls age champion	Naomi Garben
16 year old boys age champion	Daniel Drury
17+ year old girls age champion	Kyla Gray
17+ year old boys age champion	Lachlan Georgiadis



PDHPE News continued

HOUSE POINTS:

1 ST	BRAYS	743 points
2 ND	KENDALL	737 points
3 RD	MAJORS	653 points
4 TH	YARALLA	644 points
5 TH	KINGS	640 points



Careers News

Dear Parents and students,

Concord High school parents and students have been invited to attend a Skills and Thrills Careers Showcase at Homebush Boys High School.

- **FREE TO ATTEND - BUT YOU MUST REGISTER USING THE LINK BELOW**

The Aim of the event:

To help parents to assist their children in making informed decisions surrounding post school pathways.

The Skills and Thrills careers showcase is an engaging, informative and entertaining showcase, created to highlight vocational education and training (VET) and the success stories that emanate from VET pathways.

The Careers Showcase will help parents AND students better understand vocational pathways, including apprenticeships, traineeships and school-based apprenticeships and training and give parents the knowledge they need, to help their children make informed careers choices post high school.

Through the showcase, parents and students will learn about the following:

- Apprenticeships and Traineeships
- TAFE/ Private Training Providers
- Funding options available (Smart and Skilled)
- In school options
- Where to find information
- Who can assist/ resources available
- Opportunity to speak with parents and students who have chosen/ whose child has chosen a VET pathway (Q&A)

Details:

The Skills and Thrills showcase will be held on Tuesday 18th June

TIME: 6:30-8:00pm

LOCATION: Homebush Boys High School - (School Hall), Bridge Rd, Homebush, NSW

MUST REGISTER:

Attendees must register via the online registration link- <http://homebushboys.eventbrite.com.au>



PARENTS SHOWCASE

**HELP SUPPORT YOUR CHILD
MAKE INFORMED CAREER CHOICES!**



THE SHOW COVERS
A RANGE OF HELPFUL TOPICS

- Industry Trends
- Jobs of the Future
- In-School Options:
School-delivered VET,
SBATs and EVET
- Apprenticeships /
Traineeships
- TAFE / Private Training
Providers
- Funding Options
Available (Smart and
Skilled)
- Useful Resources
- Opportunities to speak
to parents whose child
has chosen a VET
Pathway

A SHOW NOT TO BE MISSED!

WHEN: Tuesday 18th June, 6:30-8:00pm

LOCATION: Homebush Boys High School
(School Hall), Bridge Rd, Homebush, NSW

COST: Free

BOOKINGS REQUIRED:

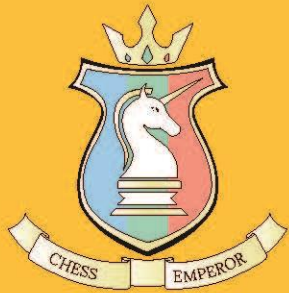
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Community News



Australia-Wide
Junior Online

BLITZ CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

30/06/19

Adelaide 2:30pm to 5:30pm
Brisbane 3:00pm to 6:00pm
Darwin 2:30pm to 5:30pm
Hobart 3:00pm to 6:00pm
Melbourne 3:00pm to 6:00pm
Perth 1:00pm to 4:00pm
Sydney 3:00pm to 6:00pm

Prizes:

Gift vouchers for each
STATE CHAMPION,
& **Champion, Runners-Up**
and **Third Place** in the
following age groups.
Under 15, Under 13,
Under 11, Under 9
and **Under 7**

Entry Fee: \$20

Register: www.cepswa.com.au

Instruction:

You must register and make the payment before 28/06/19
Login details will be sent to your email address
Practice match will be available on
www.lichess.org
before the start of the tournament.

Payment details:

Account Name: Chess Emperor
BSB: 306 040
Account Number: 0830176



Upcoming Dates

VARIATIONS TO ROUTINE TERM 2 WEEK 6 3 May, 2019 – 7 May, 2019 WEEK B

Monday 3 June	Tuesday 4 June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 extension mathematics 	Wednesday 5 June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zone cross country Wet weather date Macquarie Uni Aboriginal engagement program
Thursday 6 June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 into 11 subject selection night 	Friday 7 June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 Industrial tech task 1 In school Junior Public speaking competition 	

A LOOK AHEAD 2019 Term 2 Week 7 & 8

A TERM 2 WEEK 7	Monday 10 June	Tuesday 11 June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 CAFS assesment task 3 assesment 	Wednesday 12 June	Thursday 13 June	Friday 14 June
B TERM 2 WEEK 8	Monday 17 June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 Textiles assesment task 3 	Tuesday 18 June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 2 unit mathematics assesment Year 11 Physics 	Wednesday 19 June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 Ancient assesment Task 3 Year 12 Ancient task 3 	Thursday 20 June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 EAL/D assesment Task 3 	Friday 21 June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 EAL/D assesment task 2 Year 12 Industrial tech assesment task 3

