



CHS Keeping InTouch

Term 4 Week 5

What's on 2023

Term 4 Tuesday 14 November - Year 12 Formal Tuesday 28 November - Year 6 Orientation Day
Wednesday 29 November - Concordia Kindness Day Friday 1 December - Presentation Day Wednesday
6- 8 December - Year 9 Camp Friday 15 December - Students last day of school for 2023

Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Carers, Student and Staff,

As many of you would be aware, I have had some time on long service leave over the past 8 weeks. It was a great opportunity to travel and celebrate a milestone birthday, but it was also great to be back on Monday! My thanks to Jody Englisch for doing an amazing job relieving as Principal in my absence and to

Vanessa Cesta (HT CAPA) and Alice Leung (HT Secondary Studies) for stepping up into the Deputy Principal roles and doing an incredible job.

Concord Cup - 2023

Yesterday we held the 2nd Annual Concord Cup. With nearly 1,000 local primary school students from Years 4 and 5 joining over 150 Concord High students for a day of fun, team building and competition across a range of sports and activities including netball, oz-tag, soccer, chess, badminton, and others.

After their victory in 2022, our reigning champion school Mortlake Public was pipped at the post by Concord Public School, who raised the cup and took it to the trophy cabinet across Burwood Rd.

Our thanks to the staff from our local feeder schools, parents and students for their enthusiasm and sportsmanship on the day. Also, our Concord High students and staff who managing all the organisation, officiating, scoring, and record keeping across the day. It was another tremendous success!



MADD night

On Wednesday 1 November the Creative and Performance Arts faculty together with the Technological and Applied Studies faculties displayed our talented and creative students work in an outstanding exhibition in the hall. During the evening there was a range of wonderful performances from our talented music and drama students.











World Teachers Day Behind every successful student at Concord High School there is a remarkable and amazing teacher who goes above and beyond to educate, inspire, support and care for our students.

On Friday 27 October, World Teachers Day we celebrated the dedicated and passionate teachers at Concord High School who go above and beyond each day for our students with a morning tea. The P & C kindly provided a gift of a note pad and pen for every teacher which was greatly appreciated.



Thank you to the Parents and Citizens Association

The school would like to thank our incredibly hardworking and supportive P & C who has worked tirelessly to raise funds through a Trivia night and successfully apply for grants to improve and update facilities and resources.

The P & C raised funds during a Trivia evening to purchase new volleyball nets and soccer posts.



They also kindly provided cupcakes for our Year 12 students for their graduation. **Senior Courtyard**

Thank you very much to our wonderful Parents and Citizens Association who secured grants to update the senior courtyard utilised by Year 11 and 12 students. The senior courtyard opened this term and the students are enjoying using this lovely new space.





Canteen

Due to the new mobile phone policy introduced at the beginning of term 4 students are unable to use their phones to make purchases at the canteen. Can you please assist your student with an alternative method for payment such as money or a credit card.

Our school has won the Inner West Inquisitive Minds School Challenge!

A selection of high potential and gifted maths students in Year 9 competed against other high performing maths students from Strathfield Girls and Burwood Girls and we beat them by 60 points, which is a huge margin for this competition. The competition consisted of a full day of complex maths problems that students had to solve in groups.

A huge thank you to Miss Ngo for organising this opportunity.

Online Safety

The following is a useful website containing information for parents about online safety. It can assist parents with establishing rules and/or parental controls to maximise online safety within their homes. It has webinars, short videos and advice sheets with translations to help parents talk to their children about online safety promoting positive online experiences. Website: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>

To keep up to date with all the amazing things happening at Concord High School please follow us on our social media platforms at:

<facebook.com/ConcordHighSchoolNSW>

<www.instagram.com/concordhighschoolofficial>

Until Next Fortnight,

Victor Newby

Principal

Remembrance Day

11 November 2023

Saturday 11 November 2023 marks the anniversary of the Armistice that ended fighting with Germany in World War I. Every year at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, millions around the world pause in silence to remember the sacrifices many have made so we can enjoy life today. Today we paid our respects as a school and laid a wreath to remember them.



Concord Cup 2023

The second Concord Cup was held on Thursday 10th November and what a day it was! Almost 900 students from our local feeder primary schools joined us as we hosted a day of sport and other activities across 3 venues - Concord High School, St Luke's Park and Cintra Courts. 166 of our students officiated on the day in a variety of roles to ensure that the day ran smoothly.

Students participated in a variety of activities including:

- Soccer
- Netball
- League Tag
- Basketball
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Badminton
- Table Tennis
- Chess

Staff from the primary schools showed off their skills with a novelty event that saw them participate in activities such as egg and spoon racing, sack racing, vortex and frisbee throwing and a tug-o-war! Our students represented Concord High School with pride and were fantastic ambassadors not only for our school but for public education as a whole. The commitment and leadership of our senior students was exceptional and our junior students also did not disappoint. Congratulations to **Concord Public School** who took home the honours this year as Concord Cup winners 2023! We look forward to many more years of hosting the day and having our future Concord high School students attend and commence to make relationships with our staff and students. Laura Bivona, Laura Giaquinto and Dean Johnson
Concord Cup Coordinators









General Information

Attendance

If your child is not returning to Concord High School next year please notify the school in writing and provide the following to enable a smooth transition:

- last date of attendance at Concord High School
- name of new school, if your child is leaving to attend a new school
- letter of confirmation from their employer on company letterhead, if your child is leaving because they have a minimum of 25 hours paid work per week
- copy of signed contract if leaving for an apprenticeship or traineeship
- copy of confirmation of enrolment into a course if enrolling at TAFE
- payment of any outstanding fees
- return of all school resources, such as loan laptops, library books and textbooks

Positive Learning News

Positive Learning Principals Morning Tea As part of the Concord High School review of the whole school Positive Learning processes we have added additional opportunities to celebrate the amazing achievements of our students.

Concord High School held its first Principals Morning tea this term on Thursday 19th October. The Principals Morning Tea celebrated the top 5 victory coin/sunshine letter recipients in each grade. Parents, carers, students and staff came together for an award ceremony and morning tea to celebrate the student engagement and success. Congratulations to all our award recipients!

Student Award recipients were:

Year 7

- Alina Davaasuren
- Derek Kwok
- Jaimee Lynne
- Kayley Hinh
- Susan Erdenbat

Year 8

- Brendan Kim
- Kian Natsume
- Sophia Kiefer
- Jennah Stewart
- Sondor Enkhtur

Year 9

- Kathleen Dawson
- Isabel Iivonen
- Angus Gill
- Eddy Bock
- Ray Ballie
- Oscar Neaves

Year 10

- Sally Harris
- Quincy Hindmarsh
- Rachel Yi
- Kiara Bartlett
- Dishika Sabharwal
- Harriet Blaikie

Year 11

- Maisy Wright-Smith
- Derek Wu
- Oliver Drodz
- Jessica Mazzone
- Angelina Kim

Chivonne Gofers Deputy Principal

English EAL/D News

Sydney Jewish Museum On Friday 20th October, our Year 12 English EAL/D class had the opportunity to visit the Sydney Jewish Museum for a workshop on Migration stories. This was part of their Module A study of Texts and Human Experiences. In the workshop, students learned about the journey of Holocaust survivor, Olga Horak, who was born in Slovakia. They also had the honour of meeting Egon Sonnenschein, a Holocaust survivor from Yugoslavia, and after listening to his story about his life, they asked him questions about his experiences.

Jennifer Zhai

Relieving Head Teacher English EALD/Languages [Thursday – Friday]

Relieving International Students Co-ordinator

Languages outside of school Supervisor



Mathematics News

Concord High participated in the Lego Robots comp on Saturday 28th October, we had 3 students attend. It was a lot of fun, they learnt a lot, co-operated well and had a best run of 115 points. Chris Breen runs our school robotics club on Tuesday lunchtime and accompanied the students. We also had some parents attend on the Saturday. Deborah Rose Head Teacher Mathematics



PDHPE News

Taekwondo Over the weekend of 14-15 October, **Leonardo Angell** competed in the Australian National Taekwondo Championships in Perth. He won gold representing NSW and his club MUSA in Five Dock. He is national champion in his division: Cadet black belt, 12-14 years, under 180 cm.

Leonardo also won the prestigious Australian Taekwondo Junior Athlete of the Year (male) award for his performances throughout the year, especially winning bronze for Australia at the world championships. This was awarded at the AusTKD gala dinner held on 6 October in Perth.







Badminton We would like to share this great news of **Rishi Boopathy** who is in the HPGE program in year 8 at Concord High School winning the men's singles title in the adult NSW Open B Grade tournament. It is quite an achievement for a 13+ year old to win a B grade state level adult open tournament. Rishi will be playing in the A grade and Open grade tournaments going forward. He is slowly progressing and working his way towards his goal of representing Australia in the 2032 Olympics and to play professionally in the BWF tour.



Year 8 News

Year 8 Welfare activity

On Monday the 4th of September, Year 8 participated in a welfare activity surrounding issues of cyber safety, responsible use of technology and mental health. "Cyberia", a live theatre production by Brainstorm highlighted these key issues and reaffirmed what good digital citizenship is and how to seek help when something is going wrong. Year 8 should be commended for their attention during the performance and questions after. Below, students commented on their experience on the day.

Eliza Psaros and David Galea

Year 8 Advisers

On Monday, the whole of Year 8 got to watch an excellent and surprisingly entertaining play named "Cyberia". The act was a story of two siblings who had experienced a troublesome chapter in their lives resulting in them learning a valuable lesson, one which had sent a message out to the rest of the year of how your lives could change with social media and how you needed to be careful in what you read and send on the internet. The actors in the play did a wonderful job in their parts and were enjoyed by the students, making us laugh and really listen to the story with great enjoyment.

Susan Mammedov - Year 8

On Monday afternoon, Year 8 took part in attending the Cyberia performance. It was performed by two people informing us about the issues that occur online. The performance started off with a teenager that had gone missing after going to visit a girl that he had met online. Further throughout the film, it talked about inappropriate photos and how they can be out on the internet without your control. The purpose of the show was to tell you that the online world can be used in great ways, but can also have negative outcomes if not used correctly. This performance had been thought out very carefully and not only entertained us, but taught Year 8 a very valuable lesson.

Max Hensley - Year 8

HPGE News

Inquisitive Minds Talented Workshop

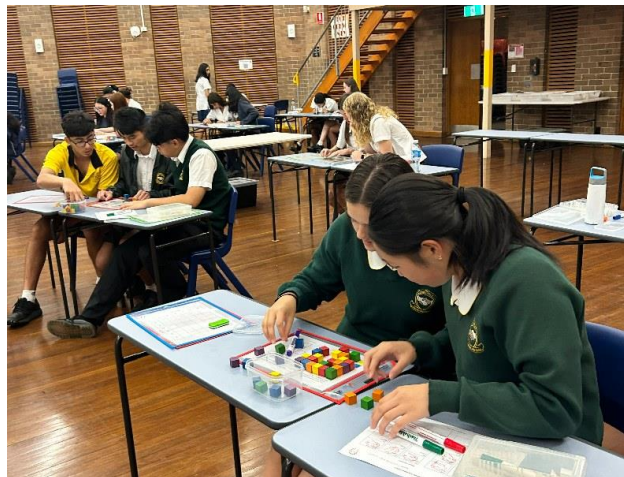
"Congratulations to the 17 students who have participated and won the Inner West Inquisitive Minds School Challenge!

This competition is an all day workshop where students draw on their mathematical skills to solve interactive and hands-on problem solving puzzles.

A selection of High Potential and Gifted maths students in Year 9 competed against other high performing maths students from Strathfield Girls and Burwood Girls High School. We were ahead of the other two schools by 60 points, which is a huge margin for this competition.

A noteworthy mention to two outstanding students, Mackenzie Li and Sophie Deitch, who performed exceptionally well and have both secured first place amongst all the students who have participated for the day. All students thoroughly enjoyed the workshop and have developed a greater level of confidence in Mathematics. We have also brought home lots of chocolates, medals and certificates from the competition! Well done! Kim Ngo Mathematics Teacher







From the P&C



World Teachers' Day 2023

The P&C hope all of our wonderful teachers at Concord High School had a fabulous Teachers' Day on October 27th. Their contribution to our children's lives is invaluable and so very much appreciated. We thank them for their dedication, care, time and consideration of our children. We presented each teacher with a small gift of a notebook and pen as a token of our thanks.

P&C Executive

A new P&C Executive was elected at the September P&C AGM. We would like to thank the previous Executive team who have worked tirelessly over the last few years to obtain donations, funding and grants for numerous school upgrades. We look forward to continuing to find ways to improve the school and strengthen the community ties.

We are seeking the following:

- A person with Word press skills to help upload content onto the website.
- A social media person to upload content onto Facebook
- A grants person to apply for grants
- A volunteer for events
- A person happy to source sponsorship for events

If any of these sound like something you can do (we understand that commitments need to change so don't hesitate to let us know if it's just a "possible" at the moment) please email :

pandcassociationconcordhigh@gmail.com **Facebook:** facebook.com/groups/concordhighschoolpandc

Website: concordhspandc.com.au *OUR PURPOSE: Concord High School P&C Association and its volunteers work to bring the school community together so that parents, carers, staff and community members can help meet the needs of the school community and contribute to decisions about the school. We also assist in providing facilities and equipment for the school and promoting the recreation and welfare of the students at the school.* **Concord High School P&C Executive Team - Alison, Amy, Amber, Chris**



CONCORD HIGH SCHOOL P&C MEETINGS

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P&C ASSOCIATION**
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OUR PURPOSE

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The P&C offers a means of staying connected with your child, their school and your local community.

OFFICE HOLDERS

The P&C is made up of an amazing group of parent, carer and community volunteers. Some choose to be elected to take on specific tasks. Our current office holders for 2023-2024 are

President: Vacant

Vice Presidents: Alison Wallbank/Amy De Paula

Vice President: Amber Hooker

Secretary: Carmen and Mark Barclay

Treasurer: Chris Shaw

MEMBERSHIP

All members and non members are welcome. An [annual \\$2 membership](#) can be paid online.

Once your membership is paid, you will remain a current member until the close of the next Annual General Meeting after your membership was paid. The Membership year is from the close of the AGM until the close of the next AGM.

Membership is open to

- All parents and guardians of students enrolled at the school
- All citizens within the school community

- The Principal, or the Principal's nominee, shall be an ex officio member of the P&C Association and its sub-committees
- School staff Only members have the right to vote or move a motion or be Office Holders.

GRANTS

The P&C Grants programme is run in collaboration with school leadership and staff as well as community groups to identify and apply for funds to finance initiatives that will help our school and community thrive and prosper.

Do you work for an organisation that provides employee grant opportunities? You might not know it but a simple search or query of your company might unearth a grant just waiting for your application on behalf of CHS P&C.

Please [contact us](#) if you become aware of any grants that might help the school or if you wish to assist in this area.

P&C REPRESENTATIVE ON STAFF MERIT SELECTION PANELS

Another important way to be involved is to sit as a P&C representative on a Merit Selection Panel for new staff. Please [contact us](#) if you would be interested in receiving more information and/or if you are currently trained and/or have sat on Panels before. Training will be provided.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM OUR CONSTITUTION

The objects and functions of this association shall be those set out in Section 116 of the Education Act 1990, which include:

(i) The objects:

- (a) to promote the interests of the school by bringing parents, citizens, students and teaching staff into close co-operation; and
- (b) to assist in providing facilities and equipment for the school and in promoting the recreation and welfare of the students at the school.

(ii) The functions:

- (a) to report, when requested by the Minister for Education and Training, on the material requirements of the school and to advise on the subject of maintenance of the school, alterations and additions to school facilities, and the selection of new sites;
- (b) to assist and co-operate with the teaching staff in public functions associated with the school;
- (c) to be responsible for the election of parent representatives to any school council constituted at the school in consultation with the Principal of the school to ensure consistency with any guidelines for elections issued by the Director General of Education and Training.

(d) to assist in any matters in which the Minister may seek the co-operation of the association and to exercise such other functions as may be prescribed by the regulations (under the Education Act 1990).

MEETING SCHEDULE Held at Concord High School Library

Term 4 2023

6:30pm Tuesday 28th November

Please remember, paying your [\\$2 P&C membership](#) allows you to vote in P&C meetings

How long is my membership valid for?

The Membership year is from the close of the AGM (6:23pm, Tuesday 5 September 2023) until the close of the 2023 AGM (date and time tba)

Community Announcements

DOUBLE PARKING

Do not double park at any time. Double parking is illegal and dangerous especially around schools. It reduces visibility and blocks the road for other motorists.

FINE EXCEEDS \$362 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS

U TURNS

- Performing U turns or 3 point turns in school zones is extremely dangerous.
- Performing U turns across unbroken centre lines is illegal and is particularly dangerous around schools.

FINE EXCEEDS \$481 + 4 DEMERIT POINTS

PARKING / STOPPING NEAR INTERSECTIONS

It is illegal to park or stop less than 10 metres from an intersection with no traffic lights as this blocks visibility for turning drivers and creates a hazard for all motorists.

FINE EXCEEDS \$514 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS

PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS AND CHILDREN'S CROSSINGS

- Slow down as you approach pedestrian crossings and children's crossings.
- Do not proceed if the road beyond the crossing is blocked.
- Do not stop or park in the No Stopping zones on either side of the crossing as this blocks visibility.
- At a children's crossing you must stop at or before the stop line if there is a pedestrian about to cross or already on the crossing.
- Do not proceed through a children's crossing until all pedestrians have completely cleared the crossing.

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HOLDING HANDS IN TRAFFIC

- Children need assistance in the traffic environment until at least the age of 10. They are not equipped physically or developmentally to make the crucial decisions to keep themselves safe.
- All children need to be actively supervised in and around moving vehicles, footpaths, shared paths, driveways, car parks, at traffic lights, pedestrian crossings, on quiet streets and busy roads.
- Make sure you always set a good example around traffic and talk to your children about why you are stopping at the kerb and what you are watching and listening for. Explain where and when it is safe to cross and why.
- Hold hands with your children around traffic. If your hands are full, make sure your child holds onto your bag, pram or even your arm or sleeve.



CONTACT DETAILS

A Road Safety Initiative of **Canada Bay Council** 9121 0273



City of
Canada Bay

Fines and demerit points apply in school zones and are current at the time of printing, October 2023. Different penalties apply in other locations.

PARKING SAFELY IN SCHOOL ZONES

Road Rule Reminders

NO STOPPING
8.00am - 9.30am
2.30pm - 4.00pm
MON - FRI



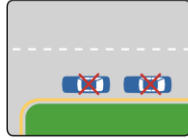
BUS ZONE

The fines and demerit points in this brochure apply in school zones.

NO STOPPING ZONES

No Stopping signs mean you must not stop here at any time. If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction applies only at those times.

An unbroken yellow kerb line is a no stopping line. You must not stop for any reason.



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BUS ZONE SIGNS

A Bus Zone is a No Stopping zone for vehicles other than buses. If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction applies only at those times.

You must not park your vehicle less than 20 metres before or 10 metres after a bus stop.



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\$387
+ 2 DEMERIT
POINTS

NO PARKING SIGNS

You can only stop in a No Parking zone while picking up or setting down passengers or goods. You have a **maximum of 2 minutes** from the time you stop and must **stay within 3 metres** of your vehicle at all times.

If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction applies only at those times. This is not a waiting zone.



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EXCEEDS
\$201
+ 2 DEMERIT
POINTS

TIME RESTRICTED PARKING

Parking signs with specified time limits allow drivers to park their vehicle for a maximum period of time, e.g. 5 minutes, 1 hour etc.

If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction applies only at those times.



FINE
EXCEEDS
\$129

DRIVEWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

- When exiting or entering a driveway a vehicle must give way to pedestrians on the footpath.
- Driveways are not playgrounds. Be aware that children can go unnoticed in front and behind your vehicle. Do not solely rely on reverse sensors or cameras in your vehicle.
- Always supervise and hold a child's hand near/crossing driveways.
- It is illegal to park in or across any driveway or to block a footpath at any time.



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POINTS

USING MOBILE PHONES

- It is illegal to make or receive a call on your mobile phone while you are driving unless your phone is secured in a fixed mounting or does not require you to touch or manipulate the phone in any way.
- It is illegal to use the other features of a mobile phone such as texting, emailing etc unless your car is legally parked and the ignition is switched off.
- Using mobile phones is a major distraction for drivers and incurs higher fines and demerit points in school zones.



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Girls**

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YEARS OLD IN
2024

Our team has won 4 consecutive Minor
Premierships and Premierships!

**TRIALS: SATURDAY 2ND
DECEMBER.
COME & SHOW US
WHAT YOU'VE GOT!**

To attend trials please contact:
Coach James - 0452 217 370



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