On behalf of the school staff and our students, I wish all the mothers within our school community a wonderful Mothers’ Day for this Sunday. Life these days is a constant whirl of trying to juggle the demands of work, social activities and particularly, raising your children. Congratulations to all mothers for the work that you do each day for your families.

Please remember that there are two days early in June when your child is not required at school. There is a public holiday on Monday 8th June and a school Curriculum Day on the following day, Tuesday 9th June.

**Education Week**

Education Week will be celebrated in the week commencing May 18 and this year the theme is ‘Crack the Code with Maths’. Students in all areas of the school will be participating in fun and intriguing maths activities.

To celebrate Education Week at Concord School, we are inviting parents/carers, family and friends to an Open Morning to share in their child’s regular activities in the classroom.

The Open Morning times are:

- **Tuesday 19th May (Bundoora Campus):**
  - 9.00 – 10.30am

- **Thursday 21st May (Watsonia Campus):**
  - 9.00 – 10.15am

- **On Friday 22nd May from 11.00am – 12.00pm,** Kirrily Lamers will conduct a tour of the Bundoora Campus for interested parents/carers, family, friends and community members, in particular Lower Primary parents/carers whose children will be moving to the Upper Primary in 2016.

**Centrelink Officer**

Meeting Families/Carers At Centrelink Greensborough

Centrelink will meet with Families/Carers of Concord School Students at their Office, 16-20 Grimshaw Street Greensborough on Wednesday 17th June 2015 at 11.00am.

Please contact Concord School on 9467 3972 to make an appointment. Centrelink staff will help with any queries/forms or any questions needing to be answered.

**Coming Events for 2015**

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School Photos
School photos will be taken on Monday 18th May for the Bundoora Campus and Wednesday 20th May for the Watsonia Campus. On the day students must bring the envelope supplied with payment enclosed. Please note that no late payments will be accepted. You will be informed when the photos are ready and they will be sent home with your child.

Please note for students in Secondary 7-12 that formal uniform must be worn on this day. If your child has sport on this day then please send runners with your child in a plastic bag.

Visit from Jenny Macklin
Jenny Macklin MP proudly presented new Australian, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags to Concord School last Friday morning. Jenny is the Member for Jagajaga and Shadow Minister for Families and Payments and Disability Reform. Jenny discussed the meaning of Anzac Day with our students and even joined our choir.

Secondary Uniform: Wearing of the School Jumper
As Term 2 commences there is a chill in the air particularly in the mornings and the students are progressively wearing the winter uniform. The vibrant red in the Secondary jumper is particularly noticeable and parents/carers are reminded once again that the school jumper, and not the spray jacket, must be worn first with the formal uniform.

Please contact Deb Whiteway in the school office on 94673972 if you require the red (or charcoal for Year 11/12) woollen jumper, spray jacket and/or rugby jumper. Parents/carers whose circumstances may make it difficult to obtain a school uniform are asked to contact Colin Simpson (Assistant Principal) for assistance.

NDIS
It is important that our parents/carers understand the NDIS how what needs to be done to provide maximum benefit to your family. Please access the following link for information regarding this important scheme.

Principal’s Award
The Principal’s Award goes to Alex.

Alex demonstrates many of the school values and often goes out of his way to constructively work with his peers and assist his teachers. When he attended the Phillip Island Quest Camp, Alex demonstrated leadership skills by assisting the Quest staff in organising meals as well as volunteering for other responsibilities.

Throughout Term one, Alex has demonstrated a positive attitude in class and has always worked hard to do his best.

Well done Alex, you are a worthy recipient of the Principal’s award.

“Students striving to be the best they can be!”

Jason Coningsby
Principal

Assistant Principals’ Report
On Friday 24th April, 32 students and staff attended a ceremony to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the first landing at Gallipoli. The ceremony was for all secondary schools in the Banyule and Nillumbik district. At the ceremony a modified replica of the Anzac Commemorative WWI Medal (originally issued 50 years ago by the Australian Government) was presented to the students.

Our School Captains, Hassan and Danielle laid a wreath on behalf of the students and staff at Concord School. All students were respectful of the occasion and represented the school extremely well.

For those new to the school you may have noticed Dalma the dog in Secondary 7/8. Dalma accompanies one of our students Anna, everywhere she goes.

Dalma is a ‘working dog’, similar to a ‘seeing eye’ dog.

Dogs such as Dalma are recognised by the Australian Government and the Education Department as a fully trained working dog. She will be in the classroom and playground to support Anna throughout the school day.

Kirrily Lamers, Colin Simpson and Kath Moore
Assistant Principals
Family and Friends Association

Thank you to family, carers, friends and staff who donated items for our Mother’s Day raffle. The raffle will be drawn at the end of the week and winners will be contacted to notify them of the prize.

Entertainment books are available to purchase in either a hard copy or digital copy. The Entertainment books are $65 each with $13 of this money going towards our School fundraising. We would like to thank those who have already purchased a book.

Orders for the Spring Bulbs are due in by the 13th May.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday 1st June 1.30pm in the Conference Room at the Bundoora Campus.

Sue Gibb
Secretary
Family and Friends Association

A MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

We appear to be experiencing quite an outbreak of varying viruses and illnesses circulating about as we enter our cooler season of the year and spend more time indoors.

Our best defense against illness is to:

- Observe good hygiene practices including regular hand washing before and after food preparation, after blowing/wiping one’s nose and especially after going to the toilet
- Teach children to cough/sneeze into their inner elbow rather than their hands (as their hands will continue to touch other items and may spread germs)
- Keep children home from school when they are unwell
- Encourage rest and fluids (water) to aid in recovery
- Seek medical attention if symptoms persist

One little thing that could really improve your Asthma

You might think that all you need is to have your inhaler with you, but perhaps the most important thing you can do for your asthma is to make sure you have an Asthma Action Plan. People with asthma who have one of these actually have better lung function, are less likely to have to go to hospital with their asthma, and have fewer days off work or school.

What is that? It really is just a document, but the information in it can be priceless. It’s a reminder of the medication you should be taking, what symptoms to look out for, and what to do about them when they occur. We all think that we’ll remember what the doctor told us, but really only about one third of that information sticks in our heads, and over time we tend to forget even that amount! A good Asthma Action Plan is clear, simple and useful. To get one, you’ll need to ask your GP.

An Asthma Action Plan should be reviewed every year and any time there’s been a significant change in your treatment (such as a new medication or change in dosage) or if your asthma gets worse, or even better.

Keep Well & Stay Safe
COMMEMORATING THE
CENTENARY OF ANZAC
2014 - 2018

During the First World War (1914 - 1918) more than 416,000 Australians enlisted voluntarily from a population of just five million. 330,000 ventured overseas; 60,000 never returned.

This year we reflect on the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing. As part of this milestone, our community has its own history and its own fascinating story to tell.

Many local residents, schools, clubs and community organisations are supporting our efforts in their own way and it is fantastic that Concord School is playing such an important part.

These are special, once-in-a-lifetime events that we are all part of and I thank the entire Concord community.

Jenny Macklin MP
Federal Member for Jagajaga
BOOK FAIR GRIMSHAW CAMPUS 2015
Tuesday 12th May to Monday 25th May

Our annual Concord School Scholastic Book Fair is being held to coincide with Education Week and will be run from Tuesday 12th May to Monday 25th May. During the Book Fair all students at the main campus will have the opportunity to visit the Book Fair and to fill in a wish list of books they may want to purchase. These lists will be sent home for you to discuss with your children. Visiting the Book Fair will be like visiting a bookstore. Your children will discover an exciting range of children’s literature. A child’s life can be positively influenced by exposure to books.
All books purchased at the Book Fair will help raise funds to purchase more books for our school Library. Thank you for your continued support of this very important fund raising event for the library.

Catherine Ruhl
Librarian

Mother’s Day Stall

Monday 27th April to Friday 8th May

The 2015 Mothers Day stall is bigger and better than ever!

This year we have extended our product range to include speciality GIFT BAGS!
These range in price from $5 to $15.

We will also have a small selection of individual items on sale priced between $1 and $5.

If your child would like to purchase items from the stall, please ensure they bring their money to school in an envelope clearly marked with their name and class.
LET'S HELP BEN

Family Fundraiser Event

Ben has Muscular Dystrophy and needs some help to purchase a ceiling hoist and make his bathroom wheelchair friendly

Where: Concord School 411 Grimshaw Street
Bundoora

When: Saturday 13th June from 12-4pm

Raffle tickets $2 or 3 for $5
Sausage sizzle $2
Cupcakes $4

Some of the products to purchase
Herbalife
Chantik jewellery
Intimo
Tupperware
Lorraine lea linen
Nutri metics

Contact Kellie on 0417 694 494 for more info
“FLIPPING THE LID”
On the Adolescence Brain

A short session designed to assist parents and carers to:

- Understand and manage adolescent changes, development and emotional responses
- Help your young person deal with negative emotions
- Understand why adolescents think differently to adults
- Develop strategies for talking with your teenager
- Manage conflict, stress and anxiety

When: Monday 18th May, 6.00 pm – 7.30 pm
Where: Nillumbik Health, 917 Main Rd, Eltham 3096
RSVP: Thursday 14th May. PH: 9430 9100 (Numbers are limited)
Cost: $27.50 Per Person $15.00 for Health Care Card holders

Facilitated by Rosalyn Sandwell and Luke Mitchell, who have a combined experience of over 40 years working with young people and their families as educators, counsellors, youth workers, case managers and group facilitators.

www.nillumbikhealth.org.au (03) 9430 9100
The Annual Kalparrin Trivia Night
at Rosanna Golf Club

When
7pm Saturday 20th June 2015

Where
Rosanna Golf Club
54 Cleveland Ave, Lower Plenty

Cost
Just $35 inclusive of all night gourmet food platters, coffee and tea
Drinks at club bar prices. NO BYO

RSVP
by Monday 15/6/15
by phone (03) 94358311 or email reception@kalparrin.com.au

Tables of 10 and individual tickets available