

Principal's Report and News

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Official School Facebook Page

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Principal's Report

26th June 2014, Newsletter No. 10

End of Term

I have been extremely pleased with our students and the progress they have made during Term 2. While particular students will always require extra support, the behaviour of our students over the term has generally been excellent. We are constantly attempting to engage our students and improve what we do in this area.

I would like to thank the staff for their hard work over this term and wish the students a safe and happy vacation break. I look forward to seeing you all on **Monday 14th July** when we return to school to commence Term 3.



The students finish school tomorrow. Parents/carers are to note that on this day **SCHOOL WILL FINISH AT 2.30PM**. Please make arrangements to pick your child up **30 minutes earlier** than the normal time if you are collecting them from a bus stop.

Feedback Requested - Communication Diaries

For the past two years, our school has used a customised **Communication Diary** to communicate with our parents/carers. We are investigating as to whether parents/carers would like any changes made to the diary. If you have any feedback regarding this diary, or would like any changes made to the format, please advise us through the link below before the commencement of term 3.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9DBC2GF>

Staffing News

Emma Lorenzin our Speech Pathologist in the Middle Section, is taking leave for one year to travel overseas. We wish Emma well and look forward to hearing about her adventures on her return. We welcome **Vanessa Murray** who has been appointed to replace Emma.

Krystal Bell (Secondary) and **Hayden Gillbanks** (Transition) have both completed their one year traineeships at our school. Thank you to both **Krystal** and **Hayden** for their contributions.

School Uniform

We understand it is a very cold time of the year but all students are expected to wear only the official school windcheater/bomber jacket (Prep-6) and jumper/spray jacket/rugby top (7-12). Other jackets, jumpers, beanies and scarves are not to be worn please.

Concord School Year 12 Presentation Ball

The 2014 Concord School Year 12 **Presentation Ball** will be held on **Friday 15th August** at **Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre** in South Morang. This year there will be 23 students participating in the ball. Our annual **Presentation Ball** is the 'Night of Nights' for our Year 12 students where, after being officially presented to Principal Jason Coningsby and Assistant Principal Kirrily Lamers their achievements will be celebrated with a night of dancing and festivities. An invitation is extended to the school community to join us for this very special event. Tickets can be purchased from the school office until **Friday 1st August**.

Adult: \$90 – Includes 3 course meal, beer, wine & soft drink
13-17 yrs : \$75 – Includes 3 course meal & soft drink
12 & under: \$45 – Includes a child's meal & soft drink

Coming Events for 2014

Date	Event
Friday 27th June 2014	End of term 2 - Students finish @ 2.30pm
Monday 14th July 2014	First day of Term 3

Secondary Spectacular

The **Secondary Spectacular** performance of 'Mamma Mia' was held last week in the Performing Arts Centre. The **Secondary Spectacular** continues to be an annual highlight for Concord School. Our Year 7 and 8 students worked extremely hard all term and were so excited to perform in front of their friends and family. The performances of all students were wonderful and the students in lead roles demonstrated how talented they were in learning their lines and dancing routines.

Laura Brown from the **Australian School of Performing Arts** choreographed the performance and did an outstanding job. Thank you to all the staff in the Secondary Section, **Alix Boyton, Vera Mitchell, Carole Meade, Chris Varalla** and the parent volunteers who made the stunning costumes.

The school facebook page features 42 photos of the performance.

Letter

I was delighted to receive a recent letter from **Andrew Flynn, a Senior Manager from Walt Disney Studios**, in regard to the conduct of our students at the recent Special Olympics Netball program. Congratulations to Trey A, Celine P, Grayson M, Rhys R, Peter B, Kayleigh C, Nathan N, Samuel B, Bryce M, Matthew T, Caitlin B.

*Dear Mr Coningsby,
Yesterday as part of our company sponsored volunteering program I was lucky enough to assist the Special Olympics Netball program.*

Through this, your school sent children from years 9 and 10 to learn some Netball skills and have some fun. What a great time my 6 other colleagues and I had.

The kids were enthusiastic, cheerful and willing to learn new skills and were a pleasure to deal with.

They were extremely polite, social and I must say a real credit to you, your teachers, their parents and your schools philosophy "to be the best I can be". You have some really talented Netball players there!

I wish you and your staff continued success as you must be doing something right. Thanks for allowing us to be a part of it.

'Quiet Room' at Northland Shopping Centre

It has been brought to my attention that **Northland Shopping Centre**, in partnership with **AMAZE**, has opened Australia's first ever shopping centre 'Quiet Room' - a sensory soothing space for individuals with Autism.

This is a wonderful initiative and an acknowledgment of the challenges that can be experienced in a busy shopping centre with its bright lights, noise and rush of people.

Well done to **Northland Shopping Centre**.

Year 12 Parents – Post School Options

As the year is progressing quickly, I would like to take the opportunity to remind the families of our Year 12 students to keep up the work that you are doing in identifying a post school option for your son or daughter. It is critical that families maintain this as we all desire the same outcome, a smooth transition from school to a post school option. I have listed below some tasks for families to undertake in order to support a successful transition from school.

- Have a discussion with your son or daughter to find out what they would like to do
- Attend all planning meetings with school staff
- Attend any Expo, Tour or Information Session that is recommended or organised by the school

- Gather information about post school options that you may be interested in (websites, information given out by the school, discussions with a family who has a young adult currently attending the service, phone contact)
- Contact and visit any post school options that you may be interested in with your son or daughter
- Keep the school informed as this is critical to the planning partnership

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact **Gaynor Martyn** (Careers and Transitions Coordinator) or **Warren Gaff** (Transition Section Team Leader) at the Grimshaw Campus.

Sign In at Office When Arriving Late or Leaving Early

When students arrive at school after 9.00am or leave earlier than 3.00pm they are required to sign in or out at the office by filling out the 'Late Arrival' or 'Early Leavers' book. This should occur whether the students are with a parent/carer or not. This helps us keep track of the students especially with their travel arrangements. It is requested that parents/carers reinforce the importance of this with their children.



Principal's Award

The Principal's Award goes to Jayden.

Jayden always displays a positive attitude and a kind, caring and supportive nature. Jayden displays the school values of being the 'best he can be' in every area of his school life. He approaches all curriculum areas with confidence, determination and enthusiasm. Jayden loves a chat and is well liked by his peers and all Secondary staff. He can be competitive, but he is always respectful of others. He is kind and caring of others feelings and always ensures that everyone is included in activities. Jayden is also a great dancer and didn't hesitate to step up when asked to understudy one of the main speaking roles in the Secondary Spectacular when one of the lead characters was injured.

Jayden is a very deserving winner of this award.

Well done Jayden!

"Students striving to be the best they can be!"

Jason Coningsby
Principal

President's Message

A School Council meeting was held on Monday 16th June.

The agenda items that were discussed at the meeting were:

- Revised Masterplan – Stage 1
- Bus Purchase
- OHS Audit
- Concord School Policies



"Working together for our children"

Mark Lancaster
School Council President

Assistant Principals' Report

Holiday stress may be caused by having to change work routines or child care arrangements, stretching the budget to meet the costs activities, entertaining children or dealing with older children staying home alone. Here are some ideas that may help during this winter holiday.



- **Set priorities:** learn to say "no" to somethings - choose quality over quantity. Your main priority may simply be spending time with your children and enjoying each other's company.
- **Plan ahead:** take charge of your holidays in advance by making lists of things to do and setting aside some time each day for them - nothing creates more stress than last minute demands. When entertaining children, one different activity each day will keep them excited.
- **Delegate:** you don't have to do it all yourself - there is only so much time and friends and family generally appreciate the opportunity to help out.
- **Positive attitude:** try to think positive thoughts. Your thoughts influence your feelings - if you dwell on unhappy thoughts, you start to feel unhappy. Your attitude can be transferred to others and this is not helpful with children at home.
- **Remember the food!** It may sound obvious, but it's easy to forget how easily kids' moods are very affected highs and lows in blood sugar levels. Children get grumpy or lethargic very quickly if they haven't eaten properly – and that can lead to bad behaviour and irritability.
- **Check out your local library** as they often have activities especially for children scheduled during the school holidays, and at other times as well.
- **Consider allowing your child to choose** what they want to do for one day during the school holidays and then make that day a special one just for them.
- **Spend the day cooking with your child.** You can make cookies, fairy cakes, muffins, sandwiches and all sorts of other things. Cooking helps your child with their reading – reading the recipe; with mathematics – measuring and weighing ingredients; and with science – seeing how things mix together to make something new.
- **Check your local council,** YMCA and Camp Australia www.campastralia.com.au/parents/holiday-club-finder.aspx for what they offer in the way of school holiday activities for your child's age group.

Enjoy this time with your children as soon they will be grown up.

Kirrily Lamers, Colin Simpson and Kath Moore
Assistant Principals

Victoria Student Representative Council Conference

Five of our students recently attended the **Victoria Student Representative Council Conference**. This was an extremely worthwhile day and our reps conducted themselves very well.



Family and Friends Association

Cookie Dough – orders arrived at School today and have been distributed today. Thank you to everyone who purchased **Cookie Dough**.



Fathers' Day Raffle will be held next term. Donations of new items suitable for the raffle would be greatly appreciated.



Next meeting will be held on **Monday 14th July at 1.30pm** in the Conference Room at the Grimshaw Campus.

New members are always welcome.

Sue Gibb
Secretary
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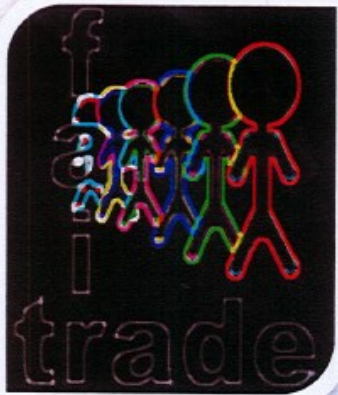
National FIDA Football Competition

Bayley (TMH) played in the first **National FIDA** football competition.

Bayley captained the Vic Country side on Friday, he kicked 9 goals for the tournament. His team won the grand final 0.2 - 8.2. Bayley then played an exhibition match at the MCG during half time at the Melbourne vs North Melbourne game, the team members were then VIP guests for the AFL game.



FAIR GO NIGHT



Transition centre

Wednesday 23rd July

6pm-830pm

Speaker Tim Costello from World Vision Australia

Free sausage and drink

Fashion Parade

Items to Buy: Real coffee and Muffins \$5

Raffle plus giveaways



Community News

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THE HEIMAT CENTRE

125 George St, Doncaster East VIC 3109

twylight disco

for people with a disability

It's party time again and this time it's
A World Cup theme!
Come dressed as a supporter from
your favourite country, Australia or any other!

DATE

SATURDAY, 28 JUNE 2014

TIME

7pm to 10pm

COST

\$10 Per Person (parents/carers free)

**FIFA WORLD CUP
Brasil**

TO BOOK YOUR TICKET please call Kim Nguyen on 9848 5400
or email kimpaul.nguyen@ymca.org.au

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At work in our
community



YMCA
Manningham



Winter 2014

Monday 30th June - Friday 11th July

Quality Care for primary school aged children with high support needs

Program of Events

Monday 30th June

Swimming, Shopping, Art & Craft



Tuesday 1st July

Excursion - Northcote Town Hall - Magic Festival



Wednesday 2nd July

Swimming, Pyjama Day, Cooking Muffins



Thursday 3rd July

Artist Incursion, Swimming, Ball Games



Friday 4th July

Excursion - Disney on Ice, Music Session



Monday 7th July

Swimming, Music, Cooking Honey Joys, Cultural Art



Tuesday 8th July

Incursion - Crazy Hair Day Party, Swimming, & Games



Wednesday 9th July

Sensory Play, Sh'Bam, Swimming & Books



Thursday 10th July

Excursion - Dizzy's Castle, Parachute Games



Friday 11th July

Swimming, Books, Obstacle Course



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Quality Care for secondary school aged young people with high support needs

Program of Events

Monday 30th June

Swimming, Shopping, Art & Craft



Tuesday 1st July

Excursion - Northcote Town Hall - Magic Festival



Wednesday 2nd July

Swimming, Party Games, Cooking Pasta Bake



Thursday 3rd July

Incursion - Building Billy Karts, Swimming, Outside Play



Friday 4th July

Swimming, Cultural Art Activities



Monday 7th July

Incursion - Crazy Hair Day Party, Swimming, Skate Park



Tuesday 8th July

Swimming, Art & Craft, Outside Play



Wednesday 9th July

Excursion - Glow in the Dark Mini Golf



Thursday 10th July

Swimming, Outside Play, Cooking Coconut Balls



Friday 11th July

Outside Play, Art & Craft, Swimming



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