

Principal's Report and News

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Principal's Report

24th July 2014, Newsletter No. 11

I trust that our students had a relaxing break and found quality time to spend with family and friends. While I enjoyed the holidays with my family, it was great to come back to school last Monday to catch up with the staff and our fantastic students. Concord School provides a dynamic educational environment in which there are always exciting challenges for our students. We are constantly improving on what we do and are looking forward to a productive term 3.

Presentation Ball

This is just a reminder to the school community that the school's Presentation Ball, to be held in the evening of Friday 15th August at the Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre is fast approaching. This is an annual event for our Year 12 students as they celebrate the culmination of their schooling and prepare for life after Concord School.

Tickets are now available for purchase from the main office. Adult tickets cost \$90 with reduced prices for teens and children (please see below). The ticket price includes a 3 course meal, sparkling/white/red wines, heavy/light beer and soft drinks. Please contact Julie or Debbie as soon as possible to purchase your ticket and select your table.

Middle Section Refurbishment

The School Council are currently finalising plans for a refurbishment of the Middle Section of the school. For those who don't know, this is the building adjoining the front car park at the Grimshaw Campus. This building is one of the original school buildings constructed before the opening of the school in 1973. The aim is to modernize it in a similar way to the administration wing refurbishment in 2012. There will also be structural changes within the building to improve its functionality to enhance the educational experience for all who use the space. I will publish the plans when they have been confirmed and keep you informed of the timeline for construction.



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



Need to let the school know your child won't be on the bus today?

Changes to daily travel arrangements can now be text directly to Carmel on 0409 509 390

- Carmel will reply to acknowledge the text has been received, please phone the school if you don't get a reply within an hour
- You still need to tell the bus supervisor directly and write a short note in the communication book

Coming Events for 2014

Date	Event
Wednesday 30th July 2014	Parent Teacher Interviews (except PCI)
Friday 29th August 2014	Whole School Assembly in gymnasium @ 9.15am for National Literacy and Numeracy Week
Friday 15th August 2014	Presentation Ball

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher interviews (except PCI) are being held Wednesday evening 30th July. It is important that all parents/carers make a booking and attend the interviews to understand how their child is progressing with their learning and what can be done to ensure that this learning continues. A notice has been sent home to assist in making an on-line booking however if you are not able to do this then please contact Julie or Debbie in the main office and they will be able to help you book your interview.

Students' Lunches

As it is the beginning of a new term (and the winter months), teachers have asked me to remind parents/carers not to send food/drink that requires heating up at school. This is a policy of the school as it is a safety risk to both staff and students.



Important Note to Parents/Carers re Buses

There have been issues as the same parents/carers are often late to bring their child to the bus stop in the morning or pick them up in the afternoon. You are reminded that you have an obligation to be at the designated bus stop on time. If you are not, it is unfair to those other students and families who are kept waiting at further bus stops.



Principal's Award

The Principal's Award goes to Nathan.

Nathan is a keen and enthusiastic participant of all Pathways programs. He is always willing to help both staff and students and is considered a real team-player. Nathan is a true gentleman, he is polite, quiet, hard-working, respectful and honest. He is much liked by many of the students in Pathways and is highly respected by all Pathways staff. Nathan always tries his best in and out of the classroom and is therefore a worthy recipient of this award.

Congratulations Nathan!

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

Jason Coningsby
Principal

President's Message

A School Council meeting was held on Monday 21st June.

The agenda items that were discussed at the meeting were:

- Middle Section Refurbishment
- Bus Purchase
- Rating Scale for SLP's
- Concord School Powerful Learning Strategy
- Improving Connections for Koorie Students
- Concord School Policies
- Use of Junior Multi-Purpose Hall



"Working together for our children"

Mark Lancaster
School Council President

Assistant Principals' Report

Literacy and Numeracy week.

This national celebration of literacy and numeracy is during the week 25th - 31st August. This is the 16th **National Literacy and Numeracy Week** and at Concord School we are excited to celebrate learning with students, parents and teachers.



Each school section is arranging activities during the week and there will be a special assembly on Friday 29th August at 9:15am at the Grimshaw campus. Parent, carers, families and the community are invited to this assembly.

New School Bus

We have recently purchased a brand new Toyota Commuter, school bus. This vehicle is currently being fitted with a hoist that will enable students who are wheelchair dependent to travel to school activities, excursions and camps. The bus will also be available for general use across the school. It seats the driver plus 10 passengers or 8 passengers and a wheelchair with a student. It will be fitted out with Concord branding and will arrive next month.



Kirily Lamers, Colin Simpson and Kath Moore
Assistant Principals

Family and Friends Association

Entertainment Books - we still have **Entertainment Books** for Sale which are \$65 each, please contact Julie or Debbie in the office at Grimshaw Campus.

Cookie Dough Fundraiser – thank you to everyone who bought Cookie Dough. We raised \$632 for our school.

Fathers' Day Raffle – donations of new items are gratefully being sought for the Fathers' Day Raffle. Raffle Tickets will be sent home next month.

Second Hand Uniform – FFA are seeking donations of second hand uniform that is still in good wearable condition. Uniform can be sent to Junior and Grimshaw Campuses.

Snax Fundraiser – Term 3 fundraiser will be **Snax**. Details will be sent home soon.

Staff Morning Tea – FFA will be providing all staff with Morning Tea on Monday 4th August.

Helpers – FFA always need helpers – even if you don't want to be on the Committee – helpers are needed for Hotdog days and other activities. Please let us know if you are able to help.

Next meeting is being held on Monday 4th August at 1.30pm at the Grimshaw Campus.

Sue Gibb
Secretary
Email: sue.g@internode.on.net



Community News

Tackling bullying in our community

You are invited to attend a solution and strategy based forum for parents, young people and those working with young people

Banyule Youth Services presents Evelyn M. Field; practicing Psychologist and bestselling author of "Bully Blocking". Evelyn is a member of the professional advisory board of the National Centre against Bullying and is a respected media spokesperson.

Evelyn will offer practical hands-on strategies on recognising bullying, helping students build their emotional and social resilience, bully blocking skills for children and young people and supporting your children if they are being bullied.



Evelyn's presentation will be followed by a panel of experts which will allow those attending to ask questions and discuss local responses.

When: 6.30pm Wed, August 27 2014

**Where: Council Chambers,
The Centre Ivanhoe,
275 Upper Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe.**

Cost: FREE, but bookings essential!

Light refreshments and snacks provided

Places limited! Book now!

<http://www.trybooking.com/FJRH>

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www.banyuleyouth.com or call us on 9457 9855



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Special Needs Program

DOC Football's new special needs program gives children the opportunity to play soccer in a friendly, supportive and enjoyable environment. Don't let your children miss out. All children should have the opportunity to take part in this great sport.

Our Term 3 program begins,
Saturday July 19th
11.00am
Eltham College, Research



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DO YOU CARE FOR A CHILD WITH A DISABILITY?

Darebin Council invites you to attend a series of FREE parent information sessions presented by the Association of Children with a Disability.

Support to attend:

If you require any support to attend any of the information sessions, including transport, attendant care, and/or respite support, language, or Auslan interpreters, please contact Christine.

Contact Christine Mulholland,
Metro Access Officer
on 8470 8368, or at
christine.mulholland@darebin.vic.gov.au

TTY dial 133 677 or
Speak & Listen
1300 555 727
or www.iprelay.com.au
then enter 8470 8368

Transition to Primary school

This session is for parents of children with a disability transitioning to primary school. Topics covered include school readiness, building a team, preparing for transition, introduction to Student Support Groups, communication and relationship building, support and self-care.

When: Thursday 14 August

Time: 6.15pm arrival, 6.30pm start - 8pm

Where: Reservoir Neighbourhood House, 2b Cuthbert Road Reservoir

RSVP: Monday 11th August

Positive Education Planning

For parents of children with a disability aged 6-12 years old. This session aims to build knowledge, skills and confidence in planning and advocating for your child in primary school and working with education professionals, to provide the best possible school experience for your child.

When: Thursday 28 August

Time: 6.15pm arrival, 6.30pm start - 8.30pm

Where: Reservoir Neighbourhood House, 2b Cuthbert Road Reservoir

RSVP: Monday 25th August

Advocating for your child

An interactive session for parents of a child with a disability, aged 0-18 yrs old, aimed at building knowledge, skills and confidence in advocating for your child.

When: Thursday 11 September

Time: 6.15pm arrival, 6.30pm start - 8pm

Where: Reservoir Neighbourhood House, 2b Cuthbert Road Reservoir

RSVP: Monday 8th September

Spaces are limited and RSVP is required for each session.
You are welcome to attend all or any of the sessions.
A light dinner will be provided at each session.