

## Principal's Report and News

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### Concord School Website

If you require information about Concord School at any time then please visit our comprehensive website at [www.concordsch.vic.edu.au](http://www.concordsch.vic.edu.au). To view 'special events' you will need a user name and password. Please contact the office for this information.

### Official School Facebook Page

To be kept directly informed of student learning and school news, please LIKE us on facebook through the link [facebook.com/concordschoolvictoria](https://www.facebook.com/concordschoolvictoria) or electronically by clicking on the link below.



### Year 12 Presentation Ball 2014

The 2014 Year 12 Presentation Ball was held last Friday evening at the Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre in South Morang. This year there were 20 Year 12 students presented to Jason Coningsby and Kirrily Lamers in front of more than 270 guests. All of the girls looked stunning in their white gowns and the boys were handsome in their red vests and tails. The students all had a wonderful night, dancing their special dances and celebrating with their families and friends. Thank you to all of the Transition Staff who made this night such a success, especially Claire Charlesworth who taught the students the dances and Nina Kahle who organised the event. Thanks also to Mark Lancaster, President of the Concord School Council, for attending the event and addressing the students and their families.

Warren Gaff



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### Principal's Report

The Presentation Ball last Friday evening was a huge success and the feedback from all who attended has been overwhelmingly positive. This is Concord School's 'night of nights' and an evening that will never be forgotten by the students and their families.

I support Warren in thanking the Transition team, and in particular, Claire and Nina, for their dedication and hard work. The students behaved with great maturity and they were a credit to their parents and carers.



### 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 Tuesday **26th August 2014** between the hours of **11.00am - 12.00pm**.

Centrelink staff will help with any queries/forms or any questions needing to be answered.

### Coming Events for 2014

Date	Event
Friday 29th August	Whole School Assembly in Gymnasium @ 9.15am for National Literacy and Numeracy Week
Wednesday 3rd September	Junior and Middle Sections Sports Day
Friday 19th September	Term 3 Ends— 2:30pm Dismissal

## Pathways on Show

On Wednesday 6th August the Pathways Section held their annual 'Pathways on Show' through which students and teachers demonstrate the wide variety of programs students in the Pathways Section participate in.

It was a wonderful opportunity for all to experience and celebrate student learning achieved through the Pathways engaging, hands on and interactive curriculum. It was enjoyed and appreciated by all in attendance



## Superhero Day

On Monday 25th August, the Junior and Middle Section students will be participating in the Muscular Dystrophy Australia **Superhero Day**. This year we are linking this fundraising event with our Literacy and Numeracy Week Celebrations. Students are encouraged to make a **gold coin donation** and dress up as their favourite story book character or comic superhero.

This event has been created to give children with Muscular Dystrophy and their families hope by showing them that they are not alone and that their community is working to raise funds to help find a cure. The overall message of the day is one of hope, acceptance and understanding. Funds raised will go to support research at the **National Muscular Dystrophy Research Centre**.



## ES Recognition Month

August is ES Recognition Month for Educational Support staff. At Concord School, all staff who are not teachers, leadership staff or trainees are classified as Educational Support staff. The majority of these staff members support the teachers in the classroom but also include our technical, maintenance and administration staff.

The school leadership and teaching staff greatly appreciate the wonderful work and support provided by the school Educational Support staff (and trainees).



## President's Message

A School Council meeting was held on Monday, 18th August.

The agenda items that were discussed at the meeting were:

- Middle Section Refurbishment
- Camping Program
- 2014 Student Attitudinal Survey Results
- School Enrolment
- Concord School Policies



**"Working together for our children"**

**Mark Lancaster**  
**School Council President**

## Principal's Award

The Principal's Award goes to Georgia - JRC

Georgia is a quiet achiever, who shows interest in learning new skills, puts great effort into her work and is proud of her achievements. She is to be congratulated on her efforts and success in the areas of reading and writing over the semester. Georgia has become more independent in the classroom and will attempt and persevere with unfamiliar tasks. Georgia is a very popular section member, and it has been good to see her chatting with friends, joining in with play activities and enjoying the company of her peers in the playground.

Well done on your fantastic work Georgia

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

**Jason Coningsby**  
**Principal**

## Assistant Principals' Report

### Are you a member of Parents Victoria?

Find out how to run a successful parents club and hear about the latest digital technologies and online resources at this year's Parents Victoria Annual Conference.



This year's Parents Victoria Annual Conference will be held at the Melbourne Zoo on 29 and 30 August.

Parents Victoria is a statewide democratic organisation representing parents of students in Victorian government schools, and provides parents with a voice, presenting an organised parent perspective to State and Federal Governments, educational bureaucracies and institutions, community organisations and the media.

The theme for this year's annual conference is **Education for Everyone – let's engage!**

For more information about the Parents Victoria Annual Conference, click [here](#)

Find out more information about Parents Victoria at:  
<http://www.parentsvictoria.asn.au/>



### Working with Children Check

The Department of Education has strict policy around the Working with Children Check. The WWC Check is a minimum checking standard set by the *Working with Children Act 2005* for those who work with children, either on a paid or voluntary basis.

To be a volunteer at a school a Working with Children Card provided by the Department of Justice is required. This card is:

- valid for 5 years
- transferable between volunteer organisations
- free of charge for volunteers, but cannot be used for paid employment.

Though it is not strictly necessary for parents to provide a Working with Children Card if they are volunteering to work with their own child, our school is asking for volunteers to obtain one to prevent any future difficulties. Please follow the link to apply for a Working with Children Card. [www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au). Please note that Teachers with a current VIT registration card and Victorian Police Officers are exempt from Working with Children Checks.

**Kirrilly Lamers, Colin Simpson and Kath Moore**  
Assistant Principals

## Family and Friends Association

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

**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. **Deliveries are due late August.**

**Staff Morning Tea** – The date for the morning tea provided by FFA has changed to Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> September at 1.30pm** at the Grimshaw Campus.

Sue Gibb  
Secretary  
Email: [sue.g@internode.on.net](mailto:sue.g@internode.on.net)



## PGC - Legacy Badges fundraiser

**Legacy Week**  
**August 31 - September 6 2014**



*In WWI a soldier comforting his dying mate made a promise to care for his missus and kids, Legacy was created out of this promise in 1923.*

*The funds raised from this year's Badge Appeal will help Legacy continue to assist over 90,000 widows and 1,900 children and dependents with a disability Australia-wide.*

*Legacy provides a wide range of services including welfare, financial assistance, counselling and education.*

**Concord School - PGC is supporting Legacy and will be selling badges to our students from now onwards and during Legacy Week, please buy a badge and help Legacy 'Keep the Promise'.**

**Order forms are going home with this newsletter**

[www.legacy.com.au/melbourne](http://www.legacy.com.au/melbourne)



## PMC Chocolate Fundraiser—Raising money for the CFA

Pathways students are currently completing their Duke of Edinburgh award, one of the components of the award is community service. PMC decided to raise money by selling hot chocolates for the CFA for \$2.

If you want to purchase a delicious hot chocolate and help raise money for this great cause please contact PMC or fill out the form that has been distributed to all classes on the Grimshaw campus. Please place your order before Thursday 28th August. Thank you.



# 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>**

For more information visit:  
[www.banyuleyouth.com](http://www.banyuleyouth.com) or call us on 9457 9855



## Disability Media Australia

Disability Media Australia (DMA) works to increase the visibility and involvement of people with disabilities in the media. We provide training in all aspects of media production and enhance this with opportunities to participate in the creation of high quality, entertaining programs.

## School Holiday Program Media Making 5 day workshop

In five days create an episode of community television including location filming, studio production and principles of editing.

Dates:

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Sept

Cost : \$330 including GST

Contact [nicole@disabilitymedia.org.au](mailto:nicole@disabilitymedia.org.au) or call (03) 96637158 for more information.



# Spring 2014

22nd September - 3rd October  
**Quality Care** for primary school aged children with high support needs

## Program of Events

<b>Monday 22nd September</b> Shopping, Swimming, Sensory Play	!	!	!	!
<b>Tuesday 23rd September</b> Creating Musical Instruments, Walk to the Park, Swimming	!	!	!	!
<b>Wednesday 24th September</b> Excursion - Royal Melbourne Show	!	!	!	!
<b>Thursday 25th September</b> Artist Incursion, Screen Printing, Swimming	!	!	!	!
<b>Friday 26th September</b> Creating Puppets, Cooking Hot Dogs, Swimming	!	!	!	!
<b>Monday 29th September</b> Incursion - Footy Day, Dress up in Footy Teams, Cooking	!	!	!	!
<b>Tuesday 30th September</b> Incursion - African Drumming, Creating Masks, Swimming	!	!	!	!
<b>Wednesday 1st October</b> Excursion - Luna Park	!	!	!	!
<b>Thursday 2nd October</b> Sensory Play, Musical Games, Swimming	!	!	!	!
<b>Friday 3rd October</b> Puppet Show, Obstacle Course, Swimming	!	!	!	!

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# Spring 2014

22nd September - 3rd October  
**Quality Care** for secondary school aged young people with high support needs

## Program of Events

<b>Monday 22nd September</b> Swimming, Shopping, Art & Craft	!	!	!	!
<b>Tuesday 23rd September</b> Excursion - Royal Melbourne Show	!	!	!	!
<b>Wednesday 24th September</b> Cooking Baked Potatoes, Swimming, Party Games	!	!	!	!
<b>Thursday 25th September</b> Artist Incursion, Screen Printing, Swimming	!	!	!	!
<b>Friday 26th September</b> Walk to the Park, Cultural Activities, Swimming	!	!	!	!
<b>Monday 29th September</b> Footy Day, Dress Up as Footy Teams, Swimming	!	!	!	!
<b>Tuesday 30th September</b> Incursion - African Drumming, Swimming	!	!	!	!
<b>Wednesday 1st October</b> Excursion - Luna Park	!	!	!	!
<b>Thursday 2nd October</b> Cooking Wraps, Swimming, Outside Ball Games	!	!	!	!
<b>Friday 3rd October</b> Disco, Swimming, Skate Park & Playground	!	!	!	!

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Able Australia is one of Australia's leading disability support organisations, delivering high quality, person-centred services to people living with multiple disabilities including deafblindness and in community support services. From its humble beginnings as the Deafblind Association in 1967, Able Australia has grown into a diverse and dynamic organisation that supports more than 4000 people throughout Tasmania, Victoria, Queensland and the ACT.

Able Australia will be Running a School Holiday Program from 22<sup>nd</sup> September - 26<sup>th</sup> September 2014 from there Able North Day Service in Reservoir.

Our organisation has been running a very successful School Holiday Program in Tasmania since 2012 with some remarkable results so we are thrilled to be able to offer a similar service here in Victoria.

**It is a FREE program for children (aged between 12 and 18) living with a disability and will** feature a range of best practice activities every day. Each activity is individualised, exciting and emotionally and physically stimulating to ensure the specific needs of each individual we support are catered for. From gardening and arts and craft, through to outing to the movies or ten pin bowling, there will be something for everyone!

We have found our School Holiday Program model presents each child with an opportunity to be genuinely engaged and stimulated, while families experience some much needed respite. Respite is an important part of every caring relationship and has a number of benefits, including:

- Increased social connectivity for the child
- Improved employment opportunities for carers or parents
- Reduced stress for the family unit

If you would like to find out more about this program, please contact us on 1300 225 369 or via email [info@ableaustralia.org.au](mailto:info@ableaustralia.org.au). Alternatively call Belinda, Tony or Adrian at Able Lifestyle Choices North on 94 781455 or email [able.north@ableaustralia.org.au](mailto:able.north@ableaustralia.org.au). We would be happy to help with any information you may require.

# 'What's On'



## Bringing up Great Kids

*Would you like to:*

- Have a more positive relationship with your child?
- Understand your child better?
- Develop a positive self-identity in your child?
- Communicate more effectively with your child?

**Bringing up Great Kids** is a five session parenting program for parents with children in pre or primary school that shows you how you can parent in a more reflective and mindful way.

Bringing up Great Kids will help you:

- Learn about origins of your parenting style and how it can be more effective
- Identify the important messages you want to convey to your child and how to achieve this
- Discover how to overcome some of the obstacles that are getting in the way of being the kind of parent you would like to be.

**Where:** Nillumbik Health  
917 Main Road, Eltham

**When:** Five consecutive Thursday sessions commencing 21 August to 18 September

**Time:** 9.15am – 11.45am

**Cost:** \$100 (\$50 for health care card holders)

**RSVP:** Return completed application form to Joan Lauricella. Limited places available, allocated on a first-in basis.

**For more information, please contact:**

**Joan Lauricella** (*Family Support Worker*)

**Phone:** 9430 9100

**Email:** joanl@nillumbikhealth.org.au

## Bringing up Great Kids!

### Application Form

To confirm your booking, please complete the form below and return to:

Joan Lauricella  
Nillumbik Health                      **OR**                      joanl@nillumbikhealth.org.au  
917 Main Road  
Eltham VIC 3095

Unless otherwise notified, your place in the group is confirmed upon receipt of completed form. An invoice for \$100 (\$50 for health care card holders) will be sent to you in due course.

Your Name:		Date of Birth:	
Partner's Name		Date of Birth:	

Children's Names:		Date of Birth:	
		Date of Birth:	
		Date of Birth:	
		Date of Birth:	

Address:			
Telephone:	Home:		Mobile:
Email address:			

Do you have a health care card?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Were you born in Australia?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If not, where were you born?
Are you of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Island descent?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
How did you find out about this group?	
Which Maternal and Child Health Centre (if any) do you attend?	



#### CHILD CARE

This group is not suitable for children to attend so please arrange childcare.

