

Principal's Report and News

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Principal's Report

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End of Term 3

It has been another incredibly busy term and I am very pleased to report that our students have continued to perform at their personal best each day. I wish all students and staff a wonderful holiday and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 6th October refreshed and ready for term 4.



Most of the Melbourne teams that our students barrack for have failed to make the AFL finals or have made an early exit. Good luck if your football team is still in with a chance of winning the Grand Final. The football finals mean that warmer weather is on the way so hopefully there will be opportunity for our students to play outdoors and share some adventures with family and friends.

Early Finish on Last Day of Term

Parents/carers please remember that our **students finish 30 minutes earlier** than usual on Friday 19th September. That means that if you meet your child at the bus stop, you need to be there **30 minutes before** the usual time.

Junior Father's Day Breakfast

Last Friday 5th September the Junior Section once again celebrated **Fathers' Day** by organising a special breakfast. This was a wonderful occasion where dads, uncles and grandfathers had breakfast with their child. It is the only time during the year that many dads are able to make it to school as they work during the day so we appreciate the effort that was made in coming early to school. The Junior staff cooked up a sumptuous hot breakfast and also provided cereals and juices. Presents were won by many of the dad's in the **Fathers' Day** raffle. Thank you to Kath and the Junior team for once again organising this breakfast.

Whole School Assembly

A school assembly was held on Friday 29th August to celebrate **National Literacy and Numeracy Week**. This was the culmination of a week of related activities with the focus being on a story book titled **'Sunday Chutney' by Aaron Blabey**.

The School Captains delivered an 'Acknowledgement to Country' and our school choir, Glee Club and rock band performed. As usual, the student performances and presentations demonstrated how much our students achieve by participating in the outstanding teaching and learning programs that are provided for them. There was a mixture of photo stories, videos, demonstrations and dances to keep the large crowd educated and entertained.

As is traditionally the case, I presented an item at the **Literacy and Numeracy Week** assembly. This year I read the story **'The Day the Crayons Quit' by Drew Daywalt**....dressed as the pink crayon.

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 **26th November 2014** 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 2014

Date	Event
Friday 19th September	Term 3 Ends - 2:30pm Dismissal
Monday 6th October	Term 4 commences

Parent Complaint Process

I would like to remind parents/carers of the most effective process if you have a complaint in regard to anything that has happened at school. The following text from the DEECD document located at <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/school/parents/primary/parentcomplaints.pdf>

The school should always be your first point of contact. Schools need to know if you have any concerns about your child's education. Teaching and learning works best when parents and teachers talk to each other and work together to solve any problems. Any appointments to speak with school staff about a complaint should be arranged through the school office. Plan what you will say so you can clearly explain what the problem is. (You might want to make some notes to help you. Have some ideas about how the problem could be resolved realistically.

Talk about the problem with your child's teacher/s by telephone or organise a face-to-face meeting. Most problems can be solved this way. If you still have a concern after talking to your child's teacher/s you may want to speak to the Assistant Principal or Principal.

Urgent Notice for Parents: Student Absences

If your child is absent from school, it is vital that you communicate this to the school. This can be via email, phone call or written in your child's communication book. **If your child travels in one of our school buses, you must also ring the bus supervisor** and inform them of any absence or change to the bus arrangements. This is vital as we need to account for every student in the school at all times.

Principal's Award

This term's Principal Award goes to Julian from MFC.

Julian is a kind and considerate student who continues to face challenges with a positive attitude. Earlier this year he went on camp to Blackwood and although he was unsure of the low ropes course, he completed it with confidence and esteem.

Julian has been Class Captain and took on the responsibility with pride. He is inclusive of his classmates and ensures that everyone plays fair. Julian is eager to be involved in classroom, section and whole school events, and if there is a special event happening in the school, Julian will remind you of it! Julian loves all aspects of school and always arrive at school with a smile.

Well done Julian!

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

Jason Coningsby
Principal

President's Message

A School Council meeting was held on Monday 8th September.

The agenda items that were discussed at the meeting were:

- Termites
- Middle Section Refurbishment (including Student Placement)
- School Enrolment
- Sections/Classes 2015
- Progress of 2014 Annual Implementation Plan
- Concord School Policies

"Working together for our children"

Mark Lancaster
School Council President



Assistant Principals' Report

This term we celebrated National Literacy and Numeracy week at Concord School and we had a wonderful week showing off all of our wonderful academic skills. Across the school students participated in the 'Read for Australia' activity by reading and exploring **Aaron Blabey's Sunday Chutney**. This story explores issues of

difference, resilience and change and every student from the Junior Section to the Secondary Section was able to understand the text from their own unique perspective.



Students also worked through various numeracy activities with a particular focus on water to increase their understanding of sustainability giving the numeracy skills real world, hands on connections and making them relevant to the student. **Literacy and Numeracy** week gave us a chance to work across Sections with the Junior and Middle Sections of the school combining for a dress up day and Transition students mentoring other students throughout the school.

Like many of our celebrations this term the **Literacy and Numeracy** week gave our students the opportunity to practice and display core and fundamental skills within their regular learning program. While we have been busy learning the Victorian Government are on the verge of making some legislative change that will impact schools. The Victorian Parliament is considering new laws that would change the penalties for young people involved in sexting.

Sexting refers to sending sexually explicit photos or videos electronically. This is typically done via text message, social networks, email, and mobile apps such as Snapchat. It has become increasingly common among teenagers and is an issue at secondary schools throughout Australia.

Under the new laws, young people will no longer be found guilty of child pornography charges or placed on the Sex Offenders Register if they send or receive consensual, non-exploitative sexts. Images that capture a criminal act, however, such as a sexual assault, will not fall under the new laws.

Though the penalties for consensual sexting may be reduced, it's important that young people are educated to understand associated risks to their wellbeing. Once a 'sext' has been sent, there's no going back, and what may have been consensual at the time is often a cause for regret later.

DEECD's Bully Stoppers page provides information and tips to help students and parents deal with sexting and other online issues such as cybersafety and cyberbullying.

We have enjoyed our term of learning and look forward to the exciting prospects that the fourth term will bring us.

Kirrilly Lamers, Colin Simpson and Kath Moore
Assistant Principals

Year 12 Presentation Ball 2014

Presentation Ball photos are now on the website under the Special Events page. (The user name is community and password is grimshaw). Please take the time to have a look at the photos of our year 12 students on their very special night.



Family and Friends Association

Fathers Day Raffle - The winners of the Fathers Day raffle were:

1st prize - Ross Smith (Emelia JKT)

2nd prize - Brittney M (SKH)

3rd Prize - Rhonda (Ryley's nan)

Special thanks to Lower Plenty Hotel, Bunnings Thomastown and Maxis Burgers Montmorency for their generous donations to our Fathers' Day raffle.

Snax Fundraiser – Thank you to all families who supported this fundraiser. We raised \$662.00 for our school.

Toy Networx Shopping Fundraiser Night - 28th October
4pm—9pm. Please see flyer below. Entry is free.

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 6th October 1.30pm** at the Grimshaw Campus.

Sue Gibb
Secretary
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PGC - Legacy Badges fundraiser



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 supported Legacy by selling badges to our students, they raised \$434.85.







CONCORD SCHOOL SHOPPING NIGHT FUNDRAISER

DATE 28TH October
Times 4pm- 9pm
3B Newlands Rd
Reservoir 3073

Community News



Spring 2014

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

Program of Events

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

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

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