

Principal's Report and News

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

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Principal's Report

13th November 2014, Newsletter No. 18

This is just a final reminder that next Monday 17th November is a **Pupil Free** day.

On this day all sections will be planning their programs for 2015 and finalising class arrangements. In the afternoon the whole staff will be engaged in Anaphylaxis training.



Watsonia RSL Scholarship

Jaimie and Sebastian from the Middle Section have been awarded scholarships by the Watsonia RSL that will assist them with future educational expenses.

The scholarships recognise the leadership, mateship and work ethic demonstrated by these students.

Chris Norman, Melissa Rofe and I attended the Remembrance Day service and ceremony at the Watsonia RSL on Tuesday 11th November.



The school community is extremely proud of these students.

Update of Student Details

Last week a printout of your child's information was sent home for you to check the details and make any necessary alterations. **Please return these to the office a.s.a.p.** It is vital that we have the current information on your child, especially in the case of an emergency.

Carmel Hunter - Education Support Officer

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 |
|------------------------------|--|
| Monday 17th November 2014 | Pupil Free Day - Students not required at school |
| Wednesday 19th November 2014 | Volunteers morning Tea @ 10.30am Grimshaw Campus |
| Monday 1st December 2014 | Christmas Concert - Loyola Reserve Gleeson Drive Bundoora @ 5.00pm |
| Wednesday 10th December 2014 | Grade 6 Graduation @ 12.30pm Bundoora Campus Gym |
| Thursday 11th December 2014 | Year 12 Graduation @ 7.00pm Bundoora Campus Gym |
| Friday 12th December 2014 | Orientation Day |

Student Orientation Day - Friday 12th December

The Concord School student orientation day will occur on Friday 12th December. As far as practicable, the students will move to the classroom they will be in and be taught by the teacher they will be with in the following year.

Families of those students who are either new to the school, or will be changing sections, will have been sent this information in the mail. The arrangements for this morning are as follows:

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| 9.00am | Current students will line up/enter their classrooms as normal. |
| 9.05am | Current students will move to their classroom for the following year. |
| 9.15am | Bundoora Campus New parents/carers and new students will meet at the Discovery Centre. New <u>students</u> will be escorted to their classroom by the section Team Leader (or a section aide). The Principal (Jason) and Assistant Principals (Kirrily and Colin) will address both new and current <u>parents/carers</u> . Watsonia Campus New parents/carers and new students will meet in the multi-purpose hall. New <u>students</u> will be escorted to their classroom. Kath will address both new and current <u>parents/carers</u> . Parents/carers are then invited to share morning tea with Kath and the other parents/carers at the conclusion of the meeting. Prep students will leave with their parents at the end of this meeting/morning tea. Other parents/carers are requested to leave the school after this. |
| 9.30am | Bundoora Campus All Team Leaders will then address the parents/carers of all students who will be in their section the following year. Upper Primary – Discovery Centre Secondary 7-8 – library Secondary 9-10 – conference room Secondary 11-12 - Transition Centre Parents/carers are requested to leave the school after this. |
| 10.40am | All students will play in the playground area that they will be in the following year. |
| 11.45am | Parents/carers of new students will collect their children from the classroom. Current students will return to their current classroom escorted by an aide. |

Annual Christmas Concert

This year the Annual Christmas Concert will be held on the evening of Monday 1st December on the Loyola Oval which is at the rear of our Bundoora Campus in Gleeson Drive, Bundoora. It is important that all students attend on this evening as the classes have spent considerable time rehearsing their items and they require all students to be present.

As well as class performances and the BBQ, selected students will be presented with awards and there will be a visit from a special man who has a beard and wears a red suit.

The evening will start at 5.00pm with live entertainment from our school band 'Unbroken', with the concert commencing at 6.00pm. Once again the Family and Friends and helpers are organising the barbecue which will commence serving at 5.00pm and will finish at 6.30pm. This will allow all the volunteers time to have their meal and to be ready to enjoy watching the concert.

If the concert is cancelled due to the weather, it will be held the following morning at 9.15am in the Performing Arts Centre at the Bundoora Campus featuring student performances and awards only.

We look forward to seeing many family and friends coming along to enjoy a great evening.



Thank You to Our Volunteers

The Volunteers' Morning Tea will be held at 10.30am on Wednesday 19th November, in the Discovery Centre at the Bundoora Campus. Where possible, staff will join the volunteers to show their appreciation to this group of dedicated individuals who generously give their time to assist our students and staff.

Accessing the School Bus

I would like to remind parents/carers that if you are thinking of changing your address you must remember that to access our buses you must reside within the **Designated Transport Zone (DTZ)**. **IF YOU MOVE OUTSIDE THIS ZONE, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ACCESS OUR BUSES.**

You can ring the office any time to check on the zone and Carmel Hunter (Transport Coordinator) will only be too happy to give you any information.

If you change any transport arrangements regarding your child, it is imperative that you notify Carmel as well as the bus supervisor ASAP.



Principal's Award

This term's Principal Award goes to Chris A.

Chris is an active contributor in all of the activities and lessons that he does in the TCC group. He provides great ideas to group discussions and presents himself as an excellent role model on how to work to the best to one's abilities. Chris' greatest achievements have been within his reading and writing activities as he applies himself with a great determination to succeed. As part of his section responsibilities, Chris ensures that information regarding the section is passed onto the administration staff on a daily basis.

Congratulations on always giving your best, Chris.

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

Jason Coningsby
Principal

Assistant Principals' Report

With the holidays approaching quickly it is worth noting that parenting is not always easy. From time to time, all families can benefit from extra support.

Parentline is a Department service which began in 1998. It provides information, support, and referral services to parents from 8am to midnight seven days a week.



Whether you're struggling with everyday tasks, or simply wish to discuss parenting ideas, **Parentline** is a valuable source of counselling and assistance. The qualified and experienced social workers and psychologists who staff the service answer approximately 13,000 calls per year from parents from all backgrounds looking for support and advice. They will work with you to better understand your relationships and personal situations to help you to develop strategies which are tailored to your individual needs.

Parenting is challenging, but **Parentline** can help you to develop positive coping strategies, allowing you more freedom to enjoy your time with your children.

You can ring **Parentline** on 13 22 89.

For more information see: <http://www.parentline.vic.gov.au>

Kirril Lamers, Colin Simpson and Kath Moore
Assistant Principals

Family and Friends Association

Heather Brae orders have arrived, and most have been sent home.. Thank you to everyone who purchased items, we raised approximately \$350.00

The **Walkathon** was successful, the FFA provided fruit and icy poles for children who participated on the day.

Christmas Raffle donations of new items are still being gratefully accepted. Raffle tickets have been sent home soon with the students.

The next FFA meeting will be held on **Friday 28th November at 9am** at the Grimshaw Campus.

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



Changes to the Education Maintenance Allowance

From January 1st 2015, the government will provide extra financial support directly to Victoria's neediest schools instead of providing the Education Maintenance Allowance directly to parents.

Parents at Concord School will not be able to apply for the Education Maintenance Allowance in 2015.

The end of the EMA direct payments to parents will not affect any other payment you may be receiving such as the Schoolkids Bonus, which is provided directly to eligible parents to assist with education costs.

If you are still experiencing financial hardship, you can speak to your principal about how you can access assistance from the State Schools' Relief Committee for clothing and uniforms.

Kmart Wishing Tree

Selected Middle School Students sang Christmas Carols at the Launch of the **Kmart Wishing Tree** on Wednesday 12th November.

The singers did a tremendous job drawing quite a crowd of family, friends and shoppers.

For 26 years the **Kmart Wishing Tree Appeal** has provided people who are less fortunate with gifts for Christmas Day. The students who participated today chose a gift for a boy and a girl to put under the Christmas Tree on behalf of Concord School.



Alix Boyton
Performing Arts Teacher

Vera Mitchell
Visual Arts Teacher

Canteen News

The last day for the school canteen will be
Thursday 4th December.

In 2015 there will be no school canteen until Tuesday 10th
February, due to VCAL students needing to pass
outcomes before starting their practical work.

Ann Park - Canteen Manager



Visual Art

It is always a privilege to enter students work into the Whittlesea
Show's annual Art Competition.

Congratulations to all the students whose art work was entered into
the Whittlesea show this year. Concord School came away with first,
second and third prize ribbons as well as Very Highly Commended.

Well Done!



Vera Mitchell
Visual Arts Teacher

Sue Freeman
Education Support



The VCAL Christmas Clearance Stall is on
again!

The 2014 Christmas Clearance Stall will run
from **Monday 24th November to Tuesday 9th
December** in the Transition Centre at the
Grimshaw Street Campus.

We have a wide variety of gifts to suit all
members of the family.

Prices range from \$0.50 to \$5.00 with most
items selling for just \$2.00!

IMMUNISATION REMINDER

**On Tuesday 25th November the third and final
round of Immunisations will be conducted at
Concord School for 2014.**

These include:

- **Year 7 - 3rd Human Papillomavirus and
Chickenpox**
- **Year 9 (boys only) – 3rd Human Papillomavirus**

If you have any queries about immunisation please
contact the Banyule City Council, Health Services on
9457 9965.



Rosemary Van Aperen
School Nurse

Community News

Access
for All
Abilities



Access for All Abilities PLAY is a free service to assist Melbourne people of all ages with a disability to become involved in sport and active recreation. With personal assistance from AAA PLAY, **you can discover a new sporting challenge now.** Visit our info-loaded website or call us today to discover the huge amount of sports and recreation activities close to your home and available for people of all abilities.

Why is physical activity so important?

Involvement in sport and active recreation has huge benefits for all people's physical and mental wellbeing, and forms part of a balanced, healthy lifestyle. Through participating in community sport and recreation you will not only reap the rewards of exercise but make new friends, be part of a team or club and achieve personal goals.

Whether you're seeking a chance to improve your skill or elite glory, sport and recreation is for everyone, regardless of ability.

People with a disability are 15% less likely to participate in sport and active recreation than the general population – let's change this by promoting access for all.

Access for All Abilities

Funded by the Victorian State Government, Access for All Abilities has helped grow inclusive sports and recreation for people with a disability for more than ten years, now funding over thirty community and sporting organisations – from Blind Sports, Basketball and Baseball to Lawn Bowls, Sailing and Balloon Football. Access for All Abilities ensures that every person, regardless of ability, has an opportunity to participate in sports and recreation in their community.

To begin a new experience in sport today visit aaavic.org.au and search for an activity close to you.

For personalised assistance contact

1800 AAA VIC (222 842)

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Banyule City Council celebrates

International Day of People with Disability

With a range of free events and activities for all ages.

Fitness Fun



17-23 November
(during opening hours)

Come along and try out a range of free fitness classes as well as swimming, group fitness and gym at Ivanhoe Aquatic and Olympic Leisure Centres. Don't forget to mention International Day for free entry.

Bookings
Olympic Leisure Centre 9459 7793

Ivanhoe Aquatic Centre 9490 7111

Sensitive Santa



November
Sat 22nd & 29th
Sun 23rd & 30th

Experience the magic of Christmas, meet Santa and have your photo taken in a sensory friendly space. Designed for families with children on the Autism spectrum.

Mill Park Library
394 Plenty Road
Mill Park

Bookings
Sherridan
9457 9940

Wicked WaterMarc



Tues 25 November
11:00am-12:00pm
Aqua Class
2 x 30 min classes

11:00am-12:00pm
Free time Water Play
2 x 30 min sessions
12:30-2:30pm
Pool Party & Water slides

Bookings:
Sherridan
9457 9940

waterMarc,
Flintoff St,
Greensborough

DanceAbility Workshop



Thurs 4 December
5:00-6:00pm

Come along and try out the Dance workshop for all abilities.

DanceAbility is a weekly dance program but come and try it out for free during the International Day of People with Disability celebrations.

MacLeod YMCA
157 Wungun Street
MacLeod,
9459 9022

Monster Dance Party



Friday 5 December
6:30-9:00pm

Jets presents the inaugural Monster Dance Party for 13-25 years.

A fully accessible, fully supervised & inclusive dance party.

MacLeod YMCA
157 Wungun Street
MacLeod.

Bookings
www.banyuleyouth.com/jets
9098 8008

'My World' Exhibition



1-12 December
Monday-Friday
9:00am-5:00pm

An exhibition of works by the participants of the Jets Creative Arts Program for people with disabilities.

Ivanhoe Council
Offices
275 Upper
Heidelberg Road
Ivanhoe

www.banyule.vic.gov.au
9490 4222



DanceAbility

@ Macleod YMCA

Dance Ability is a unique class for young people with a disability that teaches modern dance in a relaxed and inclusive setting.

Have a great time while learning new dance routines to popular music.

Thursdays 5:00-6:00pm with Jacynta

Casual \$9.50 per session

Macleod Recreation and Fitness Centre

Call: 9459 9022

Come In: 157 Wungan St, Macleod 3085

Visit: www.macleod.ymca.org.au

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Banyule



YMCA

Banyule City Council's Jets Studio's presents the.....

Monster Dance Party

FRIDAY 5 DECEMBER

6:30-9:00PM

MACLEOD YMCA

157 WUNGUN STREET MACLEOD

A part of the Banyule City Council celebrations for International Day of People with Disability

FULLY ACCESSIBLE, FULLY SUPERVISED & INCLUSIVE.

13-25 YEARS-ALCOHOL, DRUG AND SMOKE FREE

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PRE BOOKINGS GET PRIORITY AT THE DOOR.

BOOKINGS: WWW.BANYULEYOUTH.COM/JETS.

MORE INFORMATION CALL JETS ON 9098-8000



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