

Principal's Report and News

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Principal's Report



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All students (and staff) are pleased to be back in their 'own' buildings. Our VCAL students have returned from Bundoora Secondary College and our Upper Primary students have moved in to their brand new building.

ANZAC Day is this Saturday and many of our classes have been engaging in activities relating to the spirit of Anzac with its human qualities of courage, mateship, and sacrifice. Colin will be escorting students to the special 100 Year ANZAC Commemorative Service conducted by the Banyule Council at Montmorency RSL on Friday. The School Captains will lay a wreath on behalf of Concord School.

Staffing

Due to an increase in student numbers an additional class has been formed in the Upper Primary area and it will commence next Monday. Correspondingly, the Secondary 7-8 area have decreased by one class due to a movement of students. The parents of all students affected by these movements will have been sent a letter explaining the new arrangements.

In other news, Stephen Kinrade has commenced in the Performing Arts position replacing Alix Boyton who is on Family Leave. Steele Denman has been appointed to replace Hayley Northridge when she commences Family Leave in week 4. The school community wishes Alix and Hayley well as they prepare for the arrival of their babies.

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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 **17th June 2015** 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 2015

Date	Event
Monday 18th May 2015	School Photos Bundoora Campus
Wednesday 20th May 2015	School Photos Watsonia Campus
Monday 8th June 2015	Queens Birthday Public Holiday - School closed
Tuesday 9th May 2015	Curriculum Day - Pupil free day, students not required at school

2014 Concord School Annual Report

The 2014 Concord School Annual Report can now be accessed through the school website at Our School/School Documents. This Annual Report informs parents/carers and the wider school community of the school's successes, activities and achievements throughout the previous year. <http://www.concordsch.vic.edu.au/>

Secondary Uniform: Wearing of the School Jumper

As Term 2 commences there is a chill in the air particularly in the mornings and the students are progressively wearing the winter uniform. The vibrant red in the Secondary jumper is particularly noticeable and parents/carers are reminded once again that the school jumper, and not the spray jacket, must be worn first with the formal uniform.

Please contact Deb Whiteway in the school office on 94673972 if you require the red (or charcoal for Year 11/12) woollen jumper, spray jacket and/or rugby jumper. Parents/carers whose circumstances may make it difficult to obtain a school uniform are asked to contact Colin Simpson (Assistant Principal) for assistance.

Careers Expo

On the evening of Wednesday 4th March, the Careers Expo was held in the gymnasium. This was a highly successful evening that provided families from Years 9-12 with the opportunity to discuss future options for their children with all relevant post school providers. We had representatives from over 25 post school service providers, such as TAFEs, Further Education and Training providers, Employment Services, Day Services, Individualised Services and respite care. Other support services to assist with travel training and independent living were also present. The National Disability Coordination Office provided comprehensive transition information booklets and local Council personnel and Workplace Learning Coordinators from the Local Learning and Employment Network provided information about employment opportunities.

It was a wonderful opportunity to explore all these options under one roof and the service providers also enjoyed catching up with each other. It was very pleasing also to see some of our 2014 exit students coming along to tell us how happy they are with their placements this year. Feedback was very positive and we look forward to conducting further parental engagement career conversation activities in the near future.

Thank you to Gaynor Martyn (Careers and Transitions Coordinator), in particular, as well as Annemarie Holmyard (Careers teacher), Warren Gaff (Team leader Secondary 11/12) and all staff who attended the evening.



Visitors from Malaysia

On Tuesday 17th March our school hosted 32 students, Principals and Education Department representatives from Malaysia for the afternoon.

As you can see by the photos, they enjoyed touring our school and seeing the strategies we use to educate and engage our students.



NDIS

It is important that our parents/carers understand the NDIS (Disability Services Consulting) how and what needs to be done to provide maximum benefit to your family. Please access the following link for information regarding this important scheme.

http://disabilityservicesconsulting.com.au/?utm_source=ActiveCampaign&utm_medium=email&utm_content=NDIS+Successful+Starts&utm_campaign=Newsletter+%231+Feb

Principal's Award

The Principal's Award goes to Sarah.

Sarah has been awarded the Principals Award for her willingness and ability to help other students with class work and in social settings. Sarah takes it upon herself to assist other students in the classroom and across the school by being a great leader to her peers.

Congratulations Sarah, you are a worthy recipient of the Principals' Award!

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

Jason Coningsby
Principal

President's Message

A School Council meeting was held on Monday 20th April.

The agenda items that were discussed at the meeting were:

Tour of Upper Primary Wing
Works to the Front of School
School Review
Presentation of 2014 Annual Report
Volunteers List
Hire of Facilities
Concord School Policies



Assistant Principals' Report

On the last Friday of Term 1 Concord School held a Blue Light Disco.



This idea came from one of our parents Gina Boothroyd and was embraced by staff at Concord School.



The Blue Light concept came into being in 1976 when a group of Police held a disco in Mooroolbark, Victoria.

Since then the Blue Light has become a key element in the Victoria Police "Pro-Active" strategy. Blue Light has been highly successful in providing alcohol and drug free entertainment for the youth of the metropolitan and country Victoria. More than 6 million children have attended the Blue Light Disco's.

Victoria has 41 disco's operating throughout the state at this time. Off duty Police and Civilians are involved in their supervision. Children have safe environment in which to enjoy themselves.

The disco was very successful and was supported by a fire engine and police car displays. Many thanks to officers Jamie Germantis and Timothy Forster of the Victoria Police and the CFA and to the Concord School FFA for donating the snacks and drinks.



DISCO

Kirrily Lamers, Colin Simpson and Kath Moore
Assistant Principals

Family and Friends Association

Mothers' Day Raffle: tickets are \$1 each, books of 5 tickets have been sent home with students. Donations of items for the hampers would still be greatly appreciated. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 8th May. Good luck and Happy Mothers' Day to all Mums!

Entertainment Books: these are available to purchase for \$65 per copy (\$13 of this amount goes fundraising) from the office at Bundoora campus.

Fundraiser for Term 2: The Spring Bulbs Pamphlets with order forms have been sent home and are due to be returned by 13th May. Completed orders will go home in the first week of June.

Our next meeting will be held on **Monday 4th May at 1.30pm** in the Conference Room at the Bundoora Campus.

New members are always welcome.

Sue Gibb
Secretary
Family and Friends Association



KITCHEN GARDEN

It has been an exciting start to Term 2 in the Kitchen Garden. The gardens grew so much over the holidays. We picked a huge amount of vegetables and herbs on the first day and sold them to staff. We had some visitors over the holidays in the form of caterpillars so we were searching through the cabbages all day and giving them to the chickens to gobble up.



Jane, Lynne and Roberta - Food Technology.



BOOK FAIR GRIMSHAW CAMPUS 2015

Tuesday 12th May to Monday 25th May

Our annual Concord School Scholastic Book Fair is being held to coincide with Education Week and will be run from **Tuesday 12th May to Monday 25th May.**

During the Book Fair all students at the main campus will have the opportunity to visit the Book Fair and to fill in a wish list of books they may want to purchase. These lists will be sent home for you to discuss with your children. Visiting the Book Fair will be like visiting a bookstore. Your children will discover an exciting range of children's literature. A child's life can be positively influenced by exposure to books.

All books purchased at the Book Fair will help raise funds to purchase more books for our school Library. Thank you for your continued support of this very important fund raising event for the library.

Catherine Ruhl
Librarian



Zalie from our Upper Primary section is currently participating in an Art Exhibition at Latrobe University, through the Olga Tennison Autism Research Centre.

Frame of Mind 2015 Exhibition Opening

Opening night was the 2nd April, World Autism Day. There were two speakers, Professor Cheryl Dissanayake, Director of the Olga Tennison Autism Research Centre, and Stuart Purves AM, Director Australian Galleries.

There are 7 artists who were chosen to display their work from Victoria and interstate, Zalie is the only child, the other artists are all adults.

This is a great achievement for Zalie and to make it even better, on opening night Zalie sold her first piece of artwork!!

We are very proud of her, and she is very pleased with herself.

The exhibition runs until 29th May, and can be viewed, Monday to Friday and Saturday's, at Writers Block at the Borchardt Library, Latrobe University, Bundoora. (which is opposite the Agora Theatre within Latrobe)



A Message from the School Nurse



Reminder: All school based

Influenza Vaccinations and

1st Round Year 7 Vaccinations (Human Papillomavirus & Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertusis (Whooping Cough) are scheduled for next **Tuesday 28th April 2015**.

Your child will only be vaccinated if you have indicated that you wish for your child to be vaccinated on the consent form and the completed form has been returned to school.

CHANGES TO THE SCHOOL IMMUNISATION PROGRAM FROM 2015

The human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine program for secondary school boys in Year 9 ceased in December 2014.

For one year only, in 2015, the diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (whooping cough) (dTp) vaccine program will be offered to secondary school students in Years 7, 8 and 9, in addition to the existing Year 10 program.

From 2016 the dTp vaccine, along with other free vaccines, will be offered to Year 7 students only. This transition will provide students with earlier protection from these diseases and simplify the vaccine program from 2016 onwards.

Tips to prepare your child for Immunisation:

Make sure they're well on the day. It's not recommended for anyone to receive a vaccination when they have a temperature of over 38.5 °C. The nurse will go through a checklist with them on the day to make sure it is okay for them to be vaccinated.

Make sure they don't miss out on the free vaccination. Make an appointment with your doctor as soon as possible if your child misses a school vaccination – that way the vaccine will still be free and they still get any future necessary doses at school.

Give them a good breakfast. This will help them to avoid feeling dizzy or dehydrated on the day of vaccination. Having extra snacks on hand can help too.

Make sure they wear something that is easy to pull up or down their arm. The needle goes into the top of their non-writing arm and only pierces the skin – it never goes anywhere near bones, which is what a lot of young people worry about.

Prepare them for the needle. Lots of young people feel really nervous and then wonder why they were so worked up afterwards when it turns out to be no big deal. Let them know it's okay to feel worried and there's plenty they can do about it.

Prepare them for a little bump or soreness afterwards. Sometimes after a needle their arm will hurt, look red, or have a small bump where the needle went in. This is normal and should go away in three or four days, but if you're worried, have a doctor check it out.

To learn more about the changes, the diseases, the vaccines, or how you can prepare your child for vaccination go to immunehero.health.vic.gov.au