

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. 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.



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 **27th May 2014** between the hours of **11.00am - 12.00pm**.

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

Principal's Report

3rd April 2014, Newsletter No. 5

End of Term

First term is nearly over and I am extremely pleased that the school has had an excellent start to the year. The students have been working productively and the behaviour has been of a very high standard.

This is a reminder that **students will be dismissed tomorrow (Friday 4th April) at 2.30pm**. Parents/carers will need to make arrangements to collect their students ½ hour earlier than the usual time (this includes those students travelling by school bus). **Term 2 will resume on Tuesday 22nd April.**



2013 Concord School Annual Report

The 2013 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/>

Whole School Assembly

We will have our first Whole School Assembly for 2014 tomorrow in the gymnasium at the Grimshaw Campus. This is always a fantastic event that brings our students together and gives them an opportunity to showcase their learning through presentations and performances. All parents/carers are most welcome to attend. We would love to see you there!

Official Concord School Facebook Page

The Concord School Official Facebook Page currently has 372 people who receive information and photos of the exciting events that occur within the school. In regard to the publication of student photos, the school refers to the parental permission relating to the 'School Website' on the school enrolment form. Please contact Julie, in the office, to advise if you gave permission for photos of your child to be on the school website but you do not wish for their photo to be on the Facebook page.

Year 7-12 Uniform: Wearing of the School Jumper

As the weather begins to get colder in Term 2, it is important that parents/carers are reminded of the the expectations in regard to the wearing of the school jumper. The school jumper, and not the spray jacket, must be worn first with the formal uniform.

As part of the Concord School Uniform Policy:

Formal Uniform

- the red (or charcoal for Transition students) woollen jumper is the first item that must be worn if the student is cold
- the spray jacket can then be worn over the red woollen jumper if the student is still cold

Sport Uniform

- only the spray jacket and/or rugby jumper are to be worn with the 'sport uniform' over the polo shirt
- the red woollen jumper, which is only part of the 'formal uniform', is not to be worn as it is easily torn and leads to excessive sweating when students are participating in physical activity

Please contact Deb Whiteway in the school office on 9467 3972 if you require the red (or charcoal) 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.

Coming Events for 2014

Date	Event
Friday 4th April 2014	Last day of term 1 - 2.30pm dismissal
Tuesday 22nd April 2014	First day of term 2
Friday 25th April 2014	Anzac Day - School closed

Careers Expo

On the evening of Wednesday 5th 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.

Thank you to Gaynor Martyn (Careers and Transitions Coordinator), in particular, as well as Warren Gaff, Helen Edmonds and all staff who attended the evening.

Principal's Award

The Principal's Award goes to Rebecca.

Rebecca is an outstanding student who has grown in confidence during her time in the Pathways Section. Rebecca always offers to run the Pathways Section Student Meeting and has learnt to speak clearly and confidently in front of a big audience. She is also a singer in the school band, and performs on stage in front of the entire school!

Well done Rebecca, it has been wonderful to see you grow into a lovely confident young lady.

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

Jason Coningsby
Principal

President's Message

A School Council meeting was held on Monday, 17th March.

The agenda items that were discussed at the meeting were:

- School Council Standing Orders and Protocols
- Election of the Office Bearers and Co-opted Members
- Signatories and Token Holders
- School Council Dates
- Hall Hire – Watsonia Baseball Club
- 2013 Annual Report
- 2014 Annual Implementation Plan
- Parent Payments 2014
- Concord School Policies



"Working together for our children"

Mark Lancaster
School Council President

Assistant Principals' Report

Term 1 has been such a busy and productive term at Concord School. We have already had three wonderful camping experiences where our students have worked to develop independent living skills, cooperated in group situations, respected boundaries and happily responded to all the challenges that they have come across.



Our staff has provided wonderful learning challenges for the students on camps and all students and staff have positively reported back about the experiences.

We have also had very successful events with the **Meet the Teacher** evening, the **Junior Section Family Barbeque** and last week's **SSG Meetings**. Both staff and parents have commented on how useful they found these evenings. These social and educational evenings assist us to really ensure that student education is not solely the responsibility of the school, but rather a group effort.

Many students and staff have utilised the wonderful Discovery Centre this term with many scientific explorations and technological exploits. The faces of students when explaining the steps of their scientific experiments, has been a real highlight of the term. We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing you all again on April 22nd for the start of the term.

Kirily Lamers, Colin Simpson and Kath Moore
Assistant Principals

Family and Friends Association

Entertainment Books: The Entertainment Books will arrive at school very soon and are now available to purchase for \$65 each with \$13 going to our school.

Mother's Day Raffle: The Family and Friends Association would be grateful for any donations of new items towards the Mothers' Day hampers.

Next Meeting is being held on Monday 5th May at 1.30pm in the Conference Room at the Grimshaw Campus.

New Members always welcome!

Sue Gibb
Secretary
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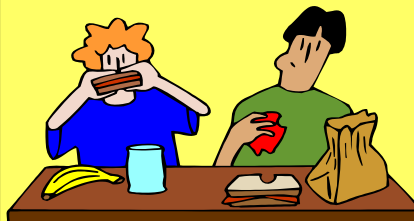
Canteen News

The Canteen operates on Tuesdays and Thursdays!
(at the Grimshaw campus only)

Please remember to have your child's name and room number clearly marked on the outside of the bag, along with the order and correct monies if possible. Price lists are available from the main office.

Canteen will operate on Tuesday 22nd April as normal.

Ann Park - Canteen Manager



Community News



Northern ASD Network

Information On Autism for Grandparents & Friends

Are you a Grandparent or Special friend of a
young child with Autism?

Would you like to know more about
Autism Spectrum Disorders / Asperger Syndrome?

Some of the areas for discussion will be.....

- What is Autism?
- How can I communicate with the young child with Autism?
- How can I help with some of the difficult behaviours?

When: Tuesday 29th April
6.30 pm to 8.30 pm

Cost: \$5 per person

Where: EPIC—
Early Childhood Intervention Program
RMIT University, West Campus
Building 217
McKimmies Road
Bundoora Mel: 9 K9

Bookings: Jenny Orso at Kalparrin on 9435 8311
Mon-Thu 9.00am—3.30pm

*Note : Refunds will not be provided for
cancellations*

Siblings in Sync



Create
and record
music
together

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Special Needs Access Program for Families

AGES
5 - 10

Siblings in Sync is a unique and innovative school holiday program for children with disabilities and their siblings.

It aims to:

- Foster relationships between siblings
- Provide positive shared experiences
- Give children the opportunity to express themselves
- Communicate with their sibling through creative music-making

The session is run by two Registered Music Therapists and will be tailored to suit the individual needs of participants within a small group.

Participants will have the opportunity to:

- Create music together
- Use music technology (including The Special Access Kit)

A music therapist will be in contact with you prior to your session commencing to obtain relevant information in order to plan for individual needs.

All participants must be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the sessions.

Venue: Arts Centre Melbourne, Digital Learning Hub

Times: 11am

Dates: Tuesday 8 April or Thursday 10 April

Duration: 60 mins

Cost: \$25 per family

Bookings:

For more information or to book, phone (03) 9281 8194, or email snap@artscentremelbourne.com.au

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Anonymous
Miss Betty Amsden OAM
Mrs Barbara Haynes
The Pratt Foundation

Music Therapy is the planned and creative use of music to attain and maintain health and wellbeing. It may address physical, psychological, emotional, cognitive and social needs of individuals within a therapeutic relationship. Music Therapy is a registered allied health profession.

SENSORY FRIENDLY LUNA PARK MELBOURNE



WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY



HELP RAISE AWARENESS...

and show your support for families and individuals living with Autism Spectrum Disorder

\$10

Per person!
9am-11am

9am-11am Luna Park, tickets \$10 each includes entry & unlimited rides

- ▶ Sensory friendly: sound & lighting reduced, quiet area available, understanding staff, rides stopped if necessary
- ▶ Heaps of fun activities, rides & entertainment!
- ▶ T-shirts and awareness merchandise for sale on the day
- ▶ Food, expos, music, magician, entertainers and much more
- ▶ Don't forget to wear blue to help raise awareness!
- ▶ 11.00am Dove Release in O'Donnell Gardens

TICKETS AT
WWW.AMAZE.ORG.AU/WAAD

