

## 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

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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 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

1st May 2014, Newsletter No. 6

It was an unusual beginning to the term with a three day school week due to Easter Monday and ANZAC Day. It is wonderful to see our students at school again and back into the rhythm of the school term. The one thing constant at Concord School is that the staff are striving to improve the academic and social achievements of our students and that in their own way each student is embracing the challenges that are presented.



Many of our classes have been engaged in activities relating to ANZAC Day. An excellent interview was conducted with Paul McCrohan a Vietnam Veteran last week in the Discovery Centre's Radio Station. Paul was interviewed by a small group of Pathways students and your child may find listening to this a valuable learning experience. The podcast can be accessed through the School Website/Downloads.

The Discovery Centre's MILE (Multisensory Interactive Learning Environment) Room has also been transformed to provide an educational experience for all students in relation to the themes of ANZAC Day.



### Whole School Assembly

On the final day of term 1 our first whole school assembly for the year was held in the gym at the Grimshaw Campus. Once again this was a fantastic event that brought our students together and gave them an opportunity to showcase their learning through presentations and performances. It was wonderful to see so many parents/carers at the assembly. Congratulations to all members of the Student Representative Council who were presented with their badges.

### School Band

A highlight of the assembly was a performance by our school band, now known as Unbroken (see logo below), who covered 'Diamonds' by Rihanna. This performance will have already been viewed by many of you as it was uploaded onto the school's facebook page.

The band features Nicole, Rebecca and Chelsea who share lead vocals, Nick on bass, Chris and Dom on guitar, Daniel on drums and Lauren on keyboards. The band was joined for this performance by Zara who performed a keyboard solo. The band have been performing for one year and practice each Thursday at lunchtime under the expert tutelage of Justin Hall, a Pathways teacher who is a proficient performer himself. They have a number of original songs and are currently writing another for their next performance at the whole school assembly early in term 3.

**UNBROKEN**

### Coming Events for 2014

Date	Event
Monday 19th May 2014	School Photos - Grimshaw Campus
Wednesday 21st May 2014	School Photos - Junior Campus
Monday 9th June 2014	Queen's Birthday Holiday - School closed

## Year 7-12 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) 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.

## Principal's Award

The Principal's Award goes to Daniel.

Daniel is a conscientious and hard-working young man who treats all of his teachers and fellow students with respect. Over his time in the Transition Section he has improved his confidence and is now more willing to interact in group activities and team orientated tasks. His work in his VCAL studies is always his best effort and he is demonstrating a willingness to try new things and persist at tasks that present a significant challenge to him, especially those that take him out of his comfort zone.

Congratulations on all of your efforts Daniel.

Keep up the good work!

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

Jason Coningsby  
Principal

## President's Message

A School Council meeting was held on Monday 28th April.

The agenda items that were discussed at the meeting were:

- Tour of Discovery Centre
- Confirmed Student Resource Package (Masterplan)
- Bus Purchase
- Volunteers List
- VRQA Requirements
- Concord School Policies
- School Council Meeting Date



*"Working together for our children"*

Mark Lancaster  
School Council President

## Assistant Principals' Report

### Two Years On: Concord School Uniform Years 7-12

This week marks the two years since we introduced our new uniform for students in years 7 to 12 and it is perhaps timely to remind parents and staff of our rationale for the change of uniform.



The previous uniform was casual, inconsistently worn by students, purchased from a variety of sources,

allowed several styles and colour variations and wearing of this uniform was exceptionally difficult to monitor. It was essentially a primary school uniform.

The group reviewing the uniform considered that a new uniform would assist in defining Concord School's identity within the community; increase students sense of belonging; provide greater opportunity to build school spirit; assist in promoting a sense of equal opportunity and reinforce the perception of the school as an ordered, safe environment. Importantly, we wanted to promote positive community perceptions of special schools. We have high learning and behaviour expectations of Concord School students and we also believe that they should dress just like other secondary students whether they be from Reservoir High, Loyola College or Mill Park Lakes SC.

After consultation with staff, parents, students and other schools we developed our current formal and sports uniforms. The response from students was extremely positive and comments such as *"I now look like my brother does in the mornings"* were typical. Furthermore, our students felt that when they were out in the community or travelling home on public transport they did not stand out as in the past. To assist in the changeover we subsidised the first time purchase, we continue to make every effort to keep costs down and run the uniform shop at a financial loss rather than charge our own mark up. We have enjoyed a very high level of compliance and we wish to thank all parents and carers who make the effort to send their child to school looking their best in the correct uniform.



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. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 9th May. Good luck and Happy Mothers' Day to all the Mums!

**Grimshaw Campus Footy Day** is Tuesday 6th May. FFA will provide a free Sausage Roll, Pie or Hotdog to all students at Grimshaw Campus. Order forms have been sent home, please ensure these are returned by Friday 2nd May.

**Entertainment Books** are now available to purchase for \$65 per copy with \$13 going to our School. There is a copy at the office if anyone would like to look at the book prior to purchasing.

**Fundraiser for Term 2** will be Billy G's Cookie Dough. More information and order forms will be sent home soon.

Our **next meeting** will be held on **Monday 5th May at 1.30pm** in the Conference Room at the Grimshaw Campus.

New Members always welcome!

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



## Canteen News

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

Please note the Canteen at Grimshaw Campus will not be operating on Tuesday 6th May as the students at Grimshaw Campus have 'Football Day'. The 'Family and Friends Association' are providing a free lunch for 'Football Day' consisting of either a pie, large sausage roll or hot dog to all students and staff.

### A MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

Welcome back all! I hope you are all well rested after the Easter break and ready for a new school term.

**For those with nut allergies** – a word of caution of some recent recalls, as reported on the Allergy and Anaphylaxis Australia website:

<http://www.allergyfacts.org.au>



I would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents of students diagnosed with Allergies to ensure they have provided the school with an appropriate updated ASCIA Action Plan, completed by the child's doctor within the 12 months.

Please advise the School of any change in circumstances, including any changes in the diagnosis and treatment of your child's medical condition/s.

For further information relating to this matter please contact me on 9467 3972 between 9am & 4pm.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Keep well and stay safe  
Rosemary Van Aperen  
School Nurse  
Concord School

### Tree Nut Alert 9th April 2014

**Food Product:** Chocolate Easter Eggs

**Brand Name:** Coles Easter Eggs

**Best before date:** 31/01/2015

**APN/EAN/TUN Number:** 9300601572762

**Pack Description:** 12 eggs in clear plastic egg crate (various coloured foils) 204g

**Country of Origin:** Australia

**Distribution:** National

**Reason for Recall:** Undeclared tree nuts

**Company Responsible:** Heritage Chocolates (product sold as Coles product)

**For Recall Information:** 1800 061 562

### Tree Nut Alert 10/04/14

**Food Product:** Chocolate Easter Eggs

**Brand Name:** Coles Easter Eggs

**Best before date:** All best before dates up to and including 31/01/2015

**APN/EAN/TUN Number:**

1. 9300601776948

2. 9300601005253

**Pack Description:**

1. Coles Brand Milk Chocolate Easter Bag - Milk Chocolate Bunny & Hollow Eggs 300g Bag

2. Coles Brand 30 Easter Eggs Milk Chocolate Hollow Eggs 510g bag

**Country of Origin:** Australia

**Distribution:** National

**Reason for Recall:** Undeclared tree nuts

**Company Responsible:** Heritage Chocolates (products sold as Coles product)

**For Recall Information:** 1800 061 562

### Tree Nut Alert 11th April 2014

#### Tree Nut Alert

**Food Product:** Chocolate Easter Eggs

**Brand Name:** Coles Easter Eggs

**Best before date:** All best before dates up to and including 31/01/2015 **APN/EAN/TUN Number:**

1. 9300601572748

2. 9300601572779

**Pack Description:**

1. Coles Brand Chocolate Standing Easter Bunny, assorted designs, 125g

2. Coles Brand Hollow Chocolate Egg 125g, assorted foil colours

**Country of Origin:** Australia

**Distribution:** National

**Reason for Recall:** Undeclared tree nuts

**Company Responsible:** Heritage Chocolates (products sold as Coles product through Coles and BI-LO stores)

**For Recall Information:** 1800 061 562

**Note:** All 5 Coles Easter products recalled this week were made in Australia by the same supplier. Coles now has no Coles brand Easter chocolate from this supplier on their shelves nationwide.



# Community News



## **PRESENTS... SOCCER PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

DOC Football Academy is happy to announce that they will be running a soccer program for children with special needs in Term 2 of 2014.

Fun for all the kids with loads of skill games and plenty of exercise. Your child will have a ball with this soccer program.

**Venue:** Eltham College, 1660 Main Road, Research.

**Date:** 26th April – 28th June 2014

**Time:** Saturdays 11am – 12pm.

**Cost:** \$180.00 for 10 weeks

**If you are interested and would like to register or have any questions, please email David at: [doc@docfootballacademy.com](mailto:doc@docfootballacademy.com) or ring 0402 520 888.**

Check out our website: [www.docfootball.com](http://www.docfootball.com)

See us on Facebook, go to: **DOC Football Academy**



The Commonwealth Respite and Carelink Centre/ CarerLinks North Disability and Program for Ageing Carers present

# Carer Health and Wellbeing Expo

The expo will provide you with the opportunity to receive guidance from services on managing stress, healthy eating, family relationships, general physical health and exercise.

Wednesday, 7 May 2014

10.00am to 1pm

Darebin Arts Entertainment Centre  
387 Bell St, Preston VIC 3072



Local services will include:

- Local councils
- Community / Neighbourhood Houses
- YMCA's
- Family Relationship Support for Carers and many others!

With presentations from:

- Carers Victoria at 11:00am
- Melbourne City Mission Northern Parent Support Program at 12:00pm

RSVP by Thursday, 1 May 2014. Please call the Disability Team on 1800 052 222 to let us know if you need help with taxi vouchers or respite on the day.





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