

## 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

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

15th May 2014, Newsletter No. 7

On behalf of the school staff and our students, I wish all the mothers within our school community a wonderful Mothers' Day for last Sunday. Life these days is a constant whirl of trying to juggle the demands of work, social activities and particularly, raising your children. Congratulations to all mothers for the work that you do each day for your families.



**Please remember that there are two days early in June when your child is not required at school. There is a public holiday on Monday 9th June and a school Curriculum Day on the following day, Tuesday 10th June.**

### Education Week

Education Week will be celebrated next week and this year the theme is 'Scientists do amazing things'. Since the opening of the Discovery Centre, students have regularly been using the Science Zone to conduct fascinating experiments and find out more about our world. To celebrate Education Week at Concord School, we are inviting parents/carers, family and friends to an Open Morning to share in their child's regular activities in the classroom.

The Open Morning times are:

Tuesday 20th May (Grimshaw Campus): 9.00–10.30am

Friday 23rd May (Junior Campus): 9.00–10.15am

On Friday 23rd May from 11.00am–12.00pm, Kirrily Lamers will conduct a tour of the Grimshaw Campus for interested parents/carers, family, friends and community members, in particular Junior Section parents/carers whose children will be moving to the Middle Section in 2015.



### School Photos

School photos will be taken on Monday 19th May for the Grimshaw Campus and Wednesday 21st May for the Junior Campus. On the day students must bring the envelope supplied with payment enclosed. You will be informed when the photos are ready and they will be sent home with your child.

### Footy Day

Last Tuesday, 6th May, we held our school Footy Day. We were very fortunate to have three Carlton footballers (Matthew Kreuzer #8, Sam Rowe #17 and Levi Casbault #41) come and visit Concord School to conduct Footy Clinics with our students. Other highlights of the day were the 'Footy Parade', a free lunch for all students kindly provided by the Family and Friends Committee and a series of touch football matches played in the afternoon. Thank you very much to Jess Fitzsimons and Justin Hall for organising this special day.

Photos of the visit from the Carlton footballers can be viewed on the school facebook page at [facebook.com/concordschoolvictoria](https://www.facebook.com/concordschoolvictoria).

### 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
Tuesday 10th June 2014	Curriculum Day—Students not required at School

## Principal's Award

The Principal's Award goes to Callum.

It has been so good to see how confident Callum has become in the classroom and playground. With support, he makes contributions to class discussions, likes to demonstrate his skills to the group and is producing some very good work. Callum is highly engaged by technology and is able to use this to demonstrate his skills and learning. He loves reading and writing numbers, reading his reader and colouring.

Well done Callum!

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

**Jason Coningsby**  
Principal

## Assistant Principals' Report

Regular attendance at school is an important part of every student's success and is necessary in order to gain the greatest benefit from the learning opportunities offered at Concord School. Students who are frequently absent from school miss class based learning, direct instruction, regular contact with their teachers and socialisation opportunities with their peers.



### Students are expected to:

- attend school at all times when the school is open for instruction
  - arrive on time to school and to every class
  - provide a written explanation from their parents/carers to their teachers when they have been absent from school
  - remain on the school premises during school time unless they have the permission to leave from both the school and their parents/carers
  - work cooperatively with the school to develop personal attendance improvement goals and strategies when their attendance has been inconsistent.
- Did you know?**
- Missing one day of school each week adds up to 2 months missed over a year.
  - Each day absent in school has an impact on literacy and numeracy skills.
  - Poor attendance may be associated with future unemployment, criminal activity, substance abuse, and poorer health and life expectancy.

### What can you do?

- Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day, make that the expectation. Regular attendance at school sets up good behaviours for regular attendance at work.
- Help your teenager maintain daily routines and get a good night's sleep. On average, teenagers need 8-9 hours sleep to be healthy and alert. You should also monitor their use of the Internet, mobile phone and TV at night to ensure they are not staying up too late or being disturbed while sleeping.
- Try not to schedule hair, dental or medical appointments during school hours.
- Don't let your teenager stay home unless genuinely sick. Complaints of headaches or stomach aches may be signs of anxiety.

• Be sure to set a good example – how you meet your commitments impacts on how they will meet theirs.

• Talk to your teenager. What are their feelings about school? What interests them at school? Are there any difficult situations? It helps if you open these discussions in a relaxed way so that your teenager knows you are demonstrating concern, not authority.

**Kirriy Lamers, Colin Simpson and Kath Moore**  
Assistant Principals

## Family and Friends Association

Congratulations to the following **Mothers' Day Raffle** prize winners:

1. Zac - SKH
2. Joel - JKL
3. Dakota - PDR
4. Adam - TSH
5. Leon - MDJ
6. Sue - Concord School staff member

We raised approximately \$500 from the **Mothers' Day Raffle**. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets and donated goods for the raffle. Funds raised were used to purchase items for the **Footy Day Lunch** and the remainder will be put towards the Staff Morning Tea being provided by FFA on Thursday May 22.

Fundraiser for Term 2 is **Billy G's Cookie Dough**. Order forms have now been sent home. Orders are due back by Friday 23rd May, gluten free Cookie Dough is also now available.

**Entertainment Books** are still available - \$65 each with \$13 going to our School.

Our **next meeting** will be held on **Monday 2nd June** at 1.30pm 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.

**Ann Park - Canteen Manager**



## Community News

# Jamming at Jets

For most, Monday nights play out as a quiet night in front of the television..... But not these students below from Concord School. Jets' Monday Night Rock Stars are usually throwing themselves into music with abandon.

Jets is a multifunctional creative arts youth facility that provides state-of-the-art mixing and recording equipment, studio and rehearsal rooms, video production suites as well as a sizeable lounge/workspace. It's basically heaven for musicians, DJs, VJs, actors, artists or anyone wanting to exercise their creative arts muscles. Young people of all backgrounds, abilities and orientations utilise the Bundoora creative hub. It also facilitates a range of activities to provide respite for parents and carers of young people aged 13 to 25 with a disability, resourced and funded by Banyule Council and the Department of Human Services. Monday Night Rock Stars is one such program that welcomes a band of budding musicians and oodles of talent and energy. Jets Arts Respite Officer Nicholas Ogburn said the space allowed creativity to blossom while also developing social skills. For program details and more information, visit [www.banyuleyouth.com/jets](http://www.banyuleyouth.com/jets) or call 9098 8000.





## FREE PARENTING SUPPORT GROUPS



Parents of children with a developmental delay or a disability, aged 2 to 12 years, are eligible for free parenting support as part of the Stepping Stones Triple P Project.

Monash University is running free parenting groups in the Stepping Stones Triple P – Positive Parenting Program for parents or caregivers of children with a developmental delay or disability.

Parents will learn skills and strategies to promote child development, teaching new skills, and managing difficult behaviours.

If you are interested in participating in this project and receiving free parenting support, please contact the research team:

E: [med-steppingstones@monash.edu](mailto:med-steppingstones@monash.edu)

T: (03) 9905 0258 or (03) 9905 0154

Web: [www.triplep-steppingstones.net](http://www.triplep-steppingstones.net)



### Stepping Stones Seminar Series

Seminars tackle the most common issues for parents of children with a disability. Each seminar lasts 90 minutes and you can do one, two or all three in the series. The topics covered are Positive Parenting for Children with a Disability; Helping your Child Reach their Potential; and Changing Problem Behaviour into Positive Behaviour.

### Primary Care Stepping Stones

This is a brief, personal and tailored way to get your Stepping Stones support. You'll meet with a practitioner for about four sessions of between 15 and 30 minutes each time, tackling one or two specific behaviours or issues you're concerned about. You could target anything from your child's fears and anxiety to mealtime dramas or toilet training problems.

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### Standard Stepping Stones

This is more in-depth and is recommended for families with significant problems at home. There are 8–10 personal consultations with a trained practitioner who'll help you develop a wide range of positive parenting skills. Each session takes about an hour. When you've finished Standard Stepping Stones you should feel confident enough to tackle just about any difficult parenting issue.

### Triple P Self-Help Workbook

Between caring for your child with a disability and juggling the demands of daily life, you may be too busy or live too far away to join a group parenting session or see a practitioner one-on-one. Over about 10 sessions, a self-help workbook will show you how to teach your child new skills and manage common behavioural and developmental issues.





## PLENTY VALLEY AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP

# Plenty Valley Autism Support Group

## Auction/Market Fundraiser

**Where** Plenty Valley Church  
5/9 Danaher Drive South Morang

**When** Saturday June 14th at 7.30pm  
Cafe open for coffee & cake from 6.45pm

**Cost** Gold coin donation for entry  
Face painting \$3

No babysitter?  
Bring the kids, they can watch a movie.  
(Included in gold coin donation)



Find us on Facebook:  
Search for "Plenty Valley  
Autism Support Group"







# Winter 2014

Monday 30th June - Friday 11th July

**Quality Care** for primary school aged children with high support needs

## Program of Events

### Monday 30th June

Swimming, Shopping, Art & Craft



### Tuesday 1st July

Excursion - Northcote Town Hall - Magic Festival



### Wednesday 2nd July

Swimming, Pyjama Day, Cooking Muffins



### Thursday 3rd July

Artist Incursion, Swimming, Ball Games



### Friday 4th July

Excursion - Disney on Ice, Music Session



### Monday 7th July

Swimming, Music, Cooking Honey Joys, Cultural Art



### Tuesday 8th July

Incursion - Crazy Hair Day Party, Swimming, & Games



### Wednesday 9th July

Sensory Play, Sh'Bam, Swimming & Books



### Thursday 10th July

Excursion - Dizzy's Castle, Parachute Games



### Friday 11th July

Swimming, Books, Obstacle Course



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# Winter 2014

Monday 30th June - Friday 11th July

**Quality Care** for secondary school aged young people with high support needs

## Program of Events

### Monday 30th June

Swimming, Shopping, Art & Craft



### Tuesday 1st July

Excursion - Northcote Town Hall - Magic Festival



### Wednesday 2nd July

Swimming, Party Games, Cooking Pasta Bake



### Thursday 3rd July

Incursion - Building Billy Karts, Swimming, Outside Play



### Friday 4th July

Swimming, Cultural Art Activities



### Monday 7th July

Incursion - Crazy Hair Day Party, Swimming, Skate Park



### Tuesday 8th July

Swimming, Art & Craft, Outside Play



### Wednesday 9th July

Excursion - Glow in the Dark Mini Golf



### Thursday 10th July

Swimming, Outside Play, Cooking Coconut Balls



### Friday 11th July

Outside Play, Art & Craft, Swimming



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