

Principal's Report and News

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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
Friday 22nd May 2015	Tour of Bundoora Campus 11.00am - 12.00pm
Monday 1st June 2015	Community Forums - Bundoora Campus 9.15am or 5.30pm
Monday 8th June 2015	Queens Birthday Public Holiday - School closed
Tuesday 9th June 2015	Curriculum Day - Pupil free day, students not required at school
Thursday 18th June 2015	Secondary Spectacular - 1.30pm in Gymnasium
Wednesday 24th June 2015	Footy Day - Bundoora campus only
Friday 26th June 2015	End of Term 2 - 2.30pm dismissal

Photography for Website

On Monday we had our official school photos taken at the Bundoora Campus however these were not the only photos being taken. The school is in the process of redeveloping our website so it is functional, attractive and of the highest quality. We had a professional photographer at our school for the day taking photos of students of all ages, including some who came up from the Watsonia Campus, engaged in a variety of activities. Some of the students were naturals in front of the camera and most thoroughly enjoyed the experience. We will let you know when our new website goes 'live'.

Staff News

Two of our staff have recently given birth to baby boys. Congratulations to Alix Boyton, who welcomed Oscar Thomas Boyton into the world on 3rd May, and Jaimi Samson who celebrated the arrival of Callum Kristopher Samson on 6th May, Alix and Jaimi are both doing well and we look forward to them visiting in the future.

Sick Students

This is the time of the year when many of our students are sick through catching the flu or a virus. Parents/carers, **I ask that you make every effort to keep your child at home until they are well.** I know that this may cause hardship, especially if you are a working parent, but keep in mind that if your child is sick and is sent to school, then others including staff may pick up this infection/illness.

Parking at the Front of the School

This is a reminder that **parents/carers are not to park at the front of the school, or pull up on the front driveway, between the hours of 8.30-9.15am and 2.30-3.15pm.** The school buses park on the driveway during this time and it is extremely dangerous for our students if cars are also parked on the driveway. Additional car parking is available on Gleeson Drive and at the back of the school.

Principal's Award

The Principal's Award goes to Ryan.

Ryan from PRA has been selected to receive a Principal's award to recognise the hard work and improvement he has made. Ryan always tries very hard to do his best with all academic tasks. He is contributing more to class discussion and has progressed with his number and word knowledge. Ryan is a good friend to others and always follows school rules.

Well done Ryan, you are a worthy recipient of the Principal's award.

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

Jason Coningsby
Principal

President's Message

A School Council meeting was held on Monday 18th May. The agenda items that were discussed at the meeting were:

- Confirmed SRP and Budget
- School Review – Organise Community Forum
- Volunteers List
- Concord School Policies
- Request for Use of Facilities



Thank you to Tammy Johnstone (Vice President) who chaired this month's meeting in my absence.

"Working together for our children"

Mark Lancaster
School Council President

Assistant Principals' Report

What a big few weeks we have had at Concord School. This week was Education week and our students focussed on cracking the code in Maths. Parents and family members had the opportunity to visit their child in their classroom and experience a morning at Concord School. This morning was great fun and everyone involved was happy to see what goes on in the classroom. Students were also treated to some special cracking the code events throughout the week. Some used technology to code robots while others looked for codes within Math challenges. All in all our students had great success with cracking the code and are starting to develop an understanding of the use of Maths in the real world.



Preparations for the Secondary Spectacular are well under way and the excitement of the 7-8 students and staff has been extreme. Walking through the corridors many students ask if we are going to 'The Spectacular' and their sense of pride when they talk about this achievement is wonderful.

The SRC have been involved this week in our strategic planning for the future. We have given the students a voice and asked what they think of Concord School and the response has been extremely positive. This comes on the back of the students attitude to school survey where students from Year 5-12 were surveyed about their feelings at school. We await the results of this survey as we plan for the future.

Kirrily Lamers, Colin Simpson and Kath Moore
Assistant Principals

Family and Friends Association

Thank you for the donations for the **Mothers' Day raffle**. The winners of the raffle were: Brittany M (SCI), Alex L (SJF), Shania EL (SMD), Tristan F (PCO), Lachlan S (PKO), Sean D (SGJ). Congratulations to all the winners.

Entertainment books are available to purchase in either a hard copy or digital copy. The books are \$65 each with \$13 going to our School. Thank you to those who have already purchased a book.

Our next meeting is being held on **Monday 1st June at 1.30pm** at Bundoora Campus.

New members always welcome.

Sue Gibb
Secretary
Family and Friends Association



Second Hand School Uniform

If you have second hand school uniform at home that no longer fits your child the school would welcome any donations of the primary uniform or secondary uniform.

Please send the uniform donations to Deb Whiteway in the administration office Bundoora campus.

Thank you

Australian Government Assistance for National Capital Excursion

This year 9 Year 11 students from our school went on an educational tour of the National Capital. While on this tour they participated in a variety of educational programmes focused on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist you (the parent) in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$30 per eligible student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) programme toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution will be paid directly to the **school upon completion of the excursion.**

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program.



Vegetables from the Food Technology Garden

This term the year 7 and 8's are working on eating different coloured fruit and vegetables. Last week we designed our own salad (Green Week) using the lettuce, parsley and capsicums from the garden.

This week we cooked delicious pumpkin scones (Orange Week) using the pumpkins that were grown by the Secondary 11 and 12 group at Kevin Heinz.

Next week is Red Week!



Canteen News

The Canteen operates on Tuesdays and Thursdays!

A price list is available from the main office.

Please remember to have your child's name and class clearly marked on the outside of the bag, along with the order and correct monies if possible.

Concord School is committed to providing a healthy canteen.

Ann Park
Canteen Manager



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

NEW FOOD PYRAMID REFLECTS A CHANGE IN EATING HABITS

Nutrition Australia has updated its iconic Healthy Eating Pyramid for the first time in 15 years



The new pyramid provides clearer advice on the five core food groups we should aim to eat every day for a healthy and balanced diet.

A Message from the School Nurse



HEALTHY EATING

The simplest way to eat healthier is to cut down on junk food and sugary drinks and to eat mostly from the core food groups – especially to eat more fruit and vegetables.

The previous pyramid grouped all foods in three layers: The 'eat most' layer containing plant-based foods (fruit, vegetables, grains, nuts and legumes); the 'eat moderately' layer containing dairy foods (and dairy alternatives) and meat (and meat alternatives); and a small top layer with added fats and sugars.

The new pyramid separates each layer into the five specific food groups, to provide clearer information about how much each one contributes to a balanced diet.

Plant-based foods still take up the largest amount of space, with fruit, vegetables and legumes in the bottom layer, followed by grain foods, then moderate amounts of dairy and protein foods (lean meat, poultry, fish, eggs, nuts, seeds and legumes) and finally small amounts of healthy fats.

The new pyramid also encourages **drinking more water, limiting salt and added sugar**, and to enjoy herbs and spices to flavour foods without using salt.

Australia's changing dietary patterns are reflected in the new pyramid, with a wider range of foods included within each group. The grains food group now includes quinoa and soba noodles and the dairy section includes soy milk to represent calcium-fortified dairy alternatives.

As well as being a reflection of changing dietary patterns, including a wider range of foods, it is an important way to encourage greater variety in the diet.

Keep Well & Stay Safe

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Community Forum Reply Slip

Name: _____ Number of attendees: _____

☐ I/We will be attending the 9.15am session.

☐ I/We will be attending the 5.30pm session.

☐ I/We will require child minding services for _____ children.

Community News

LETS HELP BEN

Family Fundraiser Event

Ben has Muscular Dystrophy and needs some help to purchase a ceiling hoist and make his bathroom wheelchair friendly

Where: Concord School 411 Grimshaw Street
Bundoora

When: Saturday 13th June from 12-4pm

Raffle tickets \$2 or 3 for \$5
Sausage sizzle \$2
Cupcakes \$4

Some of the products to purchase
Herbalife
Chantik jewellery
Intimo
Tupperware
Lorraine lea linen
Nutri metics

Contact Kellie on 0417 694 494 for more info