

Principal's Report and News

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Principal's Report

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End of Term

I have been extremely pleased with our students and the progress they have made during Term 2. While particular students will always require extra support, the behaviour of our students over the term has generally been excellent. We are constantly attempting to engage our students and improve what we do in this area.

I would like to thank the staff for their hard work over this term and wish the students a safe and happy vacation break. I look forward to seeing you all on **Monday 13th July** when we return to school to commence Term 3.

The students finish school next Friday. Parents/carers are to note that on this day **school will finish at 2.30pm**. Please make arrangements to pick your child up **30 minutes earlier** than the normal time if you are collecting them from a bus stop.



Staffing News

We have three staff members leaving Concord School at the end of this term.

Chris Cunneen is retiring after 19 years of dedicated service to our school. Chris has positively influenced the lives of hundreds of students and is an extremely hard working and diligent member of staff. Chris was a classroom teacher and has spent the last few years providing Literacy Support to the students in the Upper Primary area.

Kaleigh Hughey has worked at our school for the past 2 ½ years in the Secondary 7/8 and Lower Primary areas of the school. Kaleigh is returning home to Canada having established herself as a highly skilled and personable member of staff. We hope that Kaleigh will be back to work with us again in the future.

Vanessa Murray has been working in the Speech Pathology role within the Upper Primary area for the past year replacing Emma Lorenzin who has been travelling overseas. As Emma is returning we say farewell to Vanessa who has performed exceptionally well and will be missed.

AFL Holiday Program

The AFL are hosting a Footy Fun Day **especially for students of Concord School** (aged 5-14 years) in the school holidays between **9am-12pm on Wednesday 1st July**. If this day is successful the AFL will look at conducting Auskick sessions specifically for students of our school and surrounding Special Schools. Please support his event if your child enjoys footy and would like to keep active in the holidays. Please see the flyer later in this newsletter with registration details.

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)



CANTEEN NEWS

CANTEEN CLOSED TERM 3: WEEK 1

A new group of VCAL students will be starting their work in canteen for semester 2 and need to research hospitality workplaces on their computers to cover some of their Work Related Skills outcomes. Canteen therefore will be closed the **Tuesday 14th July** and **Thursday 15th July** in the **first week of term 3**.

Sorry for any inconvenience.

Ann Park - Canteen Manager

Coming Events for 2015

Date	Event
Wednesday 24th June 2015	Footy Day - Bundoora campus only
Friday 26th June 2015	End of Term 2 - 2.30pm dismissal
Monday 13th July 2015	Term 3 commences - students return to school

Landscaping to Front of School

The front of the school, between the administration building and the front of the school (Bundoora Campus), will be landscaped next term over a period of 6-8 weeks.

Visitors to the school often become lost attempting to find the main office as it is set back a long way from the front of the school. There is no 'entrance' to the school and the pathways do not provide for efficient movement.

The work will encompass the replanting of trees, reconstruction of paths and construction of an entrance to the school. The fence at the front of the school will be replaced and will be the height of the fence at the side and back of the school to provide greater security for our students.

New Newsletter Format

The school will soon be publishing the school newsletter through **iNewsletter**. This will provide a far more attractive and functional newsletter. The features include being able to click on and enlarge photos, view video and use an index to move automatically to your page of choice. It will format perfectly on computer, iPad and the mobile phone.

Please check it out at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fZ4kOsK2Cj0&feature=youtu.be> or www.inewsletter.co

Year 12 Parents – Post School Options

As the year is progressing quickly, I would like to take the opportunity to remind the families of our Year 12 students to keep up the work that you are doing in identifying a post school option for your son or daughter. It is critical that families maintain this as we all desire the same outcome, a smooth transition from school to a post school option. I have listed below some tasks for families to undertake in order to support a successful transition from school.

- Have a discussion with your son or daughter to find out what they would like to do
- Attend all planning meetings with school staff
- Attend any Expo, Tour or Information Session that is recommended or organised by the school
- Gather information about post school options that you may be interested in (websites, information given out by the school, discussions with a family who has a young adult currently attending the service, phone contact)
- Contact and visit any post school options that you may be interested in with your son or daughter
- Keep the school informed as this is critical to the planning partnership

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact **Gaynor Martyn** (Careers and Transitions Coordinator) or **Warren Gaff** (Secondary 11/12 Team Leader) at the Bundoora Campus.

Sign In at Office When Arriving Late or Leaving Early

When students arrive at school after 9.00am or leave earlier than 3.00pm they are required to sign in or out at the office by filling out the 'Late Arrival' or 'Early Leavers' book. This should occur whether the students are with a parent/carer or not. This helps us keep track of the students especially with their travel arrangements. It is requested that parents/carers reinforce the importance of this with their children.



Principal's Award

The Principal's Award goes to Emily.

Emily is a worthy recipient of the Principal's Award for Upper Primary.

Emily came to Concord School at the start of the year and has settled into her new environment extremely well.

Emily has proven herself to be an exemplary role model to her peers, and always encourages and supports her classmates. She is a kind, polite and caring friend. Emily's enthusiasm and conscientious attitude in all areas of the curriculum are a credit to her, and her desire to achieve is second to none. Emily can be commended for the development of her leadership skills which she put into practice when she undertook the role of Class Captain in Term One. She fulfilled these duties responsibly and with pride. Emily is confident and self-assured and strives to 'be the best she can be'.

Emily, congratulations on your 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 15th June.



The agenda items that were discussed at the meeting were:

- IBAC Investigation and Financial Reporting
- School Review – Community Forum Feedback
- Communication
- Concord School Policies

"Working together for our children"

Mark Lancaster

Assistant Principals' Report

On Monday 1st June Concord School held community forums to discuss the achievements and future directions of our school. In total twenty-eight people attended and vigorous group discussions were held about our big picture achievements over the last four years and our future directions. Some common suggestions were around communication to our parents, including access to the same information across the school, developing a sense of community by including families in their child's education and the balance between an academic focus and the relevant life skills students need to have by the time they finish their schooling. We would definitely suggest that the school and our parents are on the same page with the needs of individual students throughout their schooling and their post school needs being extremely important to all parties.



We wish to let you know that we really valued your input and are very keen to use the information gathered to inform our strategic plan for 2016 - 2019. If you have any further information that you would like to pass on please feel free to contact Kirrily Lamers through the school.

On a completely different matter, the Department of Education and Training has released an App which is designed to help you better understand the curriculum we use to teach your children every day. The App, called **SchoolMate**, is available for free download now in the App Store for iPhones and iPads and in Google Play for Android phones and tablets.

SchoolMate gives you a general overview of the Victorian curriculum in each subject at each year level and:

- Provides you with an overview of what your children are learning in each subject at each year level according to the Victorian curriculum (AusVELS)
- Provides you with tips regarding activities and things you can do at home to help your kids in each subject and year level
- Suggests apps, books, events and activities related to each subject area and year level.

Our school, like all other government schools in Victoria, uses AusVELS as the basis for the learning programs we run at school every day.

Our teachers adapt the curriculum to meet the needs of our students and community, for example, designing learning programs around what your children are interested in, around days or celebrations that are important to our community or around each individual's point of need. SchoolMate is designed to give you an overview of what children are expected to learn in Victorian government schools across every subject from Prep to Year 10. I encourage you to download SchoolMate and to please talk with your teacher or Team Leader if you are interested to find out more about how our school teaches the curriculum.

Kirrily Lamers, Colin Simpson and Kath Moore
Assistant Principals

Family and Friends Association

Bulb fundraiser – thank you to everyone who purchased Bulbs and other items from this fundraiser. We raised \$275 for our school.



Entertainment books are still available

to purchase in either a hard copy or digital. Books are \$65 each with \$13 going towards our School fundraising.

Thank you to those who have already purchased a book.



Volunteers are needed to help prepare the lunches for Footy Day on Wednesday June 24. Please contact Viv on 9439 1684 or ea.butler@bigpond.com if you are able to assist.



Fathers' Day Raffle will be held next term. Donations of new items would be greatly appreciated.



Next meeting will be held on **Monday 13 July at 1.30pm** in the Conference Room at the Grimshaw Campus.

New members are always welcome.

Sue Gibb
Secretary
Family and Friends Association



You are invited to the...



Free coffee & snacks, fun games & activities and a chance to see some of the work the students have been up to

WHO: Parents and friends of all Secondary 9/10 students

WHEN: Wednesday 5 August 7:00 – 8:45

WHERE: Concord Gym

Footy Fun Day
5-14 Years



BRING:

- Drink Bottle
- Morning Tea
- Snacks

Holiday
PROGRAMS

Come join us!

WEDNESDAY JULY 1ST 2015
411 GRIMSHAW ST
BUNDOORA VIC 3083

9AM-12PM
\$35.00



A program packed full of footy fun!
Learn about life as an AFL Footballer!

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A Message from the School Nurse



Reminder: 2nd Round of School Based Immunisations for 2015

Immunisations for students in years 7, 8, 9 & 10 are scheduled on 14th July 2015.

This falls on the first Tuesday after the school holiday break.

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.

Students in Year 7 who were vaccinated with the 1st dose of the Human Papillomavirus & Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertusis (Whooping cough) in April this year will receive the:

2nd dose of Human Papillomavirus & Chickenpox vaccinations.

Students in Year 8, 9 & 10 who returned consent forms to school late last year or early this year for the 2015 Immunisation program will receive the:

Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertusis (Whooping cough) vaccinations.

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 vaccination. Make an appointment with your doctor as soon as possible if your child misses a school vaccination so that they stay on track with their immunisation schedule.

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.

Keep Well & Stay Safe

Have a Great Holiday Break!

Rosemary Van Aperen - School Nurse

Community News

FREE N.D.I.S FORUM



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*Want to know more about NDIS? Have a disability?
Are you caring for someone who does?*

Mill Park Library
Wednesday 29 July
6.30pm – 8.00 pm

Guest Speaker: Jane Morel - Carer Solutions Australia
Account management providers.

Learn about how NDIS works with NDIA plans, the types of things that have been seen
in relation to the service & NDIS.

Hear about the peer to peer support group in Barwon and what an NDIS plan looks like.
Please contact Council HACC services if you require support to attend this meeting.

Bookings and Enquiries:

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Mill Park Library
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Mill Park 3082



**City of
Whittlesea**

Jets Creative Arts Winter **Holiday Makers** Program



MONDAY 29 JUNE

10:00am-2:00pm

Clay Sculpture Session 1

Create a clay character with guest artist Anne Marie of AmUsing Clay.

Ages: 13-17 years

Venue: Jets



THURSDAY 2 JULY

10:00am-2:00pm

Circus Workshop @ Circus Oz

All abilities circus workshop

Ages: 13-25 years

Venue: Circus Oz, meet at Jets, travelling by mini bus.



MONDAY 6 JULY

10:00am-2:00pm

Clay Sculptures Session 2

Session 2 includes painting your clay sculpture, character development, drama, photography and filming.

Ages: 13-17 years

Venue: Jets



THURSDAY 9 JULY

10:00am-2:00pm

Circus Carnival Day @ Jets

Circus sessions, performance, tricks, clowning and circus props

Ages: 13-17 years

Venue: Jets

The Holiday Makers Program is for young people with a disability. All young people must be a current participant of the Jets Creative Arts program or attend a meet and greet session @ Jets before attending. This is to ensure the suitability of the program. The program is free as the program is funded by Department of Health and Human Services through their Respite Program. Bookings are essential. For more information call Jets on 9098 8000.





Tuesday 16th June 2015

10.30 am - 12.00 pm.

At Waratah SDS, 228 Banksia St, BELLFIELD

*Guest Speaker : Sonia Savannah from Carers Victoria will talk about the **National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).***

She will discuss:

- What is the NDIS?
- How will it differ from the current system?
- Who is eligible?
- What does the NDIS process look like?
- When will it be rolled out?
- What does the NDIS mean for families?
- Where to from now?

This is a valuable opportunity to hear more about the NDIS and what it might mean for you and your child. So come along!

*R.S.V.P Please let us know if you are coming, and if you require an interpreter . Phone Claire or Mandy on **9474 8700**.*

AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER

NEW SUPPORT GROUP INTEREST

Are you a parent/carer for someone who has ASD(Autism Spectrum Disorder), or an individual with ASD and are aged between 16-25?

For those who are about to or have already left school, stepping into the world of adulthood for those with ASD can be challenging for themselves and their families/carers. Often services cease or change once they are 18 and you may hit a brick wall or find the whole experience of navigating a new system daunting. You may need extra support with this.

Often those with ASD may be faced with mental health or behavioural issues whilst trying to deal with significant changes. Receiving support with this can be really difficult and you may be faced with a sense of feeling isolated, either for the person with ASD or their family/carer's.

I am hoping to come together with other individuals or families who may be interested in starting up a new support/advocacy group for those residing in the Northern suburbs of Melbourne.

ADDRESS: Watsonia Library Meeting Room -4 Ibbottson St Watsonia

DATE: Monday 29th June 2015

TIME: 7.00pm-8.00pm

CONTACT: Sheryl O'Connor

TEL: 0400 237 688

E-MAIL: shezlee38@gmail.com