



Term 4  
Week 2  
Date 26/10/2018



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Concord Public School Community News and Information

## Dates for the Diary

### October

- 29 October - Assembly – K/1S, 2:20pm
- 30 October - Kindergarten Orientation Day – parents only

### November

- 2 November - Teacher Appreciation Day at Concord
- 2 November - P&C Halloween Disco
- 6 November - Kindergarten Orientation Day – no. 1
- 8 November - Crazy Hair Day (Year 6 Fundraiser)
- 9 November - Remembrance Day Ceremony
- 13 November - Kindergarten Orientation Day – no. 2
- 16 November - Grandfriends' Day
- 19 November - Assembly, 2:20pm
- 23 November - Newsletter out today

## Principal's Message

# Concord Public School

Dear Parents, Carers and Community,

Welcome back to another busy and exciting term at Concord PS. We have a number of whole school events to look forward to including one of my favourite school days, Grandfriends' Day on Friday 16 November.

Thank you for my very warm welcome and to everyone who has stopped by to introduce themselves. I am very excited to be part of the Concord Public School Community and have had a lovely introduction to our school, visiting classrooms, listening to and working with our terrific teachers and administration staff and meeting with so many of our dedicated and hardworking parent and community representatives. Everyone has openly shared the many reasons why they are so proud of our school. I can see Concord PS is a special place because of the amazing contribution of so many people working together, who go above and beyond every day.

Our respectful and friendly students have happily shared their achievements with me, telling me about the care, dedication and expertise of their teachers in supporting and encouraging them with their learning and helping them to set clear, challenging goals. On my first day I met with our captains who enthusiastically explained the diversity and range of opportunities on offer. As excellent school ambassadors, they capably outlined exactly what they believe makes Concord PS the outstanding and inclusive school that it is. I look forward to celebrating the learning journeys with all our students throughout Term 4, especially our Year 6 students as they complete their primary school education.

Concord Public School

What is the one thing your school does that you think every school should be doing?

"Our sense of community and how close we are with each other. As we are a small school, we get to know everyone. This helps us to be inclusive which then helps us to respect everyone and all the cultures that we have in our school."





**P & C Meeting**

The P&C are holding the first of their Term 4 meetings on **Monday 29 October at 9:30am** in the Community Room. Please come along if you are available. I look forward to seeing you there!

**Term 4 Assemblies**

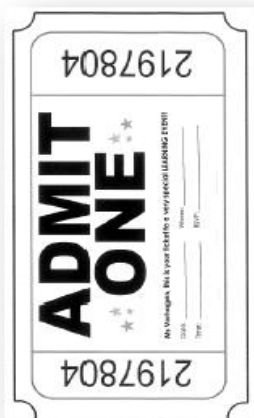
Week	Date	Class	Principal's Award and Pennants
3	Monday, 29 October	K/1S	Principal's Awards & Pennants presented at this assembly
6	Monday, 19 November	4/5K	Principal's Awards & Pennants presented at this assembly
7	Monday, 26 November	3/4P	Principal's Awards & Pennants <b>NOT</b> distributed at this assembly
8	Monday, 3 December	5/6D	Principal's Awards & Pennants <b>NOT</b> distributed at this assembly
9	Monday, 10 December	Presentation Day (further details to come)	
10	Monday, 17 December	Final Principal's Awards & Pennants presented during Monday Morning Assembly, 9am under the COLA.	

Parents and Carers are welcome to join us for the scheduled assemblies at 2.20pm in the school hall.

**Invitation to Learning**

Have you visited Sculptures by the Sea?

I received my first *invitation to learning* from 3/4P, who created their own sculptures at school - the Concord way! Thank you 3/4P and Mrs Papas. I enjoyed our afternoon together.

**Parking Around Our School**

Recently we have had some reports from concerned neighbours regarding the parking of cars across driveways during the school's morning arrival and afternoon pick up times. This makes it very difficult for residents and can compromise the safety of our students. Please park in only the areas designated, prioritising safety over convenience.

Thank you for your support.

**Ms Michelle Verhagen**  
Relieving Principal



## Student Awards

# Congratulations...

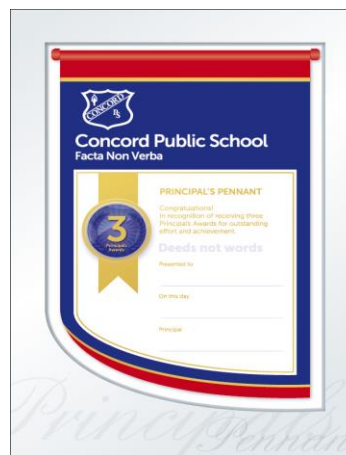
To the following students who have or will be receiving a Principal Award or Principal Pennant.

### Principal's Awards

Alexis E. – 3/4P  
 Thomas W. – 4/5V  
 Melissa X. – KM  
 Oscar L. – 3/4P  
 Gabriella G. – 3/4P  
 Ethan D. – 1/2L  
 Olivia S. – 1K  
 Kaine H. – 3/4P  
 James H. – 1K  
 Jacinta T. – KZ  
 Kai P. – 1K  
 Kora-Nita H. – KZ  
 Edie B. – K/1S  
 Yeonhu K. – K/1S  
 Eli K. – KM  
 Kiera Y. – 2M  
 Cyril B. – KZ  
 Jake M. – KZ  
 Lachlan M. – 2M  
 Ryo S. – 1/2G  
 Aoi S. – 4/5K  
 Charlotte L. – 2M  
 Sam W. – 1/2G  
 Benjamin P. – 3/4C  
 Adam G. – KM

### Principal's Pennants

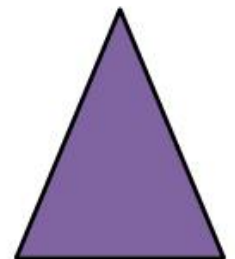
Edie B. – K/1S



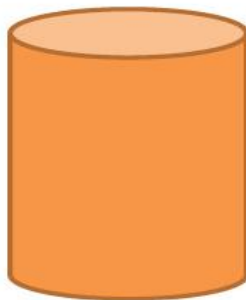
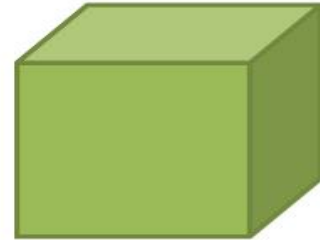
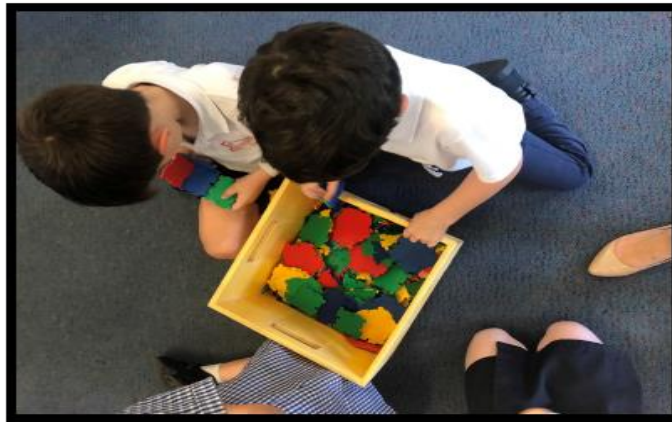
# Class Item 1C

## A peek inside 1C's classroom

We have had fun exploring 3D shapes and working on our addition and subtraction skills during our maths lessons this week.







*“We enjoy maths activities because it’s fun.”*  
- 1C



## Concord Hour

## Concord Hour

Last Wednesday, 24th, October, 2018, Concord Hour was held from 12:00 to 1:00pm.

During Concord Hour all classes were asked to turn off their electronic devices and power sources. All classes engaged in activities that didn't require electricity, such as puppet shows, sport activities, music lessons, reading groups, etc.

Concord Hour is about preserving electricity which helps save money and also supports our environment.



## **PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS / PENNANTS PROCESS**

**Three Class Awards = 1 Principal's Award**

**Three Principal's Awards = 1 Principal's Pennant**

Note: Class Awards and/or Principal's Awards must be handed to the front office 2 days prior to the date of assembly.

## ***Safe Driving***



Unfortunately, there has been a lot of dangerous driving outside the school grounds at drop-off and pick-up times. As you are all aware, this is the most vulnerable time for our children where the likelihood of accidents increases substantially. Please be mindful of where you are parking and where you are stopping to drop-off and pick-up your children. This is an exceptionally busy time on the roads and parking is difficult. However, safety is paramount and we all have a collective responsibility to follow the road rules to keep our children safe. In addition to this, please be mindful of our neighbours and avoid parking in the driveways.





## Thank you to our Amazing School Community for Taking Part in Term 3 Working Bee

What great community spirit demonstrated during last term's Working Bee. Parents and children working side by side to improve our school environment. Thank you to all involved!



## Changes to Payment Processing for Excursions and School Events

As of Term 2, all school events that require payment and permission notes will have a cut-off date. This will generally be 2 days before the event. It will be vital that money and permission notes are submitted into the blue box in the office **BEFORE** the due date. This is to allow the office staff 2 days to do the administrative tasks to process the payments, in order to create class lists for all teachers involved. **Late payments will not be accepted.** In order to avoid disappointment, please arrange payment as soon as you receive the note.

*Please note: If paying online through the POP system, payments can take up to 24-48 hours to process and appear on the school's system. We strongly advise that if choosing to use the POP system that you arrange payment at least 3 days before the due date.*



## Planning for 2019

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

**We need assistance in our planning for next year. The school's staffing entitlements and funding are dependent upon the student population at the start of 2019.**

**If you are moving or going on an extended family holiday and your child/ren will not be starting at the commencement of the new school year (on Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> January), please notify the school office as soon as possible, preferably in writing or via the school's email address – [concord-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:concord-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)**







# Compulsory School Attendance

## Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

### What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

### The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

### What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

### Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.







### **My child won't go to school. What should I do?**

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

### **What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?**

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

### **What age can my child leave school?**

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

### **Working in Partnership**

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

**If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.**

**Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:**

#### **Policy, information and brochures:**

Please visit the Department of Education's *Policy library*

#### **The school leaving age:**

Please visit the Department of Education's *Wellbeing and Learning website*

#### **Do you need an interpreter?**

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

#### **Learning and Engagement**

Student Engagement & Interagency Partnerships

T 9244 512

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High Performing Students Unit

# Information about applying for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in **2020**

Thinking of applying for a government selective high school for Year 7 entry in **2020?**

You must apply online at  
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>



## Key dates

**Tuesday 9 October 2018**

Application website opens

**Monday 12 November 2018**

Application website closes. You must apply by the due date.

**Thursday 28 February 2019**

Test authority advice sent to all applicants

**Thursday 14 March 2019**

Selective High School Placement Test

**Friday 5 July 2019**

Placement outcome information is sent

**Please read this booklet carefully before applying.**

There is more information at  
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc>

**Parents should check this website for updates all the way through the application and placement process. Please check the website for information before you contact the Unit.**

The selective high school placement process for Year 7 entry is administered by the High Performing Students Unit<sup>^</sup>.

## Contact details

High Performing Students Unit

NSW Department of Education

Email: [ssu@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:ssu@det.nsw.edu.au) Telephone: 1300 880 367 Fax: 02 9266 8435

Postal address: Locked Bag 53, DARLINGHURST NSW 1300

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/772251106301086/>

<sup>^</sup> In this document, the High Performing Students Unit will be referred to as the Unit.

'Parent' is defined under the *Education Act 1990* as a 'guardian or other person having custody or care of a child'.





## Community News



SYDNEY  
ACADEMY OF CHESS

Level 1 30A George St, Burwood 2134  
Office: (02) 9745 1170

### CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Concord Public School is held on Mondays from 8:00am to 8:55am, starting on 30 July 2018.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email [enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au](mailto:enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au) for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

## Primary ETHICS

Ethics education for children

Think • Reason • Discuss

Primary Ethics classes offer students from K-6 an opportunity to engage in high order thinking and ethical reasoning in a discussion-based environment.

Parents seeking more information can also be directed to the website :[primaryethics.com.au](http://primaryethics.com.au).





# Why Chess?

- Create Brighter Thinkers
- Improve Student Focus
- Achieve Academic Success

**Combines  
learning  
with fun!**



## Educational Benefits:

- Improves concentration and focus
- Develops logical thinking and problem solving skills
- Enhances memory
- Encourages creative and lateral thinking
- Promotes discipline
- Accelerates emotional development
- Expands visualisation and spatial awareness
- Demonstrates actions and consequences
- Rewards correct decision making
- Increases self-confidence
- Provides opportunities to make new friends from diverse backgrounds

## Concord Public School Chess Classes, 2018

Mondays 8:00AM - 8:55AM

Term 1	Cost: \$80	12th Feb - 9th Apr*
Term 2	Cost: \$80	7th May - 2nd Jul**
Term 3	Cost: \$90	30th Jul - 24th Sep
Term 4	Cost: \$90	15th Oct - 10th Dec
School Championship	Cost: \$17.50	Thursday 12th Apr 9:30am-12:30pm

\*Term 1 - No chess on 2nd April (Easter Monday)

\*\*Term 2 - No chess on 11th June (Public Holiday)

To enrol please pay online with your credit card at

[www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/payment](http://www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/payment)

enter the code **9ER77HUPD** and fill in the electronic form, with your child's details.

\*Fees are due on the first day of term. A late fee of \$10 will be applied if payment is not received within 4 weeks of the start of the term.

No refunds or credits for missed lessons during the term and trial lessons must be paid for.

For pro-rata fees (ie. starting part way during the term) please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on 9745 1170.

OPTIONAL EXTRAS (prices include postage)		
To enhance your child's learning experience these items are available for purchase online at the time of enrolment		
<b>Workbook 1 – Cost: \$30</b> [For Beginner/Rookie Players]	<b>Workbook 2 – Cost: \$30</b> [For Intermediate Players]	<b>Workbook 1 &amp; 2 – Cost: \$45</b> [SPECIAL OFFER]
<b>Exploration in Chess Beauty – Cost: \$41</b> [For Advanced Players]	<b>Chess Set &amp; Roll-up Board – Cost: \$33</b> [Recommended for All Ages]	<b>Chess Clock – Cost: \$76</b> [Recommended for All Ages]

Pay for four terms in advance and receive a free chess set or workbook 2 valued at up to \$33. Offer expires 31st March, 2018.



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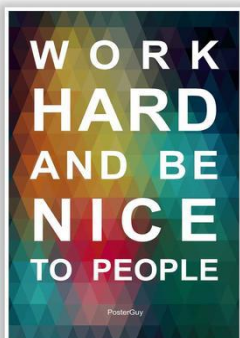
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## Message from the Office



### **Signing in at the front office**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

If you need to come to the school during school time, please ensure that you sign in at the office as this is a requirement to ensure the safety of all.

### **Payment on Line**

Thank you to all families who are using payment online.

When making a payment online you can only pay up to 3 DAYS before the due date of the payment. This is due to online transactions taking 48 hours to process.

Other payment methods such as cash or cheque can also be sent to the front office and placed in the blue box labelled "School Post".

Please note that we do not accept online payment for uniform orders. Please see the Uniform Shop Order form for payment details.

### **Permission notes**

If you have more than one child we need to have a note for each child, not all on one note, please.

### **Change of Contact/Address details**

Please inform the office immediately if you have changed your contact or address details, so we can contact you in case of an emergency.

Feel free to contact the front office for any questions or queries.

Regards,

Angela Posavac (S.A.M)  
Betty Annetta (S.A.O)  
Despina Malizis (S.A.O)  
Dora Ianni (S.A.O)

