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Concord Public School Community News and Information

Dates for the Diary

November

- 23 November - Newsletter out today
- 26 November - Assembly - 3/4P, 2:20pm
- 30 November - Year 6 "Funday"

December

- 3 December - Assembly - 5/6D, 2:20pm
- 5 December - Cyber Safety Presentation for Parents, 6pm (Library)
- 5 December - Community Helpers' Morning Tea
- 10 December - Presentation Day
- 11 December - Year 6 Farewell Canada Bay Club
- 14 December - Newsletter out today
- 19 December - Reports sent home
- 19 December - Last day for students

Principal's Message

Concord Public School

Dear Parents, Carers and Community,

Grandfriends' Day

"A grandparent's love is strong and deep, filled with memories to cherish and keep."

Our school concert, with SUPER HERO performances from all our classes, Choir, Dance Troupe and K Pop Group on Grandfriends' Day was a great success. Thank you to the many grandfriends who joined us last Friday. We enjoyed celebrating your important and valued contribution to our school community.

Book Fair

Thank you also to everyone who visited the Library Book Fair.

Your very generous support in purchasing a book helps to ensure our library has a wide range informative, exciting and current resources available to students and teachers every day.

Great job, Mrs Purcell for organising the fantastic selection of books on offer.



Kindergarten Orientation

There were many excited faces and big smiles as we welcomed our Kindergarten 2019 students and their families to Concord PS. Each Tuesday, for the past 3 weeks, the children have experienced a positive introduction to 'big school'.

Thank you Mrs Coco, our Kindy teachers and P&C for hosting our new students, providing our informative parent sessions and sharing your transition to school experiences over morning tea.

Invitation to Learning

Do you like stories of adventure, with a happy ending? I do.... and so do the imaginative writers in K/1S. Thank you, Mrs Soteriou and K/1S, for my invitation to learning this week.

Trip To The Moon

One day on Earth there were three astronauts. Edie the astronaut, Lachlan the astronaut and Yeonhu. The astronauts went to the moon. Lachlan is brave, Edie is shy and Yeonhu is kind. Yeonhu and Edie are twin sisters and Lachlan is their older brother. Edie is 6 and Yeonhu is 6 as well.



They decided to go to the moon. On the way there was a strange space dog which floated away so they decided to follow the space dog. The space dog led them to the moon! It took them a year to get to there. The moon was filled with aliens. They did not let the astronauts land. Yeonhu said, 'If you let my team land then we will give you some of our food.' The aliens said, 'Yes, you can land.'

They lived happily ever after!

By Carissa



The Princess Who Lost Her Crown

Once upon a time in a big castle lived Jennifer the princess. Jennifer has a rainbow hairstyle. She is wearing a dress with flowers on it. Jennifer is sweet and kind.

One morning the princess lost her crown. She looked and looked everywhere but she did not find it. Jennifer asked everyone but they said they did not take it. The princess screamed. Then a soldier heard her and got into the castle. The soldier said, 'What happened?' The princess said she had lost her crown. The soldier said he could buy her another one because he had lots of money.

They lived happily ever after!

By Jennifer



Zak and the Aliens



Once upon a time on an island there lived a spy. The spy's name was Zak. On one mysterious day a UFO came down to the island. The aliens looked like monsters. They had sharp teeth and they had purple and beige tentacles. Zak had a hat and a brown coat. His personality was nice. The alien's personality was evil.

The aliens were shooting all of the houses. There were lots of explosions but Zak did not give up fighting them. He had a plan. When they got to his hiding place Zak captured the aliens with a gigantic net. They took their guns so they couldn't take over another planet or an island ever again.

By Tom

Anu the Acrobatic Cat

Once upon a time on a stage there was an acrobatic cat named Anu. She is super good. Anu the acrobatic cat goes to all classes. She has a long tail. Anu is very shy and she is very nervous.

The speaker called Anu up to the stage and she started to shake. She forgot all her moves. This made her come last in the competition. Anu was crying when the trophies were being handed out. Suddenly, Anu heard her name being called out and she stopped crying. She got a trophy for trying her best.

She lived happily ever after!

By Caitlyn

Student Achievement

Congratulations to the following students and their proud families who have shared news of their talents and success with me over the past two weeks:

- ✚ *Lucinda and Christian – very deserving recipients of the Burwood Rotary and Rotaract Primary Schools' Citizenship award for 2018.*
- ✚ *Matilda – Jiu Jitsu State, National and Pan Pacific champ in her age group! What a fantastic achievement and great photo in the Saturday Telegraph.*



Network Teaching Award



Congratulations to Ms Sonja Montgomery who was recognised this week at the prestigious teaching awards ceremony for the Auburn, Chullora, Parramatta and Strathfield School Networks.

Sonja's supportive mentoring approach builds capacity in her teacher colleagues. Her expertise and dedication provide opportunities for students in her class and across the school to reach their full potential. Sonja's focus on wellbeing is inspiring.

Term 4 Assemblies

Week	Date	Class	Principal's Award and Pennants
7	Monday, 26 November	3/4P	Principal's Awards & Pennants NOT distributed at this assembly
8	Monday, 3 December	5/6D	Principal's Awards & Pennants NOT 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.

Students Leaving Concord PS or Returning Late in 2019

At this time of year we start to plan for 2019. It is very important that we are able to determine an accurate number of student enrolments as this number impacts directly on the classes we form next year.

If your child is leaving Concord PS in 2018, please write a note or email the school with the date of your child's last day and the school they will be attending in 2019.

Some families take extended holidays in January and February. If this is the case for your child and they will be returning late after the school commencement date, please also advise the school.



Enrolment Dates for 2019

Start of Term 1

- **Tuesday 29 January** – Staff Development Day
- **Wednesday 30 January** – Year 1-6 students commence

Kindy Best Start Appointments

- **Wednesday 30 January** – by appointment
- **Thursday 31 January** – by appointment
- **Friday 1 February** – by appointment

ALL Kindergarten students start school on **MONDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2019**.





Skoolbag App

Communication to parents and carers is done in many ways, from our fortnightly newsletters to meetings, phone calls home and informal playground chats. We rely on our Skoolbag App to communicate quickly, providing important notices and event reminders.

We strongly encourage all parents and carers to download the Skoolbag App, create an account and set up notifications to ensure they do not miss out on important information. The Skoolbag App also has a section to advise of school absences.

Cyber Safety

Information session for parents and carers – Monday evening, 3 December from 6pm in the library.

Morning Tea for Volunteers'

Please come along on Wednesday, 5 December, from 11am in the library. We'd like to thank the many parents and carers who have work so hard to contribute and support our school this year.

Look out for your official invitation or just join us on the morning!

Michelle Verhagen

Relieving Principal



Student Awards

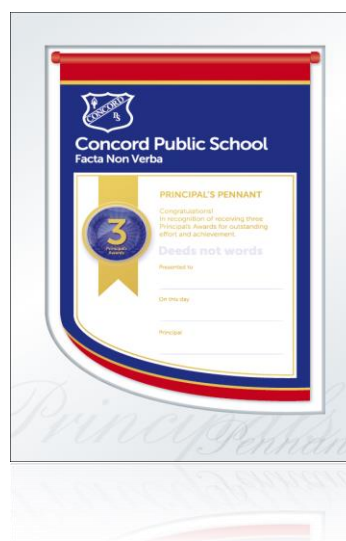
Congratulations...

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

Principal's Awards

Bronson R. – KM
 Jasmine T. – 1C
 Maya W. – 3/4C
 Lachlan J. – K/1S
 Vanessa L. – 3/4P
 Isobel G. – 3/4P
 Christian C. – 5/6T
 Amelia L. – 2M
 Luke H. – 1/2G
 Hansaja C. – 5/6D x 2
 Sienna S. – 1C
 Alonzo S. – 1/2G
 Joonsu S. – 2M
 Aleks R. – 2M
 Ashima S. – K/1S
 Ashlee K. – 4/5K
 Harrison H. – 3/4P

Principal's Pennants



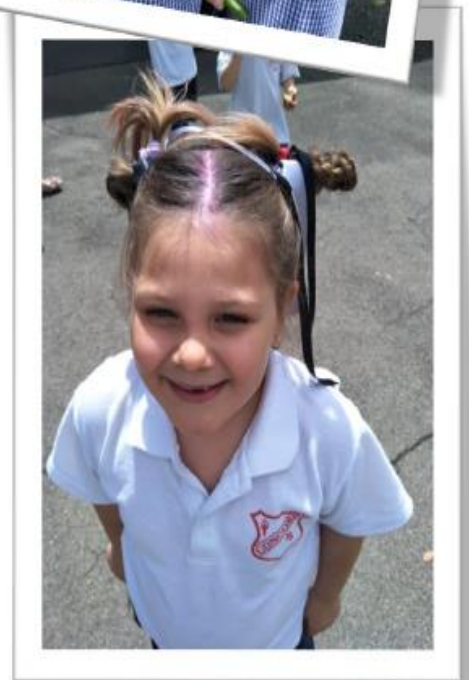
Kora-Nita H. – KZ
 Jennifer P. – K/1S
 Levi B. – KZ
 Hansaja C. – 5/6D
 Isobel G. – 3/4P
 Isla T. – KM
 Ashton C.C. – 1C
 Hannah K. – 2M
 Amelia L. – 2M
 Dari M. – 5/6D



Concord's Hour

Crazy Hair Day!

On the 8th of November, students and staff at Concord PS celebrated Crazy Hair Day as a fundraiser for the Year 6 Farewell. Check out our outrageous and wacky hairstyles!





Grandfriends' Day

On Friday 16th November, Concord Public School celebrated Grandfriends' Day with a whole school dance concert. The theme of the concert was 'Heroes and Villians'. I am sure all our Grandfriends were blown away by such marvellous performances!

Here is a snapshot of the day!





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.



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, 29th 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





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[^].

Contact details

High Performing Students Unit

NSW Department of Education

Email: 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/>

[^] 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 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.



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

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		
Workbook 1 – Cost: \$30 [For Beginner/Rookie Players]	Workbook 2 – Cost: \$30 [For Intermediate Players]	Workbook 1 & 2 – Cost: \$45 [SPECIAL OFFER]
Exploration in Chess Beauty – Cost: \$41 [For Advanced Players]	Chess Set & Roll-up Board – Cost: \$33 [Recommended for All Ages]	Chess Clock – Cost: \$76 [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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GIVING BLOOD FEELS GOOD

Every donation can save three lives.

Mobile Blood Service visiting: Concord Hospital

Hospital Road, outside Building 20A – Clinical Sciences Building

Monday 10 Dec

9.00am – 2.30pm

Drink up! Have 3 or 4 glasses of water or juice in the hours before you donate

Eat! Have a good sized breakfast or lunch

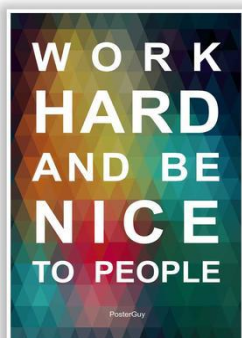
Please bring photo I.D. with you

To make an appointment call **13 14 95**
or visit donateblood.com.au

 **Australian Red Cross
BLOOD SERVICE**



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)

