



Concord West Public School News

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Principal's Message

With week four already behind us, I am pleased to report that students have quickly settled into their routines and the term is well and truly underway. It is simply a delight to hear the voices of our many students back on site.

There will no doubt continue to be some adjustments to various events and activities over the next few weeks, however, we will continue to communicate all updates as timely as possible.

We held our first P&C meeting two weeks ago. It was such a pleasure to connect with the community and discuss the year's plan. As mentioned in last week's newsletter, the newsletter will be emailed to you on Monday each fortnightly (from this week) and available on our website.

I am thrilled to announce that our very first Summer PSSA Cricket, T-Ball and Softball teams competed last week. Congratulations to all the students who played their very first game on Friday and we wish you all the best throughout this summer season. Thank you to Mr Lu, Mrs McLelland and Mr Wallace for allowing this great opportunity for students to extend their sport skills. For the students that had trialled for these teams over the past 2 weeks and did not make it through, the school is very proud of them for doing their best. Please remind your students that we all have different strengths and abilities, not to be disheartened and encourage them to try again next season or next year.

2022 New Timetables Officially Begin This Week

As at the beginning of every school year, we have been running on interim timetables whilst all our organisational requirements fall into place. Official timetables such as Community Language classes, Creative Arts and Library lessons begin this week. Thank you, Mrs Jacqui Cooke, for compiling these. It is a most difficult task, ensuring there are no clashes. Keep an eye out for class information from your child's teacher in the near future.

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Upcoming Dates

21-25 Feb 2022

Meet the Teacher Sessions

1st March 2022

Sturt Day - wear BLUE!

3rd March 2022

Swimming Carnival



4th March 2022

Schools Clean Up Day

21 March 2022

Harmony Day

25 March 2022

PSSA Winter Sport Trials

25 March 2022

National Ride to School Day

8 April 2022

Last day of Term 1

Principal's Message continued...

Parent Information Sessions via Zoom

You are invited to attend your child's stage information sessions held this week via Zoom. These meetings endeavour to provide you with an outline of your child's/children's classroom procedures and an overview of the curriculum areas covered at various times in the year.

The meeting link will be sent shortly. The scheduled dates and times are below:

Early Stage 1 - Tuesday 22 February at 3.45pm

Stage 1 - Wednesday 23 February at 3.45pm

Stage 2 - Tuesday 22 February at 4.30pm

Stage 3 - Wednesday 23 February at 4.30pm

These sessions will be recorded and sent to all families following the meetings..

Parking Safely Around School

When it comes to the safety of our children, it is important that as adults, we are setting good examples. I want to remind you that it is illegal to park across driveways; in No Stopping Zones and No Parking Zones. Our neighbours have informed us that some parents are not following these safety rules and impacting the safety and wellbeing of our community. Attached to this newsletter are the road rules relating to parking safely around school. As you can see there are considerable fines and demerit points when not followed. Please assist us in keeping our children safe and our community happy.

I congratulate our community for the ability to remain agile as we navigate these first few weeks of term and thank you for trusting us with the education and care of your children as we look forward to an exciting year ahead.

Ms Monica Marchiello
Principal

Can you spare some time to help out in the parent-run Uniform Shop?

The P&C are looking for more parent volunteers for the Uniform Shop, to help with filling online uniform orders.

Days and times negotiated with the Uniform Shop Coordinator
(usually before pick up/drop off at school)

Please get in touch if you can spare a little time each week.

Contact Khatija (P&C Uniform Shop Coordinator)
Email: uniformshopcwps@gmail.com

As our bubbler sheds remain closed, a reminder to students to bring a **water bottle every day!**



Sport News

We are very excited to be offering students at Concord West PS the opportunity to participate in the Summer PSSA program organised by the Western Suburbs Primary School Sports Association. Over 90 students from across Years 3-6 spent the last two Fridays trialling across a range of sports - Cricket, Softball and T-Ball. Our coaches Mr Wallace (Cricket), Mrs McLelland (T-Ball) and Mr Lu (Softball) have all been impressed with the levels of skill and sportsmanship they have seen so far and are as excited as the students for the season ahead.

- Mr Sean Craft

Music News

Music at CWPS is off to a flying start in 2022 with our orchestras, bands and choirs getting back to face-to-face rehearsals this week. Students and tutors have been enjoying the opportunity to make music together in person again and everyone is looking forward to performing for our community soon.



For those of you new to our school, we have an optional Instrumental Music Program available to our students involving private tuition on 15 different instruments, and ensemble (group) rehearsals for students at all ability levels. There is still availability for most instruments and parents can enrol their children using the QR code to the left.

Every student at our school also participates in a weekly class with our music teacher Mr Wallace and has the opportunity to join one of several interest groups at lunchtime such as choir and recorder group. These groups will begin rehearsals over the coming weeks.

- Mr Luke Wallace

Community Through Music

Symphonia Jubilata is a public-school symphony orchestra organisation made up of students predominantly from primary and secondary schools in the Strathfield and Canterbury education networks. Any student who is interested, registrations are open now for 2022. Please see flyer attached to the newsletter.



P & C News

Welcome back to all of the students and families at Concord West Public School. The P&C has already had our first meeting of the year and we are defining our fundraising and connection goals for the year ahead. Stay tuned for a survey to capture your thoughts and make sure we are representing your perspectives and priorities.

We are always looking for volunteers to assist us & for the first project for 2022 we need some helping hands to give the garden a little love. Such a great initiative to support the Garden Club. If you think you could help please send an email to the P&C at concordwestpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

Looking forward to meeting some new faces and hopefully you can join us for our AGM Wednesday 2nd March at 7pm. Please join us either in person or via Zoom. If attending in person, please meet outside the office.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://au01web.zoom.us/j/6970011233?pwd=WTFkNDhSWjRldk9kRGcrU3lvQm44dz09>

Meeting ID: 697 001 1233

Passcode: 446094

- Concord West Public School Parents and Citizens (P&C)

Skoolbag App

Skoolbag is an app used by our school to communicate messages to parents/carers. We encourage you to download the app to your smartphone.

Instructions for installing Skoolbag:

<https://www.moqproducts.com.au/skoolbag/installation-instructions>



Safer Internet Day Activities

Tuesday 8th of February was Safer Internet Day. Students at Concord West Public School engaged in lessons with their teachers about online safe behaviours. 1G and 1P listened to Swoosh, Glide and Rule Number 5 which was produced by the National eSafety Commissioner. We discussed the choices that students can make to remain safe online. Swoosh's main tips for safe online behaviour are:

Be safe; only talk with people you know and keep passwords safe

Be kind; say kind things and take turns

Ask for help; tell a grown up and ask before you download or tap a link

Make Good choices; use a device near grown-ups, don't use screens during meals or bedtime

1G and 1P made Swoosh puppets and practised making safe choices online with Mrs. Mawad

- Mrs Mawad



PSSA Cricket

The CWPS Senior and Junior PSSA Cricket teams both played their first matches for the year last Friday against Homebush West Public School at St Luke's oval. Many of our young cricketers were playing their first cricket match ever and did a fantastic job learning the basics of the game very quickly.

Congratulations to our Juniors who won their match and a special shout-out to Shohaam S for his hat-trick and Samuel M for his incredible performance with the bat.

- Mr Wallace

Lost property

The lost property trolley will be placed outside the school office at drop off and pick up times for parents to search for lost property. Students are also able to search for lost items during the school day.



Identical bottles with no names in one of our Kindergarten classes

Please remember to label ***everything*** your child brings/wears to school.

Students often have exactly the same bottle/bag/hat/lunchbox so writing your child's name on all belongings using permanent marker assists in returning items to their owners.

Thank you!

Safer Internet Day 2022

Play it safe. Play it fair.



Be prepared

Ensure your computer security updates are up-to-date, allow gaming in an open area and activate parental controls.



Build good habits

Ensure you know how to keep personal information safe. Teach your child good cyber hygiene habits.



Stay involved

Keep the conversation open. Build trust. Play with them and role-model good online behaviours.



Be aware

Know how and where to check the classification and age restrictions of online games.



Empower your child

With your help, your child will learn to make informed decisions.



#Play it
Fair
Online



Safer
Internet
Day 2022 | Tuesday
8 February

<https://edu.nsw.link/SID2022>



Instrumental Music Program 2022

Learning a musical instrument provides children with the opportunity to develop resilience, grow in confidence, improve social skills and strengthen neural pathways. Take advantage of our school's fantastic Instrumental Music Program and enrol your child for 2022!

Scan the QR codes for more information:

Brief overview video:



*Detailed information brochure:
(including fees and schedules)*



Online enrolment form:

Scan here to enrol >>>



For more information please contact Mr Wallace: luke.wallace20@det.nsw.edu.au

DOUBLE PARKING

Do not double park at any time. Double parking is illegal and dangerous especially around schools. It reduces visibility and blocks the road for other motorists.

FINE EXCEEDS \$337 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS

U TURNS

- ▶ Performing U turns or 3 point turns in school zones is extremely dangerous.
- ▶ Performing U turns across unbroken centre lines is illegal and is particularly dangerous around schools.

FINE EXCEEDS \$337 + 3 DEMERIT POINTS

PARKING/STOPPING NEAR INTERSECTIONS

It is illegal to park or stop less than 10m from an intersection without lights as this blocks visibility for turning drivers and creates a hazard for all motorists.

FINE EXCEEDS \$448 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS

PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS & CHILDREN'S CROSSINGS

- ▶ Slow down as you approach pedestrian crossings and children's crossings.
- ▶ Do not proceed if the road beyond the crossing is blocked.
- ▶ Do not stop or park in the No Stopping zones on either side of the crossing as this blocks visibility.
- ▶ At a children's crossing you must stop at or before the stop line if there is a pedestrian about to cross or already on the crossing.
- ▶ Do not proceed through a children's crossing until all pedestrians have completely cleared the crossing.

FINE EXCEEDS \$561 + 4 DEMERIT POINTS

NO PARKING ZONES

You can only stop in a No Parking zone while picking up or setting down passengers or goods. You have a maximum of 2 minutes from the time you stop and must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle at all times. If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction applies only at those times. **THIS IS NOT A WAITING ZONE.**

FINE EXCEEDS \$187 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS



DRIVEWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

- ▶ When exiting or entering a driveway a vehicle must give way to pedestrians on the footpath.
- ▶ Driveways are not playgrounds. Be aware that children can go unnoticed in front and behind your vehicle. Do not solely rely on reverse sensors or cameras in your vehicle.
- ▶ Always supervise and hold a child's hand near/crossing driveways.
- ▶ It is illegal to park in or across any driveway or to block a footpath at any time.

FINE EXCEEDS \$337 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS



NO STOPPING ZONES

No Stopping signs mean you must not stop here at any time. If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction applies only at those times.

An unbroken yellow kerb line is a no stopping line. You must not stop for any reason.

FINE EXCEEDS \$337 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS



BUS ZONE SIGNS

A Bus Zone is a No Stopping zone for vehicles other than buses. If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction applies only at those times.

You must not park your vehicle less than 20 metres before or 10 metres after a bus stop.

FINE EXCEEDS \$337 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS



Have you got the school app?

Stay informed with the SkoolBag App



The SkoolBag app is the easiest way to stay up-to-date with school events, last minutes notices, newsletters and **all** school communications.

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Download the app

Search for the free SkoolBag app in the Apple App or Google Play Store

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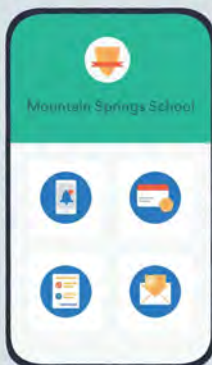
Create an account

Sign up in seconds with your email address

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Add your school

Search for your school and add your subscription groups



SkoolBag 



Symphonia Jubilate in 2022!

Symphonia Jubilate runs orchestral and recorder ensembles for public school students in Years 2-12. Rehearsals are held three times a term on Saturday afternoons (4-6:15pm) at Homebush West Public School.

We welcome all interested students who are learning to play violin, viola, cello, double bass, flute, clarinet, saxophone, oboe, trumpet, trombone, french horn, tuba/euphonium/baritone, percussion and recorder. There are no auditions.

The safety of our students is very important to us so we are taking all Covid-19 safety precautions. Enrolments open February 14th 2022.

Primo Symphony Orchestra
High school orchestral players

Secondo Symphony Orchestra
Primary school orchestral players

Pizzicato String Ensemble
Primary school beginner strings

Flauto Dolce
Recorder Ensemble 1

Fipple Flutes
Recorder Ensemble 2

Enrolment online at:
www.symphoniajubilate.com

All Enquiries
Margaret Coote | Orchestra Manager
Mob: 0438 100 554



Education

* All rehearsals and concerts will be in compliance with ongoing Department of Education COVID-19 health and safety advice, including use of appropriate physical distancing, enhanced cleaning and hygiene and any special conditions required for performing arts activities.

Concord West Public School

Before & After School **Activities** provided by external providers

Please contact providers directly for information and bookings

Activity	Day	Time	Organisation & Contact
Art Classes	Monday	3.30-5.00pm	Arty Cats - Cat Secker 0404 677 245
Coding & Robotics	Monday Tuesday Saturday	3.30-6.00pm 3.30-6.00pm 10.00-1.30pm	Thinklum - Milena Loginovskaya 0423 406 425
Finnish Language School	Monday	5.30-7.30pm	Sydney Suomi Koulu - Annaritta Linna 0412 934 242
Tae Kwon Do	Monday Wednesday	3.30-4.30pm 3.30-4.30pm	Tae Kwon Do Australia - Master Ko 0412 117 302
Drama	Tuesday	3.30-5.00pm	Mary Vasey Drama - Mary Vasey 0409 901 218
Arabic Language School	Tuesday Thursday Friday	6.00-8.00pm 6.00-8.00pm 6.00-8.00pm	Al Khair Inc Association - Nawar Ghafir 0415 759 171
Karate	Tuesday Friday	5.15-6.15pm 5.15-6.15pm	Karate for Kids - Con Michael 0431 272 319
Chess	Friday	8.20-9.20am	Sydney Academy of Chess - Brett Tindall 9745 1170
Chinese Language School	Tuesday Friday	3.45-5.45pm 3.45-5.45pm	Pei Ji Chinese School - Ben Sun 0416 646 026
Karate	Saturday	9.00-10.30	KFA Martial Arts - Sinem Jenkinson 0432 578 122

Updated Feb 2022

Calendar 2022



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Key dates

Term start and end dates*

Term 1 (Eastern) – 28 Jan to 8 Apr 2022

Term 1 (Western) – 4 Feb to 8 Apr 2022

Term 2 – 26 Apr to 1 July 2022

Term 3 – 18 July to 23 Sept 2022

Term 4 – 10 Oct to 20 Dec 2022

School development days

Term 1 (Eastern) – 28 Jan and 31 Jan 2022

Term 1 (Western) – 4 Feb and 7 Feb 2022

Term 2, 3 and 4 – 26 April, 18 July and 20 Dec 2022

School vacation dates 2022

Summer (Eastern) – 20 Dec 2021 to 27 Jan 2022

Summer (Western) – 20 Dec 2021 to 3 Feb 2022

Autumn – 11 Apr to 22 Apr 2022

Winter – 4 July to 15 July 2022

Spring – 26 Sept to 7 Oct 2022

Summer (Eastern) – 21 Dec 2022 to 26 Jan 2023

Summer (Western) – 21 Dec 2022 to 2 Feb 2023

Education Week

1-5 August 2022

Exam dates

Selective high school placement test – 10 Mar 2022

NAPLAN online test window – 10 to 20 May 2022

Opportunity class placement test – 28 July 2022

Public holidays



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To help your child get the most out of their school year and to explore our resources, check out our back to school hub at education.nsw.gov.au/back-to-school

School zone speed limits apply on all school days, including school development days.



* Check with your school as starting and finishing dates may change.

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MONDAYS 3:30PM - 4:30PM

BELMORE SCOUT HALL – LARK ST

**WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS
3:30PM – 4:30PM**

CHULLORA PUBLIC SCHOOL

**TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS
5:15PM – 6:15PM**

CONCORD WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL

**TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS
5:15PM – 6:15PM**

ENFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL

**WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS
3:30PM – 4:30PM**

FOREST LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

**TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS
3:30PM – 4:30PM**

GREENACRE PRIMARY SCHOOL

**TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS
5:15PM - 6:15PM**

HOMBEUSH UNITING CHURCH (2, MEREDITH ST HOME BUSH)

**THURSDAYS
3:30PM - 4:30PM**

HOLY INNOCENTS PRIMARY SCHOOL- CROYDON

**MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS
5:30PM – 6:30PM**

ST. JOSEPHS PRIMARY SCHOOL-ENFIELD

**WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS
3:30PM – 4:30PM**

PADSTOW HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

**MONDAYS & THURSDAYS
5:30PM – 6:30PM**

PADSTOW PARK

**CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH HALL
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS
3:40 - 4:40PM**

PENSHURST WESLEY UNITING CHURCH

**WEDNESDAYS
5:15PM - 6:15PM**



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AGES 4-12

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Community Circles

Touched by Olivia invites you to:



**JOIN THE
CONVERSATION
HOSTED BY ELLEN FANNING**

**7 MARCH 2022, 5.30PM - 7PM
THE BAY ROOM, FIVE DOCK LIBRARY
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