



Concord West Public School News

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HARMONY WEEK
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Principal's Message

Welcome to Week 9. I hope you have still been finding sunshine in all this rain.

Monday morning assembly and 2022 Student Leaders

It was fabulous officially badging the student leaders at our first K-6 Monday morning assembly last week. Our 2022 Students Leaders are:

Ethan V

Hanbi P

Sophie K

Timothy B

Harry M

Molly M

All parents/carers are welcome to these weekly Monday assemblies.

Swimming Carnival

What a wonderful day it was for the Concord West Public School Swimming Carnival held at Enfield Aquatic Centre on Monday 4 March, 2019. It was great seeing all the students participating in the races and have their parents support them.

Congratulations to all competitors.

Anaphylaxis

With the growing number of students in the school with severe and life threatening allergies, please discuss with your child the importance of not sharing food with others and for not purchasing food for others at the canteen.

Concord Rd Gate

A reminder that the Concord Rd gate will remain locked during school hours. Below are the times it will be unlocked:

Morning – 8.55am – 9.45am

Afternoon – 3.15pm – 3.35pm

Please use the Queen St gate at other times for entry and exit.

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Upcoming Dates

22 March 2022

Harmony Day

25 March 2022

PSSA Winter Sport Trials

25 March 2022

National Ride to School Day

31 March 2022

Selective High School Test

6 April 2022

P&C Meeting 7pm

8 April 2022

Last day of Term 1

Mon 25 April:

Anzac Day Public Holiday

Tue 26 Apr:

School Development Day
(Student Free Day)

Wed 27 April:

Students return for Term 2

Reminder:

We are celebrating
Harmony Day at CWPS on
Tuesday 22 March
Wear Orange!

Bring a gold coin donation

Principal's Message continued...

Where is my Child's Teacher

Where are teachers when they are not in the classroom?

Parents may sometimes wonder where their child's teacher is, if they are not on class. Children often take this news home to parents. Many things could be happening. Teachers could be:

- having their weekly release from face-to-face teaching (they are entitled to 2 hours).
- involved in professional learning off site or on site.
- completing executive duties.
- mentoring or coaching other teachers.
- on leave e.g. sick, family or emergency leave – this is confidential and only the teacher can share this information.

When teachers know they will be absent they plan for this time, ensuring their class timetable is adhered to where possible. Your children are offered a rich, ever-changing curriculum, based on the most recent teaching documents and the most recent research. Our teachers focus on the needs of EVERY student under their care.

Selective High School Test

Due to the impact of the floods on many schools in NSW, the Selective High School Test has been postponed to Thursday 31 March. All registered students will sit this test at school. We wish each student participating all the best.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

You will have the opportunity to book in a time with your child's teacher to discuss your child's academic and social progress in Term 1. This year, we are offering either phone, Zoom or face to face meetings. Please keep your eyes out for the letter sent out this week.

Ms Monica Marchiello

Principal

Book Club LOOP

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22/03/2022

PSSA Sport

For the first time in a month, we were able to enjoy some games of Summer PSSA. It was a successful day for all of our T-Ball and Softball teams, winning their games against Strathfield North PS. Girls T-Ball won 15-8, Boys T-Ball won a close game 10-8 and Mixed Softball won another close one 12-8. Our cricket teams faced off against Homebush, with the Juniors losing a very tight game by 4 runs and the Seniors making huge strides from their first game, but losing narrowly. Over the next two Fridays we will be holding Winter PSSA trials at school. Year 3 and Year 4 students can trial for Junior Boys and Girls Soccer as well as Mixed Netball. Year 5 and Year 6 students can try out for Senior Boys and Girls Soccer and Mixed Netball.

- Mr Sean Craft , PSSA Coordinator

Korean Online Exchange Program in 2022

We are continuing an initiative this year, linking with a school in Korea, to provide wonderful opportunities for our Korean Intensive students. We had our first online exchange lesson last Thursday with 14 Intensive Korean senior students from Concord West Public School and 27 students from Won-Myung Public School in Seoul, Korea. Korean intensive students from Concord West Public School practised their Korean and the students in Korea practiced their English. The students were so thrilled with the lesson. More lessons are planned between now and the end of the year.

- Miss Kim, Korean Community Language Teacher



Concord West P&C



Concord West Public School's P&C meetings are held monthly.

Our next meeting is **Wednesday 6th April at 7pm.**

Where: CWPS Staff Room and online via zoom (we offer both in person and online)
Zoom Meeting ID: 660 9842 8466

Who: Everyone is welcome to come. We welcome all parents and community members to our P&C meetings.

Please come and join our team, find out what is happening and contribute to the learning of students at Concord West Public School.

- Donna van Asperen, P&C President



Visit our Harmony Day Google site!

<https://sites.google.com/education.nsw.gov.au/harmony-day-at-cwps/home>

What is happening at school?

On Tuesday 22nd March, students will be offered activities to do in class relating to multiculturalism, diversity and harmony. Here are some other things happening which are **optional**:

- **Wear something orange (gold coin donation):** Students are invited to wear orange to represent Harmony Day, such as an orange t-shirt, socks, ribbon or wristband. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect. Australians can choose to wear something orange to show their support for cultural diversity and an inclusive Australia.
- The canteen will also be selling special orange food on the day:
 - Orange fruity ice - 60c
 - Frozen orange - \$1
 - Carrot sticks - \$1
 - Orange jelly - \$1.60
 - Orange juice - \$2
 - Butter chicken - \$3

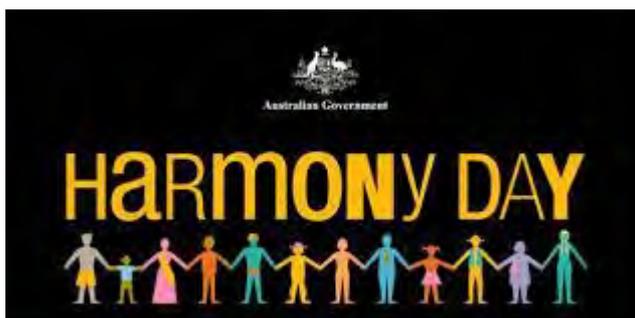


All donations are going towards flood relief to support people affected by widespread flooding across New South Wales.

We look forward to celebrating this special day with our students next week and we hope the day will also provide a good opportunity for families to talk about cultural diversity and harmony. We are proud to have such a multicultural school with so many different traditions, beliefs, languages and cultures and we strive to build a community of friendship and peace.

Ms Monica Marchiello
Principal

Ms Kay Yasugi
Harmony Day Coordinator



All things swimming

by Mrs Waugh

Despite having to reschedule because of the extremely wet weather, we were finally able to hold a successful swimming carnival at Enfield Aquatic Centre on Monday, 7 March. Our swimmers demonstrated many wonderful skills both in and out of the water, most notably their beautiful sportsmanship and encouragement of each other. It was a very successful morning due to the excellent listening and participation of all swimmers.

Three days later on Thursday, 10 March a team of 16 swimmers backed up to represent CWPS at the Western Suburbs Zone Carnival at Auburn Swim Centre. Mrs Eadie accompanied us as Team Manager and was extremely impressed with the behaviour and attentive listening from all of our swim team. Although we had a chilly start, Concord West swimmers were hot in the pool with some personal and team highlights. Nicole H, Thomas M and Chloe K all went on to represent our school and zone in individual events at the South East Regional Swimming Carnival at Sydney Olympic Park on Monday 14 March along with our junior girls relay team of Nicole H, Chloe K, Elena B and Sienna A.

Congratulations to all our wonderful 2022 swimmers!



The Latest News From The Concord West News Crew

This year we would like to introduce our School Leaders, House Captains, as well as ICT, Audio, Environment, Communications and Music Teams. They are great teams and will change our school to make it a better place to learn and play.

We believe that it is good to have school leaders, as they are role models for our younger students, creative, motivated and hard working. Our leaders lead by example and help everyone to feel like they fit into our community.

Congratulations to all of our Year 6 students for their great achievement.
That's all for now, until next time.

Concord West News Crew

- Keira D
- Olivia L



2022 CWPS Leaders



Welcome from the CWPS Library 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Please refer to the table below to see when your child's class has their Library Lesson. On your child's allocated day please encourage your child to return books which they have borrowed from the previous week. A Library bag will also be required on their day of borrowing.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
1G	6/5 M	K B	2/3 C
1P	6/5 SH	K CS	4/3 L
2K	6/5 W	K M	4/3 M
2M		K P	

Supporting the practice of regular library borrowing can foster a love of reading in your child, which we endeavour to achieve for all our students.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Mrs Mason
Librarian



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

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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:

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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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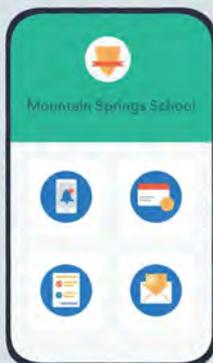
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NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY

Friday 25 March 2022



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ride, walk, scoot or skate to school
on National Ride2School Day.



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FREE BIKE EVENT

JOIN US FOR A
WHEELIE GOOD TIME
AT GODDARD PARK



30 MARCH 3 – 5 PM

Come have a wheelie good time!

The City of Canada Bay is hosting a FREE community bicycle event on Wednesday, 30th March 2022, 3pm – 5pm at Goddard Park.

Come along with your bicycle and join in on the fun

- Have your bike tuned for free (tyres pumped, brakes tightened & gears checked)
- Cycle the newly constructed Broughton Street Cycle Way
- Make your own pedal powered free smoothie – children + adult sized stationary bicycle's available to help blend.
- Purchase a hot drink from a mobile coffee cart
- Learn about Councils plans for the East-West Cycle Way which will connect cyclists from Concord to the Bay Run
- Receive free bicycle safety information to help you keep safe while cycling
- The event is open to all age groups (parents, staff, and students) and cycling abilities.

For more information visit bit.ly/concordbikeevent

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

Concord High School's High Potential and Gifted Education Program



Applications now open for 2023

HOW TO APPLY?

1. Go to [Concord High School's HPGE website](#) and follow the prompts.
2. Complete the online Google Form linked by April 4th, 2022.
3. Upload your child's 'What Matters' video.
4. Upload relevant documentation outlined on site.
5. Correspondence will be made by April 8th 2022

**Applications close
Monday 4th April, 5pm**



For more information, go to the [Concord High School HPGE website](#).

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POWELLS CREEK TENNIS CENTRE

Conway Ave, North Strathfield

April School Holiday Tennis Camps

	Half day tennis 9am to 12 noon	Full day tennis 9am to 3pm (drop-off from 8:30am)	After camp supervision 3pm to 6pm
Monday 11th April			
Tuesday 12th April			
Wednesday 13th April			
Thursday 14th April			
Tuesday 19th April			
Wednesday 20th April			
Thursday 21st April			N/A
Friday 22nd April			

(Tick preferred times)

Half day tennis 9am to 12 noon	\$ 36 inc GST	CHILD NAME:
Full day tennis 9am to 3pm	\$ 66 inc GST	PARENT MOBILE:
2 days	\$ 120 inc GST	PARENT EMAIL:
3 days	\$ 165 inc GST	I WILL PAY THE AMOUNT OF \$ _____ BY:
4 or more days	\$ 50 per day inc GST	(please circle)
After camp supervision 3pm to 6pm for FULL DAY participants only <i>Ball games to 4:30pm followed by afternoon tea and DVDs</i> <i>In event of rain, there will be a wet weather program or credit will be given towards a future tennis camp.</i>	\$ 18 extra per day	Internet banking BSB: 032 275 Account number: 437953 Credit card Cardholder name: Credit card number: Expiry date: CVV (last 3 digits on back): Visa / Mastercard (please circle)

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