



Concord West Public School News

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Principal's Message

Welcome to Week 4 of Term 2.

I hope all Concord West mothers, grandmothers and significant women in our students' lives celebrated Mother's Day in a special way. Thank you to all the parents for organising the Mother's Day raffle and for all your efforts behind the scenes. The community appreciates all that you do. A reminder that NAPLAN continues this week and students should be at school by 9.00am

CHANGE OF BELL TIMES

The transition to the new start and finish times has been smooth. Thank you to all the parents for dropping off and picking up your students at the correct time. A reminder that all students should be in class by 9.00am and students should be picked up as soon as the bell goes at 3.00pm. Please see the *Change of Bell Times* attached for reminders of what was sent home late last term.

CROSS COUNTRY

Thank you to all the staff and parent volunteers who assisted at the Concord West Cross Country Carnival. A special thank you goes to Mrs McLelland, Ms King and the team of teachers who worked behind the scenes to make this a huge success. With parents and carers now able to join us for special events and celebrations, a new energy and growing feeling of support are bringing back a sense of 'normality' and invigorating our planned initiatives for 2022. Congratulations to all students and for those who are competing at the Zone Cross Country next week.

MORNING ASSEMBLY AND STAGE ASSEMBLIES

Thank you to the Year 6 school leaders for coordinating and facilitating the Monday morning assemblies, it's been wonderful being able to assemble as a whole school each week. The fortnightly stage assemblies will re-commence this term on Thursday from Week 5. More information will be shared with you closer to the day.

ACADEMIC REPORTS AND PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Teachers are busy preparing your child's end of semester report which will be sent home during Week 10 this term. Parent-Teacher Interviews will take place early next term. The CWPS student academic reports are undergoing a thorough review and transformation this year. Our aim is to provide you with student reports that are personalised and comprehensive, providing detailed, clear and specific information about student learning, growth, next steps and improvement measures. Following the distribution of the Semester 1 reports, the school will be seeking further feedback from the parent community to refine and enhance our student reports. More information to follow next term.

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Upcoming Dates

Sat 21 May:

Federal Election
P&C Bake Stall and BBQ

Tue 24 May:

Zone Cross Country

Wed 25 May:

Stage 1 Zoo Excursion

Thu 26 May:

K-6 Assembly 2pm

Tue 31 May:

Bass Day - Wear RED!

Wed 1 June:

P&C Meeting

Thu 2 June:

K-2 Cross Country

Wed 15 June:

K-6 Athletics Carnival

Mon 20 June:

School Photo Day

Principal's Message continued...

ATTENDANCE

Every day counts! Regular attendance at school is essential to assist students to maximise their potential. Students are required to attend school each day it is open, unless they are unwell. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children. As you can see in the attachments provided in this newsletter, every minute counts!

You can help foster positive attendance habits by:

- helping your child learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- ensuring your child arrives on time from the start of the school day, ready to participate in learning
- reducing disruption to learning where possible, by planning any necessary appointments outside of school time
- promptly communicating any absence to the school (within 7 days of the first day of any absence)
- working with the school to encourage and support regular attendance.

In partnership with you, schools also have a responsibility in promoting regular attendance. We can support your child's attendance by:

- monitoring each student's attendance and absences
- following up on absences and attendance concerns
- communicating with families after consecutive absences.

Please understand that teachers have a responsibility to connect with their students and their families if they are not attending school.

With international borders now open, it is expected that some families will be travelling to visit relatives and friends. It is strongly recommended that families travel during school holidays, so learning is not disrupted. However, if you plan to travel outside the school holidays, please inform your child's teacher in advance.

An 'Application for Extended Leave' form needs to be completed and approved prior to the trip. This can be downloaded from the school website forms page.

SCHOOL GATES

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

Morning – 8.30am – 9.15am

Afternoon – 2.45pm – 3.10pm

Please ensure you enter and exit via the Queen St gate at other times.

School site security and student safety remains a high priority. This term alone, there has been 25 security incidences notified to the Department, ranging from finding litter e.g. alcohol bottles to unauthorised people and dogs on site.

Therefore, to secure the school, it is essential that there is only 1 main entry to the school which is Queen St. The school has a plan in place to facilitate future exiting via Concord Rd but as with all projects, there is an implementation time which we are trying to expediate. I will keep you updated as information comes available.

Ms Monica Marchiello

Principal



Notes and money

Please include your **child's full name** on any permission notes.

If sending money to the office, please always place in a **sealed bag/envelope with your child's note and full name.**

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



SISA Athletics (Term 2) and Gymnastics (Term 3)

This year, we are excited to be able to offer our students at Concord West Public School the opportunity to be involved in the SISA Athletics and Gymnastics programs. These programs focus on the specific, technical skills involved in two of the most complex areas of the Australian Curriculum PDHPE syllabus. Through having expert, professionally trained PE teachers come in to teach all students, Kindergarten to Year 6, these skills, we are affording the children the best possible learning experiences in sporting areas that they may not normally be given the opportunity to learn.

In Term 2, the SISA teachers will be at school every Wednesday focusing on Athletics, building up the students' skills before our Athletics Carnival towards the end of the term. In Term 3, weekly lessons which target all elements of the PDHPE syllabus gymnastics component will be taught for all grades. SISA bring in their own specific, targeted equipment to help ensure each student is given the best learning experience possible.

- **Mr Craft (PSSA Coordinator/Assistant Principal)**

Cross Country Carnival

Last Tuesday, 3 May, Sydney put on its best show for our cross country carnival. The sun shone, and everyone's mood was high as we finally enjoyed some warmth and clear skies. The ground at Rotary Park, however, was still wet and muddy which made for a challenging cross-country course. The course was 400 metres long. Our youngest participants ran an impressive 2 kilometres, while our older students ran an incredible 3 kilometres.

Students navigated inclines and muddy turf, to compete for house points. The children showed great school spirit and camaraderie as they cheered on their friends. Students who didn't think they could complete the run just kept going and demonstrated impressive resilience. It was lovely to see parents at a school event again, and to enjoy sport with our enthusiastic Concord West students.

- **Ms King and Mrs McLelland**



Concord West Parents and Citizens—Calling all cake bosses!

The Concord West Public School P&C is reaching out for your assistance in running a Bake Stall on the Federal Election Day, Saturday 21st May. We need volunteers to bake cakes, biscuits and loaves for the day.

We'll provide you with cake boxes and ingredients sheets, we just need your time and cooking skills. Goodies can be dropped off to the school canteen on Friday afternoon (20 May 2022). If you are able to support this fundraiser, please join the **Cake Stall Whatsapp Group**:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/DVZkGMfD4CLJRsoQoKfc6P>

We are also running a BBQ on the same day and would appreciate your help. If you are available between 8:30am to 4pm on the day, please join the **Election Day BBQ Whatsapp Group**:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/lzZ9WvxmCyR4EoPIQyAold>

We need volunteers in 30-minute shifts to either:

- Cook BBQ
- Manage BBQ orders
- Manage bake & drinks stand

Thank you.

- **CWPS P&C**

Kindergarten Excursion—Calmsley Hill

On Thursday 5 May, Kindergarten children went to Calmsley Hill City Farm to learn about living things. We saw a horse, chickens, a fox, rabbits, pigs, a koala, dogs, goats, sheep, cows, wombats, cats and parrots. We had a turn of milking a cow. We went on a bumpy tractor ride. The farmers showed us how to crack a whip, then they taught Mrs Cooke, Mrs Blasonato and some children how to crack a whip. Then we watched the working dogs round up the sheep. The last thing we did was watch the farmer shear a sheep. We had a fun day at Calmsley Hill City Farm.

- from the students of KB, KCS, KM and KP



More images from the excursion will be added to the CWPS website galleries this week!



Years 3-6 Cross Country Carnival 2022

Some photos from the 3-6 Cross Country carnival held on 3 May.

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NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn

[education.nsw.gov.au](https://www.education.nsw.gov.au)



Make friends



Build skills through fun





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 of 17 years. 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 NSW Education and Standards Authority for home schooling.

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)

education.nsw.gov.au



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 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 NSW Department of Education 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.

Days missed = years lost


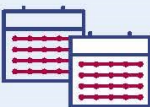
A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per **fortnight**
 = **4** weeks  = Over **1** year missed

1 day per **week**
 = **8** weeks  = Over **2.5** years missed

More information

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 AND The Department's Attendance Matters Website

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.



TERM 2: 9AM - 3PM



Concord
West
Public
School



The
playground is
open from
8:30am



Safe,
respectful &
responsible
learners



Talk to the
teacher if
you have
a problem

Let's
all do
our
best!



Concord West PS Change of Bell Times

Morning Supervision - 8:30am

School Start Time - 9:00am

Break 1 (lunch) - 11:00 - 11:40am

Break 2 (recess) - 1:25 - 2:00pm

School Finish Time - 3:00pm



Concord West PS Change of Bell Times

Music Rehearsal Times

Choir - Monday - 7:50 am

Beginner Strings Orchestra - Tuesday - 7:50am

Intermediate & Advanced Orchestra - Wednesday - 7:50am

Guitar Groups - Wednesday - 3:05pm

Camerata & Concert Band - Thursday - 7:50am



Concord West PS Change of Bell Times

Office hours - 8:30 - 3:30pm

Canteen - orders by 9am

Uniform Shop - 8:30 - 9:00am, (Monday & Tuesday)

Crossing Supervisor - 8:15 - 9:15am and 2:30 - 3:30pm

PSSA training (Fridays) - 8am

Contact your Before & After School Care provider directly for information and bookings.





CWPS P&C UNIFORM SHOP

ORDER ONLINE!

Online Shop: www.bit.ly/CWPSuniforms
(see 2022 order form on next pages)

**We are happy to return and exchange items
that are that are unworn and unwashed with tags on**

**We will aim to process and
deliver your orders to your child's class
in 5 business days.**

Stay safe and thank you for your continued support!

**Khatija Imdadali
P&C Uniform Shop Coordinator
Email: uniformshopcwps@gmail.com**



Concord West Public School Uniform Order Form

Student Name: _____ Class: _____ Date / /22
 Parent Name: _____ Phone: _____

Please write the number of items required under the size you are ordering.

Summer Uniform	Size 4	Size 6	Size 8	Size 10	Size 12	Size 14	Size 16	Price/ item	Sub Total
Short Sleeve Polo Shirt (unisex)								\$30	
Pure Cotton Shirt (unisex)								\$TBA	
Skorts (girls)								\$22	
Gabardine Shorts (boys)								\$20	
Summer Dress								\$50	
Winter Uniform	Size 4	Size 6	Size 8	Size 10	Size 12	Size 14	Size 16		
Long Sleeve Polo Shirt (unisex)								\$35	
Stretch Jazz pants (girls)		6	7	8				\$16	
Gabardine Trousers (boys)								\$22	
Winter Tunic (girls)								\$55	
Tights Cotton blend (girls)	4-6		7-10		11-14			\$15	
General Items									
Bomber Jacket (4-12)								\$42	
Bomber Jacket (14-16)								\$45	
Winter Jacket (4, 6, 8, 12, 14)								\$48	
Bucket Hat	Small		Med		Large			\$20	
Slouch Hat (adjustable)	S-M				L-XL			\$20	
Backpack								\$45	
Library Bag								\$15	
Excursion Bag								\$15	
Head Band / Hair Bow								\$12	
Pre-loved Items	\$5 x		\$10 x						

Order online

<https://concord-west-public-school-pc.square.site> or use QR code

Orders will be delivered to child's class.



TOTAL OF ORDER

\$

Please put in CHILD name and CLASS online not parent name.

Uniform Shop hours:

Shop only accepting online orders for now

Hats are available at school office every day - \$20

Email: uniformshopcwps@gmail.com

Backorder Items: Supplied by: _____ Date: _____

Prices January 2022 until December 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



Scan me for practical school tips!

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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GETTING READY FOR THE **NSW PLASTICS BAN** WEDNESDAY, 18 MAY AT 6:30PM

NSW Parliament has passed the Plastics and Circular Economy Act 2021, which will phase out selected single-use plastics from June 2022, starting with banning single-use bags, followed by straws, cotton buds, plates, bowls and cutlery.

Join us for a webinar to find out how your business, school and community organisation can navigate through the NSW plastics ban.



Register to attend online at bit.ly/plasticbanwebinar or scan the QR code. For more information contact your local Council.

