

Concord West Public School News

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Principal's Message

Welcome to Week 6 of Term 2.

We had a wonderful day at CWPS on election day last Saturday. A massive thank you to the P&C and the many volunteers including the student leaders, who assisted with our very first community event on Saturday. It was heart-warming to see everyone work together. From baking cakes, setting up, cooking the BBQ, taking the orders, to cleaning and packing up at the end of the day. We thank you! There was an abundance of enthusiasm and excitement on the day and everyone was eager to assist. Congratulations on a successful and well organised event. We are very lucky here at Concord West PS to have such a wonderful community who continue to give up their time and energy to ensure events and school activities run smoothly.

IT'S TIME TO ENROL FOR 2023

We are commencing Kindergarten enrolments for 2023. Please click here for further information about the school and the enrolment forms. If you do not reside in the local catchment area, please note that you are required to complete an "out of area" application.

ELECTRONIC SIGN

The installation of the electronic signboard facing Concord Rd has commenced and will hopefully be complete this week. We would love community input about the kinds of messages displayed. Please click here to have your say.

TRAVELLING OVERSEAS?

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, an *Application for Extended Leave* needs to be completed (available from the office or on our website). Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

*Ms Monica Marchiello*Principal

Upcoming Dates

Tue 31 May:
Bass Jersey Day - wear RED
or a Football Jersey

Wed 1 June: P&C Meeting

Thu 2 June: K-2 Cross Country

Mon 6 June:
Stage 2 Excursion

Thu 9 June:
K-2 Assembly (1G) 2pm
3-6 Assembly (65M) 2.30pm

<u>Wed 15 June:</u> K-6 Athletics Carnival

Mon 20 June: School Photo Day



Whole School Assembly

On Thursday we enjoyed our first whole school assembly for 2022. We took the opportunity to recognise National Sorry Day and offer our own apology to First Nations People. National Sorry Day is an annual event that is held in Australia on 26th May. The event remembers and commemorates the mistreatment of the country's Indigenous peoples, as part of an ongoing process of reconciliation for Australia's First Nations People.

At the assembly we also recognised student achievement at the School Cross Country and Swimming Carnival. Congratulations to all ribbon winners. The 2022 Student Representative Council (SRC) was announced. Congratulations to all SRC members and good luck in your new role. We were also treated to a wonderful performance by the Chamber Choir singing 'See The Lights' by Rachel Kelly. Well done Mr Wallace and the choir!

- Mr David MacFarlane, Assistant Principal Stage 3

Concord West P&C News

Democracy sausages never tasted so good!

The P&C ran an election barbecue and bake stall last Saturday at the school and it was such a success. Yes there was money made, and it will go towards enabling live streaming & technology at the school. But more than that, it was a fantastic opportunity for our volunteers and their families to connect with each other. Thank you to everyone who organised, setup, baked, sizzled sausages, packed up and generally supported the day. We look forward to our next event and the opportunity to bring more families together.

P&C Meetings

Concord West Public School P&C meetings are held monthly. Our next meeting is Wednesday 1st June at 7pm.

When: Wed 1st June 7pm

Where: Zoom https://auo1web.zoom.us/j/66098428466

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 find out what is happening and contribute to the learning of students at Concord West Public School

- CWPS Parents and Citizens



Bunny Update!

We're sure many of our students and families noticed the cute rabbit that has been in and around our school grounds over the past couple of weeks. The bunny's owner has been identified and the bunny will soon be safely reunited with its owner. Thank you Mrs Hampson for organising the safe return of the rabbit to its home.

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

School Photo Day-Monday 20th June 2022

Monday 20th June (Term 2 Week 9) is our school photo day at Concord West Public School. Photo envelopes will be sent home with students in Week 7. Each student must have their own envelope. Envelopes for sibling photos and individual photos are available from the office.

Payment for photos is to be made directly to the photographer either online on their website or via correct change in the envelope provided. Envelopes are given directly to the photographer on photo day.

It is important that students wear correct winter uniform for the school photos.

Boys winter uniform: school yellow polo, bottle green pants, grey socks and black shoes

Girls winter uniform: school yellow polo, bottle green pants or winter tunic, white socks and black shoes

Photographers will commence taking class and individual photos from 9:00am.

It is important that students are at school on time.



P&C Uniform Shop Hours:

Mondays: 8.45-9.00am Tuesdays: 8.45-9.00am

Online: order online at any time—orders will be delivered to your child's classroom within 4 working days.

Online uniform shop: www.bit.ly/CWPSuniforms

Koori Connections Excursion

On Wednesday 18th May some of our students attended the Koori Connections excursion to the Georges River Environmental Education Centre. We learnt about the Aboriginal culture and their connection to the land and each other. There were many interesting activities such as painting with ochre, phishing (calling) to the small birds in the forest, and learning about the local wildlife along the Georges River.

'Making a web with wool was fun' - Sabiha Year 1

I enjoyed going for a bush walk and looking at the snake' – Samarah Year 2

'I loved touching the snake, turtle and lizard' – Michele Year 3

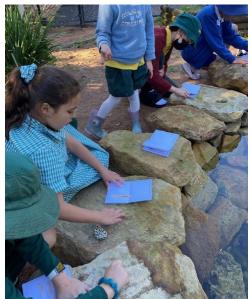
'My favourite part was finger painting with ochre' - Shante Year 4

'I enjoyed drawing a gum tree with ochre' - Aziza Year 6











Scholastic Book Club

Issue 4 of Book Club is out now. Due back 7th June 2022

For every Book Club order placed, our school library receives 20% back as Scholastic Rewards.

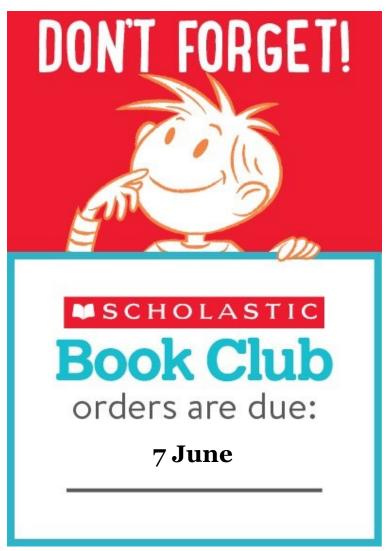
Thanks to your ongoing support, here are some of the fantastic books that the library has recently purchased!

- Mrs Melissa Buttigieg (Parent) Volunteer Book Club Coordinator









Kindergarten Overview Term 2, 2022



Welcome

Welcome back to Term 2! The children have settled into learning well, and we are all enjoying this busy time. We look forward to welcoming parents into the school for assemblies this term. Please check the Skoolbag App regularly for information and events

Weekly Events

This term students will participate in weekly music, Italian, Korean, social skills and library lessons. They will also participate in sports lessons run by SISA (Sport In Schools Australia) each Wednesday. Scripture will be every Tuesday from Week 4.

	Music	Library	Italian	Korean
KCS	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Tuesday
KM	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
КВ	Monday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Thursday
КР	Thursday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Wednesday

Homework

Kindergarten children at Concord West PS do not complete formal homework. Please practise their sight words and spend time reading quality books together.

You can help your child develop their maths skills by playing games like snakes and ladders or dominoes.

Important Dates

FARM EXCURSION - 5TH MAY

K-2 CROSS COUNTRY -TBA

SYMPHONIA JUBILATE FAMILY CONCERT - 28TH MAY

BASS DAY - 31ST MAY

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL - 15TH JUNE

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY - 20TH JUNE

STRINGS GALA CONCERT 30TH JUNE

English

This term students will continue learning single sounds, begin learning digraphs (double sounds like ch and sh) and practise their skills blending sounds together to read and write words. They will be learning to write descriptive sentences and practising letter formation and handwriting. We will continue our Phonemic Awareness program practising skills including rhyming words, blending and substituting sounds. Reading groups will continue, with students working on developing fluency and expression.

Mathematics

Students will be practising counting, reading and writing numbers and playing simple maths games regularly to improve their skills this term. Our topics for Term 2 are:

Time	Addition	2D Shapes	
Whole Numbers	Friends of 10	Subtraction	

Other Key Learning Areas

Science & Technology: Students will be learning about living things, their needs and how they grow and change. We will be drawing on our experiences from our visit to the farm and our hatching chicks from Term 1.

Creative Arts: Students will continue to make and talk about artworks. They will be learning drama skills to develop their understanding of stories and participate in role-play activities.

Personal Development: Students will participate in Child Protection lessons. They will learn about safe and unsafe situations, who can help them and how they can stay safe.

Physical Education: Students will participate in the SISA program as well as class fitness activities. SISA offers students the opportunity to engage in athletics, gymnastics, sport development and well-being and social skills activities.

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Stage One Overview Term 2, 2022



Welcome

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Weekly Events

This term students will participate in weekly music, Italian, Korean, social skills and library lessons. They will also participate in sports lessons run by SISA (Sport In Schools Australia) each Wednesday. Scripture will be every Tuesday from Week 4.

	Music	Library	Italian	Korean
1P	Monday	Monday	Thursday	Tuesday and Friday
1 G	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Tuesday and Friday
2M	Monday	Monday	Thursday	Tuesday and Friday
2K	Monday	Monday	Tuesday	Tuesday and Friday

Homework

Homework will continue in the same manner as last term. Students in Year 1 and 2 should spend no more than 15 minutes per night on their homework. This includes reading time. Your child's teacher has provided a grid of several activities for your child to complete. Please note that the school's homework policy states that homework is not compulsory. It is optional but we highly recommend encouraging and fostering reading for enjoyment.

Important Dates

ZOO EXCURSION - 25TH MAY

SYMPHONIA JUBILATE FAMILY CONCERT - 28TH MAY

BASS DAY - 31ST MAY

K-2 CROSS COUNTRY EVENT -2ND JUNE

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL - 15TH JUNE

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY - 20TH JUNE

STRINGS GALA CONCERT 30TH JUNE

English

Year 1- The trial of the new English and Mathematics syllabus content will continue to be a focus for our students in Year 1. Foundational skills for English include: oral language, phonic knowledge, reading fluency, reading comprehension, handwriting spelling and creating texts.

Year 2 - The students will read more complex texts independently and continue to develop further skills in writing. The focus of narrative structures will explore the development of characters, settings and problems. Speaking & listening activities will continue to develop confidence and communication skills.

Mathematics

Students will be developing skills in working mathematically and continue to develop effective early numeracy strategies and understandings. Our topics for Term 2 are:

Fractions and Decimals	Whole Number	Length	
Multiplication and Division	Addition and Subtraction	Area	

Other Key Learning Areas

Geography: Students will be learning about people and places and how people care for the places in the environment. Students will learn about the natural, managed and constructed features of places. They will observe, identify and describe these features within their school and in the local community.

Creative Arts: Students will continue to develop their use of different artistic techniques during art lessons. Elements of drama will be taught to help develop their understanding of stories and participation in role-play activities.

Personal Development: Students will participate in Child Protection lessons and will be able to recognise and describe strategies people can use to feel comfortable, resilient and safe in situations.

Physical Education: Students will participate in the SISA program as well as class fitness activities. SISA offers students the opportunity to engage in athletics, gymnastics, sport development and well-being and social skills activities.

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Stage 2 Newsletter Term 2, 2022



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The Stage 2 teaching team are looking forward to working with your children this term and providing them with opportunities to learn and grow. Please review the term ahead and feel free to contact your child's teacher if you have questions or concerns.

Weekly Events

This term students will participate in weekly music, art and library lessons. They will also participate in athletics lessons conducted by Sport in School Australia (SISA) on Wednesday afternoon. Scripture will be every Tuesday from Week 4.

	Sport	Library	Scripture
3/2C	Wednesday	Thursday	Tuesday
4/3L	Wednesday	Thursday	Tuesday
4/3M	Wednesday	Thursday	Tuesday
4/3P	Wednesday	Thursday	Tuesday

Homework

Homework will continue on a weekly cycle. Each student will be given a homework sheet and a copy of their spelling words on Monday. Tasks are designed to complement learning that is taking place in the classroom. Students are encouraged to bring in their homework books by Friday each week.

Important Dates

WINTER PSSA - EACH FRIDAY

ZONE CROSS COUNTRY -MAJORS BAY RESERVE 24TH MAY

SYMPHONIA JUBILATE FAMILY CONCERT - 28TH MAY

BASS DAY - 31ST MAY

FIELD OF MARS EXCURSION 6TH JUNE

MUSIC CAMP - 8TH-10TH JUNE

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL - 15TH JUNE

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY - 20TH JUNE

STRINGS GALA CONCERT 30TH JUNE

English

This term students are learning about descriptive language and devices and how to use them when writing a creative text. They will be engaged in creating descriptive passages which will be built on how to create a narrative text. Through presenting, students will develop speaking and listening skills. Students also read in small groups using comprehension strategies to better understand texts.

Maths

Students are learning to develop their mathematical thinking by engaging in a variety of maths tasks each week. We will focus on thinking flexibly with numbers and using a range of strategies to solve problems. Students will be encouraged to justify their answers.

Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10
Chance	Multiplication & Division	Area	Fractions & Decimals	Whole Number	Addition & Subtraction	Mass

Other Key Learning Areas

Geography: Students explore the climate, natural vegetation and native animals of places in Australia and Asia. They examine the importance of natural vegetation and natural resources to the environment, animals and people and learn about the ways people value environments, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

Art: Students will work with specialist art teacher Signora Mazzeo to produce art using a range of media to complement learning in Geography about the Earth's Environment including flora and fauna found in Australia and surrounding countries.

Personal Development: Students will participate in Drug Education and Child Protection lessons. Students will learn how to be safe around medications and how to be advocates for their own safety.

Physical Education: Students will participate in the SISA program or an alternative sports program with teachers. SISA offers students the opportunity to engage in athletics, gymnastics, sport development and well-being and social skills activities.

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Stage 3 Newsletter Term 2, 2022



Welcome

The Stage 3 teaching team are looking forward to working with your children this term and providing them with opportunities to learn and grow. Please review the term ahead and feel free to contact your child's teacher if you have questions or concerns.

Weekly Events

This term students will participate in weekly music, art and library lessons. They will also participate in athletics lessons conducted by Sport in School Australia (SISA) on Wednesday afternoon. Scripture will be every Tuesday from Week 4.

	Sport	Library	Scripture
6/5M	Wednesday	Tuesday	Tuesday
6/5W	Wednesday	Tuesday	Tuesday
6/5SH	Wednesday	Tuesday	Tuesday

Homework

Homework will continue on a fortnightly cycle. Homework will be posted to Google Classrooms on Mondays. Tasks are designed to complement learning that is taking place in the classroom. Students are encouraged to submit the work via Google Classrooms by Friday each fortnight.

Important Dates

WINTER PSSA - EACH FRIDAY

NAPLAN MAKE UP TESTS -17TH & 18TH MAY

ZONE CROSS COUNTRY - 24TH MAY

SYMPHONIA JUBILATE
FAMILY CONCERT - 28TH MAY

BASS DAY - 31ST MAY

MUSIC CAMP - 8TH-10TH JUNE

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL - 15TH JUNE

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY - 20TH JUNE

STRINGS GALA CONCERT 30TH JUNE

English

This term students are learning about persuasive language and devices and how to use them when writing a persuasive text or speech. They will be engaged in creating advertisements, commercials, letter writing and reviews. Through presenting, students will develop speaking and listening skills. Students also read in small groups using comprehension strategies to better understand texts.

Maths

Students are learning to develop their mathematical thinking by engaging in a variety of maths tasks each week. We will focus on thinking flexibly with numbers and using a range of strategies to solve problems. Students will be encouraged to justify their answers.

Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10
Angles	Multiplication & Division	Time	Fractions & Decimals	Whole Number	3D	Volume & Capacity

Other Key Learning Areas

Geography: Students investigate how people change the natural environment and how the environment influences the human characteristics of places. Students explore the impact bushfires have on Australian people, places and environments and propose ways people can reduce the impact of bushfires in the future.

Art: Students will work with specialist art teacher Signora Mazzeo to produce art using a range of media to complement learning in Geography about the Australian Environment including local flora and fauna.

Personal Development: Students will participate in Child Protection lessons. Year 5 will learning about maintaining supportive and healthy relationships. Year 6 will learn about recognising and responding to different types of abuse though networks of support.

Physical Education: Students will participate in the SISA program or an alternative sports program with teachers. SISA offers students the opportunity to engage in athletics, gymnastics, sport development and well-being and social skills activities.

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