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## **From the Futures Coordinator**

With the end of the year fast approaching, it is around this time that choices regarding future subjects, careers and study pathways become front of mind for many students and parents in our community.

This can be a very exciting time; however, it can also cause students, and parents, some anxiety, stress and even dread. Sometimes, it can be a source of conflict.

During this important and often stressful time, I want to share a thought or two that can hopefully relieve some of this pressure and stress for both parents and students.

Whether students get their choice of subjects, degree, career or apprenticeship right straight away or not, it's important to remember that none of these choices are irreversible. Students can transfer degrees based on grade point average (GPA), do postgraduate study, do adult apprenticeships or change apprenticeships, qualify for university through the STAT Test or uniTEST, or gain admission by qualifying through a Diploma or Bridging Course. There is almost always some way or a different way for students to get where they end up wanting to go.

Obviously it would be nice, ideal, more efficient, quicker, and cheaper to get every decision 'right' straight from the start, and it would be good and less stressful if your child "knew what they wanted to do." This is a good aim to have. However, it is not the reality for most people.

Seeing the level of pressure and stress some students feel to "know what they want to do" is concerning. They are teenagers after all; they have been in school their whole life, and they are still figuring out who they are and what they care about.

As parents, we should care, research and be careful and purposeful with these decisions, but let's take the pressure off while still supporting, helping, and guiding to try and get the choices right as best we can. If we get them wrong, let's have the attitude of "it's okay, we can fix it – together."

With the positive and compassionate support of their parents and caregivers, our students will get there.

Wishing you all the best and every success.

**Lloyd Oppelaar**  
Futures Coordinator

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**Q&A with Kate O'Halloran - Primary Performing Arts Teacher**

1. Where were you before this and what persuaded you to join Concordia College?

I was an Inclusive Education teacher at a school in the western suburbs. I was a bit 'burnt out' and I always enjoy teaching performing arts so this was an exciting opportunity.

2. Describe yourself in three words.

Fun, passionate, kind.

3. What motivates/inspires you in your role?

I have always loved working with and empowering young people. I believe they are our future and if I can make a tiny difference then I feel I have done my job. I have done several different teaching roles in my career, but I always seem to come back to the performing arts. This inspires me the most because I see children and young people grow when they take some risks and realise they have achieved. What keeps me motivated or inspired is when students sit up a bit taller or smile proudly when they get applause or positive feedback from me about their performance.

4. If you had a superpower, what would it be?

I'm very good at 'reading' people - so 'super empathy'.

5. Who would you invite to a dinner party of six guests and why? Alternatively, tell us something you might like to share that we could not possibly know?

I lived in Hamburg (Germany) for a year and taught (at a bilingual school) several famous soccer players' children! I had no idea who they were at first as I follow AFL and was very clueless!

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## **National Science Week 2023: Innovation**

Concordia marked the observance of National Science Week during Week 4 of Term 3. The theme for 2023 was "Innovation: Fuelling Future Industries." While this theme is quite expansive, it prompts us to contemplate how creativity and innovation have not only shaped our present lives but will also continue to shape our future. Whether devising ground-breaking solutions for challenges like climate change, pioneering advancements in medical sciences or venturing into the realms of space, the theme beckons us to reflect on these revolutionary changes. More than just possessing information, the ability to creatively unravel complexities is so important.

During the same week, Stage 1 students actively participated in Showcase lessons. These sessions encompassed a range of captivating demonstrations highlighting their learning in Stage 1 Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Psychology. Subsequently, they passed on this knowledge to an invited audience of a class of Year 7s or 8s. Witnessing the younger students engrossed in these subjects was inspiring, while senior students relished the chance to impart

their passion for their chosen fields of study.

Concordia had the honour of hosting Dr Lauren Thurgood, an Old Concordian (2000), during this eventful week. Dr Thurgood, now a lecturer in medicine and public health as well as a research associate in molecular medicine and genetics at Flinders University, shared her remarkable journey from Concordia to her current accomplishments. Her insights inspired students as they learned more about pathways they might take for similar success.

National Science Week's theme of "Innovation: Powering Future Industries" resonates deeply with our educational journey at Concordia. It underscores the profound role that creativity and innovative thinking play in shaping our world. Fostering these qualities isn't just about amassing facts, but about cultivating the ability to navigate the uncharted waters of progress with ingenuity and imagination.

**Catherine O'Halloran**

Science Coordinator

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## **Book Week 2023: Read Grow Inspire**

### St John's Campus

The 'Read, Grow, Inspire' Book Week theme was celebrated in a variety of ways.

- Students could participate in **competitions**. Coming up with suggested names for the four new library 'book chooks' was a popular activity, as was finding many book character pictures in look-a-like books among the shelves.
- Reception students were invited to '**Bedtime Stories in the Library**' on Wednesday evening. It was wonderful seeing so many little ones with parents/grandparents listening to staff reading them a story.
- Upper primary students ordered books through our temporary '**Uber Reads**' system and middle primary students accessed a range of brand new books.
- **Local author Katrina Germein visited us** on Friday, entertaining junior primary students with her stories and songs. It was wonderful that her book 'Bev and Kev' won an Honourable Book award in the Children's Book Council awards just prior to Book Week.
- Students also **decorated seeded paper (Swan River daisy) bookmarks** and took home a small pot, into which they can choose to plant part of their bookmark.
- On Friday we had our **dress-up day and first proper Book Week parade**. It was fantastic seeing everyone together and the amazing effort that went into a lot of the costumes. There were many interesting book characters around our campus!

Overall, it was a hectic but thoroughly enjoyable week focused on reading, growing and inspiring ourselves and others as readers.

**Nolene Thiele**

## St Peters Campus

It was wonderful to celebrate books and all things reading during Book Week at St Peters Campus. Highlights included our dress-up day and a round of 'Book Tasting' sessions for all ELC to Year 6 students with our Learning Resources Manager, Mrs Hajnalka Molloy.

The Book Tasting event was a wonderful way for children to explore new genres and authors. The Library was transformed into a restaurant, with chequered tablecloths, vases of flowers, placemats and candles. It was a literary journey, with students sampling a variety of books to discover their next favourite read. They delved into delicious, tasty morsels, enjoying a smorgasbord of flavours (books) and enjoying conversation about books. To make the experience even cozier, we served warm hot chocolate and marshmallows, inspired by Deborah Abela's book, 'Bear in Space'. It was a wonderful end to our Book Week celebrations.

## Concordia Campus

Students were encouraged to *Read, Grow and Inspire* through a range of activities over Book Week, including creating #ConcordiaBookToks and enjoying a Book Buffet – sharing books we are devouring whilst enjoying our hot chocolate. We also watched short films about inspirational people, paired with their biographies. For those visiting Yangadlitya at lunchtime, there was an opportunity to learn Hungarian Embroidery, to grow our skills as well as engaging in a range of literary quizzes and challenges.

### **Hajnalka Molloy**

Learning Resources Manager

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## **Author-in-Residence - Deborah Abela**

Over the past week we have been very fortunate to have award-winning Australian author Deborah Abela as an Author-in-Residence working across our three campuses. Deb worked extensively with Year 7 and 8 students through three writers' workshops to support them to develop their creative writing skills. At St Peters and St John's she presented to all Year 3-6 students. Her books have flown off the shelves and there has been a buzz of excitement around the College about reading and creative writing. We are very grateful to Deborah for sharing her extraordinary authorial knowledge and experience with us.

### **Hajnalka Molloy**

Learning Resources Manager

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## St Peters Campus Father's Day Breakfast

Yesterday at St Peters Campus, we celebrated all the wonderful dads (and grandads) across our campus. We had a great turnout and were very well fed! Miss Wilson spoke about Proverbs 20:7 (ESV) which says "*The righteous who walks in his integrity—blessed are his children after him!*"

This verse is a wonderful encouragement for parents to continually show their children what it looks like to love God and love others. Fathers have the wonderful privilege of modelling integrity every day. As a school, we are very thankful for the support of our fathers and the example that they set for their children which, as educators, we get to develop and nurture here at school.

We wish all the fathers across the College a very happy Father's Day on Sunday.

**Bronwyn Wilson**

Principal - St Peters Campus

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## Ukaria Chamber Music Concert

Nestled in the beautiful Adelaide Hills, just below the Mt Barker summit is one of the world's great performance venues, Ukaria. On Saturday 19 August, Concordia's small ensembles performed a delightful afternoon of chamber music in this prestigious setting.

Included in the program were pieces performed by our three String Quartets, Guitar Ensemble, Brass Ensemble, Cello Quartet, Chamber Strings, Percussion Ensemble, Flute Quartet and Chamber Quartet. In addition to the outstanding music, it is noteworthy that this was the first concert to include students from all three of our campuses.

Thank you to the music staff and ensemble directors for leading our dedicated music students in both their preparation and presentation of this unique and high-quality concert.

**Mat Noble**

Head of Music Performance ELC-12

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## Salvos Digital Doorknock and Sleepout

On Friday 25 August the Concordia Campus gathered in the Quad for the (now) annual

'Soaking of the Staff'! During Term 3, our School Leaders have been working with the Salvation Army in Unley to support their Red Shield Appeal. Students were challenged to sleep rough for a night to raise money for the homeless and disadvantaged in SA.

For every \$500 raised, staff members volunteered to allow students to dump buckets of cold water on them at lunch time. Over \$9,000 was raised which meant many staff, including the Head of College, were soaked to the skin through their dress-up costumes.

Students were encouraged to do the sleepout in teams in their backyards over the weekend. There were about 10 different teams. Each team aimed to raise as much as they could. The School Leaders and the Middle School leaders had a competition that who ever raised the most could soak the other team. For the record, the Middle School Leaders raised the most and the Year 12 School Leaders went home cold and wet!

On behalf the School Leaders who organised the event, I thank all of the students who took on the challenge to sleep rough, the teachers who allowed themselves to be drenched and all of those in our community who generously gave to support this cause. The Salvation Army are extremely grateful, and our donations will be used locally to help the lonely, and any living in hardship.

Thank you, Concordia!

**Mark Rathjen**  
College Chaplain

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## **Brain Bee Challenge State Final**

On Friday 18 August, seven Year 10 students visited the University of Adelaide Health and Medical Sciences building for the State Final of the Australian Brain Bee Challenge. This is the country's only neuroscience competition for high school students. The competition is an opportunity for students to learn more about neurological conditions and brain disorders as well as the structure and function of different sections of the brain.

The students scored among the highest results in South Australia in Round 1 of testing and were invited to compete in the State Final round. To prepare for this competition, these Brain Bee students collectively answered over 18,000 questions about the brain. On the State Final day, as well as undertaking rigorous testing, they visited an anatomy museum and neuroscience lab. They were able to view human brain samples, meet with PhD students undertaking ground-breaking research in spinal cord repair and a range of neurological conditions and see an experiment using Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation. Many students who take part in this competition across Australia go on to incredible careers in medical research and medicine.

We congratulate Josh, Lucas, Jude, Sophie, Alexandra, Ciara and Evelyn on this tremendous



achievement.

We also congratulate our team of four students - Sophie, Alexandra, Ciara and Evelyn - who came third in the state in the team section of the competition. This was an incredible achievement in a highly competitive field.

A big congratulations to everyone. Please [email Mrs Rieger](#) if you are currently in Year 9 and would like to take part in the Brain Bee competition in 2024.

### **Emma Rieger**

Enrichment and Extended Learning

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## **Out and About with Year 4**

As part of our units of inquiry, the Year 4 students at St John's Campus have had many exciting learning experiences. We began the term with a trip to Hallett Cove Conservation Park to look at how the landscape has changed over time and been affected by natural elements of erosion as the culmination of 'How the World Works.'

We then began our 'Sharing the Planet' unit with an exciting game that helped students to understand how we are all interconnected and rely on each other for survival. This involved role play as either a carnivore, herbivore or omnivore.

This has been followed up with consecutive visits to the Adelaide Zoo to study a variety of animals, their habitats, life cycles and threats that they may face.

Learning outside of the classroom has been a wonderful experience. We have been blessed with fine weather on each of our outings and created many long-lasting memories.

### **Anita Ruggiero**

Year 4 Teacher

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## **Pyjama Day at St John's Campus**

On Wednesday 6 September, we will have PJ Day for all students on the St John's Campus. The PJ Day is to support the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal. Students are asked to wear their PJs for the day and bring a gold coin donation (or larger). These funds will be added to the money raised on the Concordia Campus, following a 'Digital Sleepout' involving Middle and Senior School students last weekend. Any Chapel offerings this term will also be donated to the Salvos.

Through critical support services and programs, the Salvos are committed to providing wrap-

around care to those in our communities struggling with hardship, homelessness, domestic violence, natural disasters, addiction and mental illness - and walking alongside them for as long as it takes to get them back on their feet. Together, we can help ensure nobody is left to struggle alone.

**Mark Rathjen**

College Chaplain

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## Concordia in Cabaret

Our Music Department's night of nights for the year - Concordia in Cabaret - will take place on **Friday 22 September** in Fortiter (new Gymnasium). Members of the College community are warmly invited to attend this outstanding evening of music.

- **When: Friday 22 September**
- **Time: Doors open at 6pm, concert from 6.30-9.30pm**
- **Venue: Fortiter (new Gymnasium), Concordia Campus (access via Cheltenham Street)**
- **Tickets: \$25 for adults, \$20 concession (seniors and students)**
  - Please note: student performers do not need to purchase tickets

Tickets go on sale this Friday 1 September.

We hope to see you there!

[Book tickets \(from Friday 1 September\) \(opens an external website in a new window\)](#)

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## New Building Opening Celebration

We are looking forward to the official opening of our stunning new buildings and to celebrating the completion of our current building program with our community on Friday 15 September from 3.30-7pm.

Look forward to...

**In addition to tours of our new buildings, food trucks, live music and more, you are welcome at an official ceremony from 4.00pm-4.30pm**  
*(standing room in the Gym/livestreamed to the Oval).*

**The new facilities will be formally opened at this time by Her Excellency Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia.**

### What to bring...

- A picnic rug - find a spot on the Oval to enjoy performances by our talented students.
- Some money to purchase food and drinks from the food trucks, bar and soft drink stall.
- Yourself and your family - all are welcome at this extraordinary community celebration.

### Key details...

- Friday 15 September
- 3.30-7.00pm
- Concordia College Oval, Winchester Street, Highgate

### Attractions include:

- New building tours
- Food trucks
- Amusements
- Old Macdonald's Travelling Farm
- Live music
- Bar and soft drink stall

All are welcome. We hope to see you there!

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## Year 10 Service Activities

On Tuesday 29 August, Year 10 students participated in range of service activities.

Students from 10VNAR took advantage of the sunshine and began to turn over the College Community Garden, in preparation for seasonal spring planting. In the coming weeks, students will be working with Old Concordians to learn about companion and seasonal planting.

Students from 10COHA visited Puddle Jumpers, a non-profit, non-government organisation committed to responding to the social development needs of society's most vulnerable children. Students assisted by weeding, mowing lawns, cleaning outdoor equipment, washing cars and creating centrepieces for an upcoming awareness event. It is wonderful seeing our students immerse themselves in activities to help others.

### **Rachel Paterson**

Year 10 Leader

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## This month on SchoolTV - Respectful Relationships

Fostering a nurturing environment of respectful relationships within your family holds the key to

not only harmonious living, but also improved academic outcomes for your children. As parents and caregivers, embracing the art of teaching children about respect at a young age sets the stage for a lifetime of healthy interactions and empathetic understanding. It will help cultivate a positive environment where communication flourishes, conflicts are resolved constructively and bonds are fortified.

Teaching children to respect themselves and others will open up avenues for both personal growth and academic achievement. Fostering an environment where respect is not just a word, but a practiced behaviour, will empower young people with essential life skills. Effective communication, active listening and the art of compromise will provide your child with a solid foundation that will transcend family interactions and help them collaborate effectively with peers, teachers and the broader community.

Equipping children with an understanding of healthy versus unhealthy relationships is an important aspect of their development. It will guide them to make informed choices, foster positive connections and set boundaries that contribute to their emotional wellbeing. Understanding the nuances between healthy and unhealthy relationships provides children with the essential tools to navigate their social world, build self-esteem and cultivate meaningful relationships.

In this edition of SchoolTV, learn how to empower young people in healthy interactions to embrace differences and forge connections that honour their self-worth.

If you do have any concerns about the wellbeing of your child, please contact the school for further information or seek medical or professional help.

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## **Year 11 Geography Field Trip**

On Monday 28 August the Stage 1 Geography class headed up to Belair National Park to develop their field work techniques and gather data to assess the bushfire risk of the area. Students looked at six different sites, exploring areas that have had a recent prescribed burn, a previous bushfire or areas that have not had any formal burn management in the last 10 years. They were able to look at fuel load, identify the dominant vegetation in the area and use ranging poles and clinometers to measure the slope of the various sites. It was a perfect weather day to get out and experience Geography in the world around us!

**Emily Borowicki**

Geography Teacher

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## **Middle A Boys' Basketball Back-to-back Champions**

Concordia congratulates our Middle A boys' basketball program, who won the SAAS Basketball Seasonal Championship for the second consecutive year on Saturday 19 August.

An outstanding achievement!

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## Duke of Edinburgh's International Award

Several students have recently achieved their Bronze or Silver Duke of Edinburgh's International Award. Not only is this a significant personal achievement, but it adds some extra sparkle to their resumés and earns them 10 SACE credits. Students have undertaken a wide range of activities to achieve their Awards. **Lucas (10TMOR)** should be commended on his patience as he spent hours transcribing footage of night vision wildlife cameras, painstakingly identifying specific species as they appeared on camera as a service to Atlas of Living Australia. A special congratulations to **Alicia (12KNIC)** who was awarded her Silver Award. Completing this Award is an exceptional achievement, particularly in her final year of schooling, and especially when achieved through the course of a pandemic!

Congratulations to the following students:

- **Alicia 12KNIC** - Silver
- **Leila 12JLEY** - Bronze
- **Lucas 10TMOR** - Bronze
- **Aden 10COHA** - Bronze
- **Jade 10COHA** - Bronze

Any student who would like to commence a Bronze, Silver or Gold Duke of Ed Award is encouraged to visit [www.dukeofed.com.au](http://www.dukeofed.com.au) for more specific information. Please [email Emma Rieger](#) to get started or have your questions answered.

### Emma Rieger

Award Leader - Concordia College, Duke of Edinburgh's International Award

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## Summer Employment Opportunity

Campion Education is our supplier of school stationery for students and each year Campion employs students from schools it services to aid with the preparation of book order requirements for the new school year.

If you are 15 years of age or older, can work all of January/February if required by Campion Education and would like to apply, please send a brief resume as per the guidelines below.

Please include:

- Name
- Address
- Phone Number
- Date of Birth
- Email address
- Tax File Number

Please list any previous part-time employment and a contact number by no later than **Wednesday 27 September 2023**.

Submissions:

**Attn: Luisa Sangermano**

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## In Memoriam

### Eric Rathjen 1929-2023

On Thursday, 6 July, Eric Rathjen, former Lutheran School leader, died after a very short illness in the Loxton hospital. He was 93 years old.

He completed all of his schooling in Lutheran schools; his primary days at Cambrai Lutheran School and then secondary years at Concordia College, Adelaide, where he had won a scholarship to attend.

In 1948, after completing secondary school, Eric was sent to Kewell Lutheran School (near Murtoa) as a relief teacher for a term. He was then invited to go to Canna, WA to start a small government-subsidised Lutheran School.

His first job as a fully trained teacher was at the Koonibba Lutheran Mission near Ceduna. Eric subsequently served in Henty (NSW), Maitland (SA), Nhill (Vic) and Loxton (SA). Overall, he served in Lutheran Schools for forty-six years, in which he was headmaster/principal for all but one term!

Above all, Eric was a man of God. He saw serving in our schools as a wonderful opportunity to share the gospel with every person who stepped onto the school campus.

Eric is survived by his wife Lois and five children, including Mark, our College Chaplin.

## T.G.D. "Ophie" Renner 1929-2023

On Monday 14 August, Ophie Renner, former Lutheran School leader, died peacefully in his sleep at Wheatfields Residential Care, Freeling. He was 94 years old.

Ophie was born and grew up in Eudunda, one of nine children, (four of whom became Lutheran Pastors). His schooling included Eudunda Primary School, Immanuel College at Walkerville and finally Adelaide Teachers College, Kintore Ave. His first appointment was as sole teacher/principal to Butler Tanks Area School, Eyre Peninsula in 1951 (for three years). Ophie entered the Lutheran System and began principalships firstly in 1954 at Lights Pass Lutheran School in the Barossa Valley, before moving to Lutheran schools at Loxton, St John's Highgate (now Concordia College St John's Campus) and Immanuel Primary, Novar Gardens.

His long-time friend of 80 years and secondary schoolmate Pastor T.T. "Tom" Reuther was principal at Concordia College whilst Ophie was at St John's).

His final appointment for three years was at St Jakobi Lutheran, Lyndoch as a classroom teacher, before he retired in 1994, after 43 years service to education, including 40 years with Lutheran Schools.

In his retirement, Ophie actively tutored and assisted children with learning challenges in Gawler and the district with their education, right up until he turned 90. In 2012, he helped form a local group who assisted and supported dyslexic children. This group quickly grew into Dyslexia SA. He was awarded the SA Senior Citizen of the Year in 2012 for this work.

Above all, Ophie was a man of God, who saw serving in our schools as a wonderful opportunity to share the gospel with every person who stepped onto the school campus, and he did so in a humble, gentle and sincere manner. Education and the journey of children in their formative years was his passion and he lived and breathed the desire to help all children fulfill their potential.

Ophie is survived by his four children (Andrew, James, Elizabeth and Anne - all of whom attended Concordia College in the 1970s and 1980s), five grandchildren (three of whom - Ashley, Oliver & William - also attended Concordia College in the 2000s and 2010s), and four great-grandchildren.

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## **Final ABODA Festival Results**

This year, Concordia entered eight ensembles into the ABODA Band and Orchestra competitions held at Westminster School, and all represented the College with distinction.

Our results are below, but I want to mention what a pleasure it was to take the students involved into the public arena. They worked exactly as teams should, supporting and assisting each other, offering motivation and/or consolation, and followed instructions from their teachers and ensemble leaders with a view to not only performing musically, but so they'd

function as cohesive, collaborative units.

My thanks also to the talented and dedicated Music teaching team and to the outstanding ensemble directors we are blessed to have at Concordia.

- **String Ensemble – Overall Winner (Advanced String Ensemble)** – 8th consecutive year
- **Orchestra – Overall Winner (Advanced Orchestra)** – 2nd consecutive year
- Chamber Strings - Silver
- **Concert Band – Overall Winner (Advanced Concert Band)**
- Wind Ensemble – Silver
- St Johns Concert Band - Silver
- Big Band 1 – Silver
- Big Band 2 – Silver

### **Mat Noble**

Head of Music Performance ELC-12

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## **St Peters Campus Year 2 Update**

It's time to dive into the captivating world of the arts and share with you the journey our Year 2 students have embarked upon this term as part of their 'How We Express Ourselves' unit of inquiry. We have been delving deep into the ways in which people discover and express themselves through The Arts.

Our budding artists have shown curiosity and enthusiasm while exploring the myriad ways individuals use art forms to express their creativity and share their work. They have also been captivated by how technology has transformed the way we create and appreciate art. This was particularly evident when the students explored perspective through photography and composed their own piece of music using GarageBand.

Students also loved the sounds of the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra and led through the story-telling performance of 'In this Place', using music to evoke feelings and tell a story.

Throughout our arts exploration, students have been actively honing their artistic skills while embracing different techniques and methods to effectively express their ideas. From experimenting with vibrant colours and captivating compositions, to learning about texture, balance and spatial awareness, they have embraced the artistry within themselves.

Using a wide array of materials and media, our students have ventured into the creative process. They eagerly experiment and express themselves, their unique perspectives and



imaginative ideas.

During our Reader's and Writer's Workshops students have explored the power of language and self-expression through poetry. They then enjoyed sharing their poems with their Grandparents and Special friends during our recent Grandparents' Morning.

**Lisa Smith**

Year 2 Teacher - St Peters Campus

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## Year 7s on the Heritage Trail

Concordia College's Year 7 History students are working on an assignment about the long (133-year) history of their school. They have been using the Heritage Trail booklet to guide them through the history of our buildings. If you are interested in the Concordia heritage Trail, you can [view the guidebook here](#), and if you would like to do a walk through yourself, please [contact our Alumni Manager](#).

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## Planning a move? Please let us know!

Considering a move to another school is a significant decision. We value your family being part of our community. As a College, we will always seek to work with you for positive connection. If you are uncertain about continuing at Concordia next year, in the first instance, we invite you to reach out and arrange a time to discuss your situation with the Principal of your child's campus – Michael Paech (St John's Campus, Highgate), Bronwyn Wilson (St Peters Campus, Blackwood) and Dennis Mulherin (Concordia Campus, Highgate) - or our Director of Community Relations, Jodie Escott. We hope that through this conversation, we gain a clearer appreciation of your family's specific needs and considerations.

If you do make a decision to leave Concordia, please be aware that in line with the Enrolment Policy – if your child is leaving the College at the end of 2023, we require one full term's notice to avoid penalties. We understand that this may not always be possible, but sincerely appreciate your assistance with future planning. Withdrawal notification for 2023 should be received **no later than close of business Friday 29 September 2023** and should be sent to the Principal of the relevant campus and our Enrolments office:

- [Michael Paech, Principal ELC to Year 6 \(St John's Campus, Highgate\)](#)
- [Bronwyn Wilson, Principal ELC to Year 6 \(St Peters Campus, Blackwood\)](#)
- [Dennis Mulherin, Principal Year 7 to Year 12 \(Concordia Campus, Highgate\)](#)

Please also email all information to [enrolments@concordia.sa.edu.au](mailto:enrolments@concordia.sa.edu.au)

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## Legacy Public Speaking Award

The Legacy Junior Public Speaking Award is a national competition that aims to enhance students' communication skills and to help people appreciate the ideals of Legacy, which are:

- voluntary service
- social justice
- caring
- personal sacrifice
- mateship.

Legacy is a unique Australian voluntary not-for-profit charity, an organisation dedicated to enhancing the lives of families of our Australian Defence Force veterans who have served in war, peacekeeping and humanitarian missions and who have sadly died or become incapacitated either during war or subsequently. The organisation currently cares for over 3,500 families throughout South Australia. **Lily (9CRID)** represented Concordia beautifully during the preliminary round of the competition and then on Friday 18 August was awarded a trophy for competing as one of six State Finalists for South Australia. She presented an excellent and heart-warming speech about the life and war service of her Great Grandfather. Congratulations, Lily.

### **Emma Rieger**

Enrichment and Extended Learning

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## Parenting Seminar

The City of Unley is hosting a free parent education seminar by the popular and well-respected Madhavi Nawana Parker on the topic of *Anxiety in Children*. Please see details below.

- Date: Monday 11 September
- Time: 7-8.30pm
- Venue: Fullarton Park Community Centre (enter via rear foyer entrance of the building ([view map](#)))
- Cost: Free

[Download a flyer](#) for more information.

Bookings are essential. Phone 8372 5180 or [email Pam Dale](#) at the City of Unley to book.

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## Entertainment Offer - Multi City Upgrade

Did you know that when you purchase an Entertainment membership, you can support the fundraising efforts of our P&F?

Entertainment are currently offering customers a free upgrade to a Multi City Membership when purchasing a 3, 12 or 24 month Single City Membership. This offer closes at 11.59am AEST on Monday 25 September.

Click the button below to visit our fundraising page and sign up.

[Become an Entertainment Member \(opens an external website in a new window\)](#)

Thank you for your support!

*Note: Offer excludes Entertainment Merchant waitstaff offers and Corporate Partner offers. Offer cannot be used in conjunction with any other offers, special promotions or discounts.*

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## Year 5/6 Soccer team through to State Finals

Congratulations to our Year 5/6 soccer team that recently participated in the second round of the School Sport SA Statewide Soccer competition. The team won all three games, defeating Tatachilla (4-2), Colonel Light Gardens (3-0) and All Saints (5-3).

We wish the team the best of luck when they compete in the finals day on Wednesday 13 September.

### **Mick Phillips**

Year 3-6 PE Teacher and Sports Coordinator - St John's Campus

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## Concordia Campus Sports Results

### Boys' Sport

#### Basketball

### Friday 18 August

- Year 7A defeated Sacred Heart: 45-35. Best players: Luke, Will H, Christian and Gabe.
- Year 7 Navy lost to St Michael's: 20-31.

### Saturday 19 August

- Middle A (Grand Final) defeated Sacred Heart: 64-34. Best players: Luke (24), Darcy (15), Harry (14) and Luca.

Football

### **Wednesday 16 August**

- 1st XVIII defeated Urrbrae: 17.8 (110) - 2.2 (17). Best players: Noah (4), Kurtis, Jake (1), Joe (2) and Ben P (3).

Soccer

### **Saturday 19 August**

- Open B lost to Mercedes: 2-3. Best players: Sam P (1), Max (1) and Lachie HS.
- Middle A2 lost to St Pauls: 1-2. Best players: Andrew, Henry and Aaron.
- Middle B2 defeated St Pauls: 6-2.
- Middle B3 lost to Pulteney: 1-6. Best players: Lachie P, Will and Mike.
- Year 7 A2 lost to Trinity: 1-11.

Girls' Sport

Football

### **Friday 18 August**

- Senior A defeated St Peter's: 4.6 (30) - 1.1 (7). Best players: Gemma G, Asha (1), Rosie and Hayley.
- Middle A lost to Immanuel: 6.0 (6) - 3.8 (26). Best players: Lily T, Izzy P, Eliza and Mia.
- Middle B defeated Scotch: 1.5 (11) - 0.2 (2). Best players: Chloe, Grace, Sydney and Emily.

Netball

### **Saturday 19 August**

- Senior A defeated Wilderness: 55-43. Best players: Ebony and Sophie.
- Senior B lost to Wilderness: 36-56. Best players: Anushri, Lucy and Amelia.
- Inter A defeated Wilderness: 57-25. Best player: Penelope.
- Inter B defeated Wilderness: 35-15. Best player: Aden.
- Senior C Navy defeated Walford: 23-11. Best players: Indi, Ruby and Hayley.
- Senior C Gold lost to Wilderness: 17-21. Best players: Hannah, Ella and Maddie.
- Year 9A lost to Wilderness: 44-46.
- Year 9B defeated Wilderness: 35-26.
- Year 9 Navy defeated Immanuel: 36-15. Best players: Emma and Lila.
- Year 9 Gold defeated Wilderness: 22-18. Best players: Amy and Olivia.
- Year 8A defeated Walford: 51-12. Best players: Sophie, Zoe and Chloe.
- Year 8B defeated Walford: 47-5. Best players: Zoe and Tallulah.
- Year 8 Navy defeated Pembroke: 31-9. Best players: Sophie and Emily.

- Year 7A defeated Wilderness: 41-16.
- Year 7B defeated Wilderness: 51-3.
- Year 7 Navy defeated Concordia Year 7 Gold: 22-9. Best players: Minnie, Sophia, Rita and Lilah H.

## Mixed Sport

Hockey

### **Wednesday 23 August**

Middles lost to St John's: 0-2. Best players: Damien, Sam H, Cynthia and Emily.

## Knockout Sport

Basketball (Year 9/10 Girls)

### **Thursday 31 August**

On Thursday 31 August, a talented team of Concordia basketballers faced Nazareth and Trinity College, two very competitive schools with well-established basketball programs. Concordia fought back from trailing behind Nazareth, but unfortunately lost the first game 28-32. The next game was physical and went back and forth, but Trinity managed to gain a lead in the last few minutes, ending the game 41-43. Nari, Izzy and Poppy were standout players on the day, each contributing with incredible fast breaks, steals and assists.

Netball (Year 7/8 Final Round)

### **Tuesday 29 August**

- Game 1: CC defeated Tenison Woods: 32-25. Best players: Becky and Sophie.
- Game 2: CC defeated Sacred Heart: 12-26. Best players: Zoe and Ada.
- Game 3: CC defeated Trinity: 35-23. Best players: Elise and Sophie.
- Grand Final: CC lost to Tenison Woods: 24-40. Best players: Annabelle and Sophie.

Soccer (Year 9/10 Boys Round 2)

### **Tuesday 22 August**

- Game 1: CC lost to St John's Grammar: 0-2.
- Game 2: CC defeated Seaview: 10-2. Goal scorers: Max, Archie, Charlie and Tom.

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## Diary Dates

### St John's Campus

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Thursday 31 Year 3 Student-Led Conferences

September

Friday 1 Father's Day Breakfast, 7.45-8.45am at Castello's Cucina, Living Choice, Fisher St, Fullarton

St John's Campus catch-up Photo Day  
Father's Day Market Stall from 2pm in the Courtyard

Tuesday 5 Year 2 Class Connector Coffee Catch-up, 9.30-10.30am at Nutrition Republic, King William Rd

Wednesday 6 Salvation Army Digital Sleepout Pyjama Day (gold coin donation)

Thurs 7 & Fri 8 Student Free Days (Show Days)

Sunday 10 Year 4 Mums' Afternoon Tea, 2-4pm at Bracegirdle's, 289-291 Cross Road, Clarence Gardens

Thursday 14 St John's Campus Co-curricular Photos  
St John's Campus Tour

Friday 15 New Building Opening Celebration, 3.30-7pm

Saturday 16 **Cancelled:** ELC Mums' Walk, Talk and Lunch

Thursday 21 Year 6 Student-Led Conferences

Friday 22 Year 2 Class Connector Coffee Catch-up, 9.30-10.30am at Nutrition Republic, King William Rd

Concordia in Cabaret, 6pm for 6.30pm start in Fortiter (new Gymnasium)

Sunday 24 Year 3 and 4 School Service, 10am in the Chapel, Concordia Campus

Tuesday 26 Reception Student-Led Conferences  
St John's Campus Tour

Friday 29 Concordia's Got Talent, 9.30am (TBC)  
Term 3 ends, 1pm

### St Peters Campus

September

Friday 1 St Peters Campus ELC-Year 6 Class Connector Coffee Morning, 8.45-9.30am in the St Peters Lutheran Church Foyer

Monday 4 St Peters Campus Photo Day

Thurs 7 & Fri 8 Student Free Days (Show Days)

Friday 15 New Building Opening Celebration (all welcome at our Highgate campuses), 3.30-7pm

Saturday 16 Class Connector Reception Family Catch-up, 10am-12pm at the Tonsley Precinct, BYO plate to share

Wednesday 27 ELC Student-Led Conferences, 8-9am

Friday 22 St Peters Campus ELC-Year 6 Class Connector Coffee Morning, 8.45-9.30am in the St Peters Lutheran Church Foyer

Concordia in Cabaret, 6pm for 6.30pm start in Fortiter (new Gymnasium at Concordia Campus)

Friday 29 ELC Student-Led Conferences, 8-9am  
Term 3 ends, 1pm

## Concordia Campus

September

Friday 1 Father's Day Breakfast, 7.45-8.45am at Castello's Cucina, Living Choice, Fisher St, Fullarton  
Tuesday 5 Old Concordians' Association Year 12 Breakfast  
Thurs 7 & Fri 8 Student Free Days (Show Days)  
Mon 11 - Fri 15 Year 12 Practice Exams  
Tuesday 12 Year 7-11 Learning Conversations (face-to-face), 4-8pm in the Murtoa and Hamann buildings (upstairs)  
Friday 15 New Building Opening Celebration, 3.30-7pm  
Saturday 16 RACI Titration Competition National Final at the University of South Australia, City East  
Sat 16 - Sun 17 Pedal Prix 24-Hour Race at Murray Bridge  
Friday 22 Concordia in Cabaret, 6pm for a 6.30pm start in Fortiter (new Gymnasium)  
Friday 29 Term 3 ends, 1pm

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## The School Shop

### **General trading – no appointment required.**

- Mondays: 8am - 4pm
- Wednesdays: 12.30pm - 4pm
- Thursdays: 12.30pm - 6.15pm

Public Holidays - Closed

### New Umbrellas

The following items are now available in The School Shop:

- Golf umbrellas - \$38 each
- Fold-up umbrellas - \$28 each

### Uniform Orders

Students in Years 7-12 are emailed to advise when their orders are ready to be collected. For students in ELC-Year 6, email advice is sent to parents/caregivers.

### Naming Uniforms

Iron-on garment labels are available for \$3 per 10 labels. Please ensure you clearly label all uniform items with the student's surname. Position labels on the inside back neck for tops and dresses and on the inside back of the waistband for pants and skirts. If using markers for

labelling, please be aware names fade during washing and will need to be checked and relabelled regularly.

The School Shop staff can be contacted on the direct phone line during opening hours – **8291 9302**.

## Secondhand Clothing

If you have uniforms you no longer need, they may be donated or sold on consignment in The School Shop ([click to download a secondhand uniforms consignment form](#)).

Please note:

- Blazers and winter skirts/pinafores must be dry cleaned with a receipt attached.
- Jumpers must be washed using a wool wash detergent.
- All other items must be in good condition, stains removed, washed and ironed ready for sale.
- Summer hats must be hand washed.
- Any uniform items in need of repair e.g. broken zips, seams unstitched, missing buttons, etc. must be repaired prior to acceptance for sale. Buttons are sold in The School Shop.
- Garments presented on hangers are preferred.
- Old logo and discontinued styles – uniforms with the old school logo and discontinued styles are no longer saleable in The School Shop but can be dropped off for overseas charity donation.

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## Public Notices & Events

- **Arty Kids** is running children's art classes on Saturdays from 12.30-1.30pm at Fullarton Park Community Centre. Bookings essential. [Download a flyer](#) for more information.
- **Code Camp** is running school holiday camps in the October holidays. [Download a flyer](#) for more information and use the coupon code at checkout to save \$25.
- **Adelaide Comets Soccer Club** is offering a girls Miniroos and Juniors Training Opportunity in August and September for girls born from 2008-2016. [Download a flyer](#) for more information.

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