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From the St John's Campus Primary School Leader

Parents and families are a child's first and most important teachers in the Primary School. When families and schools work together children's learning is enhanced.

Partnerships for learning and wellbeing are about parents, schools and communities working together to ensure that every parent can play a positive role in their child's learning, school community, sport and social life.

Parents and families play an important role in supporting their child's education.

Parental engagement in learning underpins children and young people's cognitive and social and emotional development, shapes family practices and behaviours, and can impact the nature of the school community and the experience of schooling.

There are many ways to support your child with their learning. These include:

- Keep up to date by reading information provided by the school. Attend school events if you can (e.g. Parent Information Evenings, Chapels, Concerts, Student-Led Conferences and Special Events).
- Read together. Create regular opportunities to read for pleasure to or with your child. Together, choose texts from home, school, the local library or online on topics they enjoy or are personally interested in.
- Make sure your child is getting enough sleep. Work with them to develop a regular routine that includes time for meals, homework, play, fun and sufficient sleep.
- Support good relationships. Children tend to do better when they get along with their teacher and classmates. Be positive about school and respectful of teachers. Support good relationships with friends and classmates.
- Ask your child about their learning and school day. Ask them what they enjoyed most about their school day or the most interesting thing they learned. This shows your child that you are interested in their learning and their wellbeing.
- Talk with your child about their friends. If your child is having difficulties with their friends, talk about how they could solve them. If this doesn't work, discuss your concerns with the teacher.
- Accept offers for parent/teacher interviews or contact your child's teacher to talk about how your child is going or to give or ask for feedback. You know your child best and your insights are valuable to your child's teacher. Focus conversations on your child's learning and wellbeing.
- Limit screen time at home. Set up a schedule for time your child can spend on devices such as phones or laptops. Involve your child in other activities such as reading, games or outdoor exercise and play.
- If you have time, you could volunteer to help at the school or in your child's (Primary School) classroom, such as reading or helping on excursions.
- We thank you for your ongoing support, and we look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you to support your child's learning and wellbeing.

Yoon-Ah Lee

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Q&A with Lezanne James, Year 5 Teacher - St John's Campus

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

I have been employed as a teacher in eastern and north-eastern districts of Adelaide for the last eight years.

2. Three words to describe you.

Friendly, approachable, fun.

3. What is your motivation or inspiration in your role?

To see children grow their confidence and understanding.

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

I would love to be able to fly.

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 have a newfound passion for gardening. Recently I experimented with growing cut flowers, including dahlias, ranunculus, zinnias, stock and a great big veggie patch. This season, I'm looking to establish roses and foliage. It has been a rewarding process!

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Author-in-Residence, National Simultaneous Storytime and More...

Tristan Bancks - Author-in-Residence

We were very fortunate to have award-winning author Tristan Bancks at Concordia on Monday 20 and Tuesday 21 May. Tristan spoke to all Year 4-9 students about his books and writing processes. Did you know that Tristan has a playlist for each of his books that helps him to set the tone and pace? Year 7 and 8 students also had the extraordinary opportunity to attend an additional writer's workshop with him, to help develop their creative writing skills and provide them with different strategies for generating ideas. A special thank you to Catherine Manthey and Karen Mitchell for working behind the scenes to help make this event happen for our students and teachers.

Happy reading, everyone...

National Simultaneous Storytime

This year's National Simultaneous Storytime book was *Bowerbird Blues* by Aura Parker.

On Monday, the Year 3 students from St Peters Campus and St John's Campus spent time together listening to the story and working collaboratively to create a bower decorated with blue items that they have been collecting...

During the week, ELC-Year 2 students at Peters Campus read the book, made and created nests using paper and clay, pretended to be bowerbirds collecting blue things and learnt facts about bowerbirds.

Upcoming events:

Keep your eyes open for the following events:

- **Friday 31 May** - Luminary Lunch for Year 6 students – by application only
- **Wednesday 12 June** - Write a Book in a Day. Year 5-10 students are invited to join in the Write a Book in a Day competition... contact Mrs Molloy or Mrs Thiele for further information.

Hajnalka Molloy

Learning Resources Manager - Concordia Campus and St Peters Campus

Nolene Thiele

Resource Manager - St John's Campus

Nicolle Jakube

Primary School Learning Leader - St Peters Campus

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Year 6 Canberra Trip

Our Year 6 students from St John's Campus have recently undertaken a tour of the national capital, Canberra. They were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. Students had many highlights, including visiting Parliament House where students role played the process of passing a bill in the House of Representatives, observing future world champion athletes training at the Australian Institute of Sport and orienteering amongst the trees at the National Arboretum. Throughout all experiences, students represented our College by displaying respect, enthusiasm and care for each other.

On their return to school this week, Year 6 students have reflected on their time in Canberra, considering what they did, what they learnt and how they can apply this information at school and beyond. It is clear the experiences shared in Canberra have enriched students' inquiry into How We Organise Ourselves.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. The Australian Government is contributing funding of \$90 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards the cost of the trip which is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

Ellen Hoopmann

Year 6 Teacher

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Harmony in the Chapel and Old Concordians' 70+ Reunion

Our Harmony in the Chapel lunchtime concert was extraordinary, featuring performances from our Concert Band, Piano Trio, McKenzie Jazz Choir, Clarinet Quartet, String Duo, Flute Quartet and String Ensemble. The audience included Old Concordians who began at the College 70+ years ago. It was wonderful to share the gift of music with them. Thanks to all who attended!

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St Peters Campus Year 2s visit the Planetarium

Our Year 2 students from St Peters campus recently visited The Planetarium at the University of South Australia, as part of their Term 1 unit of inquiry, 'How We Organise Ourselves.'

Immersed in a captivating presentation about the solar system, students experienced a digital full dome spectacle, courtesy of NASA's technology. They delved into the mysteries of the

solar system, exploring the orbits of planets, the moon, the galaxy, and star constellations.

The excitement didn't end there! Our Year 2 inquirers also watched a multi-sensory movie from National Geographic, offering a glimpse into the weather phenomena of the solar system.

Lisa Smith and Kathryn Watkins

Year 2 Teachers - St Peters Campus

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P&F Quiz Night

Celebrity Couples, Construction Workers, Criminals, Cowboys, Cattle Stations, Cleopatras, Cricketers, Christmas, Chess and Cruise Crusaders were just some of the fabulous fancy dress tables at our 'Letter C' themed P&F Quiz Night last Saturday.

Around 370 guests joined in the fun and festivities of the trivia night in the spectacular St John's Campus 'Wirrkuta Truku' activity hall. The room was full and bursting with energy and joy as guests engaged in friendly competition and entertaining quiz questions hosted by Quiz Meisters.

Special thanks to our live auction donors:

- Scott Heiderich of Geoff Merrill Wines
- The Tomalin Family for the Middleton Beach House
- Adam Wadewitz of Shaw & Smith
- Robert Watt of Route 9 Distillery

Thank you also to our marvellous MC, Mat Disher, our fabulous auctioneer, Jared Henry, from LJ Hooker Glenelg, and to the Quiz Night Working Group and the Property Team who all contributed greatly to the success of the night. In total, \$19,300 was raised on the night. These funds will help us continue to pave the way for an extraordinary future for our students.

Finally, congratulations to the 'Cards', who finished the night in first place!

Angela Warrick

Engagement and Events Manager

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Enrichment and Extended Learning News

Rostrum Voice of Youth 2024 Success

We recently had seven students from Years 8-12 represent Concordia in the South Australian heats of Rostrum Voice of Youth. There were 182 students taking part this year from over 25 different schools. Our students were incredible and spoke with passion, purpose and polish. The students had to present prepared speeches of up to eight minutes and they also had to present three-minute short-notice speeches with just 15 minutes to prepare. The competition showcased some of the best young speakers in South Australia. From seven Junior Heats it was exciting to see two Concordia speakers win and proceed to the semifinals, which will be held this Saturday. Congratulations to Year 9 students **Adele 9RBEN** and **Keziah 9CRID**. Every single Concordia student shone brightly on the day. They were beautiful ambassadors for our school.

Interview with Tristan Bancks

Several students had the opportunity to gain some industry experience this week as they interviewed and filmed a conversation with the multi-award-winning Australian author Tristan Bancks. Students were mentored by our incredible Media staff and utilised Concordia's amazing studio facilities. This interview will be available to view by students around Australia and beyond. More details coming soon.

Inspiration for Young Readers and Writers

Juvenilia Exhibition

The Juvenilia Exhibition brings together the juvenile works from some of Australia's most loved and established children's authors and illustrators, including Graeme Base, Andy Griffiths, Mandy Foot and Alison Lester. **The exhibition will be available at Unley Civic Library during opening hours from Tuesday 18 June to Thursday 11 July 2024.**

Unley Libraries is also hosting a [Creatives Showcase](#). Meet and greet some of SA's best children's authors and illustrators, including Janeen Brian, Katrina Germein, Danny Snell and more! Ask about their creations from childhood, what it's like to be a published author/illustrator, the creative/publishing processes, and see what they're working on now.

This is the perfect event for budding writers and artists, those looking to become published and families who value rich children's literature. What a perfect opportunity to enrich the young writers and readers in your family. This event is for ages 5+ years.

- **Date: Saturday 22 June**
- **Time: 3-4pm**
- **Venue: Unley Town Hall, 181 Unley Road, Unley**
- **Cost: Free, bookings essential.**

Book online via [Eventbrite](#) or phone 8372 5100.

Emma Rieger

Enrichment and Extended Learning

Students interviewing multi-award-winning author Tristan Bancks in the Concordia Media Studio

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Year 8 Drama and Early Learning Centre Collaboration

The Year 8s were excited to invite student audiences to view their end-of-trimester shadow plays. Inspired by the theatre-making techniques of local company 'Slingsby Presents' the Year 8s wrote, devised and performed their own *Theatre for Young People* performances using shadow and miniaturisation to enhance their audience's imagination. It was wonderful to invite students from the ELC to view these performances, which gave them the opportunity to experience viewing live theatre and practice their listening and audience skills. The Year 8s ensured there was lots of audience participation, including one group who provided shadow puppets for the ELC children so they could be part of the action. We are looking forward to continuing our peer learning and collaboration between the ELC and the Year 8 Theatre for Young People course in the next trimester of Drama.

Aldo Longobardi

Drama Coordinator and Year 8 Drama Teacher

Deborah Waters

ELC Teacher

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Vale Shaun Clamp

With great sadness, Concordia Campus mourns the passing of Shaun Clamp, who gave freely of his time and shared his skills and life experiences over many years as a volunteer at the College.

In addition to running the extra-curricular Electronics Club for a significant period of time, Shaun made amazing contributions to the College in a range of ways.

He had a great passion to assist our students and contributed to so many areas – STEM; Science; Design, Technology and Engineering; supporting teachers; and he was a member of the staff Consultative Committee. He was always forward-looking, but never forgot the importance of everyone's contributions to making Concordia the wonderful place it is. Shaun encouraged students to learn new skills and supported their creativity. He was a person the students related to and greatly appreciated.

We wish his family God's blessings and care during this time of sadness and loss.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." - Matthew 5:4

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Olympics Unleashed

As part of our focus on Resilience this Term, the Year 7 cohort were fortunate enough to hear from Solly Bushby and Luke Ryan, Australian Beach Volleyball athletes from *Olympics Unleashed*. The students learnt about Solly's Olympic journey, how to build resilience, the importance of setting goals and how to find what you are passionate about. Solly and Luke explored how they overcame challenges to compete in their chosen sport at the very highest level, and how some lessons they've learned in sport can help students to be the best they can be – whether that's in school, at home, on the sporting field or with friends.

Rachel Hogan

Year 7 Leader

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Year 11 and 12 Legal Studies Mock Trials

Year 11 and Year 12 Legal Studies students competed in intra-class Mock Trials - simulated court cases in which the participating student teams contested a fictional legal matter in a mock court during Weeks 1 and 2 of this term.

The trials combine facts, principles and procedure with appropriate subtle theatrics. It is one of the aims of the society that the competition be as harmonious and constructive as possible. The assistance and cooperation of all participants is necessary to achieve this purpose.

The intra-class trials aim to bring the legal profession into closer communication with the students, to remove some of the mystique surrounding the law and the legal profession, and to give students a better understanding of how the South Australian legal system operates. The mock trials encourage students to express themselves and to present an argument in a forum based on our adversarial legal system.

Rick Sommariva

Legal Studies Teacher

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Connecting with the James Dyson Foundation in STEM

The James Dyson Foundation was created to help inspire and support the next generation of engineers. Here at the St John's Campus, we began collaborating with the Foundation in September last year and began introducing a new program in Term 4 with the Year 3 students. This year, the program has so far extended to include the Year 3 and Year 4 cohorts.

Year 3 students are using the air purifier, donated to the school by the Foundation, to help them develop an understanding of what air pollution is and how can we change our habits to create a better future. Students are exploring how air pollution affects people in their everyday lives in different countries and also how Australia is affected by pollution. They are investigating if their route and mode of transport to school changes their pollution footprint, but also their exposure to pollution.

Year 4 students participated in the program in Term 1 this year. They became Design Engineers for a term where they learnt the difference between innovating and inventing. Throughout the term, students chose to work either independently or in groups innovating a product within the classroom. We certainly have some visionaries in this bunch! They went through the motions of picking a product, evaluating the good and bad components of it, then developing a better product based on the changes they wanted to make. Students finished up by creating a cardboard prototype of their new product - just as they do at Dyson in a product's early stages of development!

So far, the program has proved engaging and enlightening for the students. It has gotten them to think outside the box and shown them that the first attempt isn't necessarily the right attempt. I can't wait to see what they do in the future.

Adriana Weling

Reception-Year 4 STEM Teacher - St John's Campus

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Year 11 'Steps to Success' Day

On Tuesday 14 May, the Year 11 cohort took part in a 'Steps to Success' Day. The day focused on responsible decision making, time management and motivation, relaxation and the importance of a balanced lifestyle; all important contributors to success.

The day began with a road safety awareness presentation by speakers from the Metropolitan Fire Service. Students learnt the importance of responsible behaviour, not only as a driver, but also as a passenger and a pedestrian.

After a catered morning tea, the students gathered in the Chapel for presentations on motivation and time management. Led by Sam Ghamrawi of Sekseed, these sessions were engaging, providing the students with many practical tips that can be implemented immediately.

Relaxation electives after lunch included yoga, a walk around the block, mindful colouring, music for relaxation and silent reading. The day ended with a range of activity choices designed to facilitate socialising and movement, including netball, board games, cooking, a gym workout, candle painting and table tennis. We hope that these sessions will have given the students ideas of activities that they can implement in their daily life to provide them with a

balanced lifestyle, as well as to help them to “unwind”. Ensuring a balanced lifestyle, that includes adequate relaxation and physical activity, will be particularly important as the students approach their Semester 1 exams.

Judy Harris

Year 11 Leader

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Pedal Prix - Round 2

On Saturday 18 May, five teams from Concordia Campus joined with St Peters Campus and the Old Collegians team to compete in Round 2 of the Australian International Human Powered Vehicle series at Tailem Bend raceway, against 175 teams from around Australia.

We were excited to race our brand-new trike called 'Costa' in the secondary schools category. The new trike did not disappoint, with students riding around 40 seconds faster per lap compared to last season. All teams represented the College well with some super-fast lap records, reaching speeds of over 60km/h down the back straight.

For many students it was their first experience of Pedal Prix racing. Diligent riding resulted with clean laps and some solid positioning across the day. The stand out result for the day was team Costa, achieving a fifth position in a very strong competition. Our other teams performed well with many students recording personal best times.

A big thank you to all the students and parents who assisted in preparation for the race and throughout the day. We are excited to be racing in Round 3 in Adelaide on Sunday 16 June.

Results

| Team | Category | Position | Laps |
|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Blue Saint (S1) | St Peters Campus | 16th / 22 | 43 |
| Shockwave (S2) | | 12th / 42 | 69 |
| Matrix (S2) | | 26th / 42 | 58 |
| Concorde (S3) | | 30th / 48 | 70 |
| Veloci (S3) | | 19th / 48 | 78 |
| Costa (S3) | | 5th / 48 | 89 |

Matthew Smart and Trevor Burmeister

Pedal Prix Coordinators

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Year 10 Immunisation Program

Immunisation Information for Parents/Legal Guardians of Year 10 Students

Eastern Health Authority (EHA) will be returning to your child's school for the final immunisation visit on **Friday 31 May**.

- **2nd dose of the Meningococcal B (Bexsero) vaccine**

A reminder to parents: Students in Year 10 are offered two free vaccines two months apart to be fully vaccinated against Meningococcal B. It is important that your child is present at school on the day when EHA will be providing second doses.

*** If your child was absent for the first dose two months ago and hasn't been vaccinated (at an EHA clinic or the GP) they can receive the first dose at the second visit.*

Please notify EHA if:

- Your child has already received the second dose with another provider
- You wish to withdraw your consent
- Your child's medical condition has changed

Tips for the day of immunisation:

- Encourage your child to have a good breakfast and recess on the morning of immunisations
- Wear sports uniforms to aid easy access to the upper arm and avoid unnecessarily exposing yourself if clothing needs to be removed/undone
- Encourage your child to keep their arms moving and drink plenty of water throughout the day.

For more details on what to expect for students receiving immunisations at school, [view the short videos](#) developed by the Australian Government Department of Health.

If you have any further questions about the program, please directly contact Eastern Health Authority on 8132 3600 or via e-mail at eha@eha.sa.gov.au

Remember: it is your responsibility to notify EHA of any changes or information, particularly in relation to your child's medical condition, A signed and dated note in your child's diary from a parent or guardian presented on the day is acceptable.

School Immunisation Program records will be available on MyGov within 24 hours of the school visit.

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Year 6 Street Art Mural

The St John's Campus Year 6 students recently designed and painted a large mural outside

Wirrkuta Trruku, near the cricket nets. The artwork features the words 'Every Learner'. Students reflected on this theme during the design process:

- I think it shows that Concordia cares about diversity, and we don't treat anybody differently because of their differences, culture or background
- It shows to the community that we are open to all learning types and that everyone is unique and that we are all proud to wear the blue and gold with pride
- I think the mural would impact our school and the local community by showing that everyone is a learner, not just students, and everyone is important and belongs.

Nancy Wells

Visual Arts Teacher - St John's Campus

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Sturt Football Club Visits the ELC

Children from St John's Campus ELC had the pleasure of participating in Sturt Football Club's 'First Kick Program'. The program is a fun and interactive way for children to learn about Australian Rules Football. Sturt Football Club players and their team mascot 'Bluey' engaged children in a ball skill session. During the session, children practised skills such as marking and kicking the football. The session was valuable and provided children with a positive and fun experience that encouraged physical activity and healthy living.

Cassie Goodrich

Early Learning Centre Teacher

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Celebrating the life of Sally Teng

In our last newsletter, we shared the sad news that long-time St John's Campus instrumental piano teacher Sally Teng had passed away suddenly.

Sally's family has provided the following details regarding her funeral, for any of our community members wishing to attend.

If you are unable to attend in person, you may wish to [view the live stream of the funeral online.](#)

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Legal Studies Students Interview Industry Professionals

Our Year 12 Legal Studies class had the privilege of interviewing the following members from the community in relation to their Inquiry Task:

- **Helene Chryssidis** | Fox Tucker Lawyers, Solicitor
- **Michelle Fernando** | Senior Lecturer, University of SA
- **Rob Chalmers** | Lecturer, Flinders University Law School
- **Melissa Yule** | Adelta Legal, Solicitor
- **Lecia Wood** | Fox Tucker Lawyers, Solicitor
- **Rick Sarre** | Emeritus Professor of Law, University of SA

To be able to have these lawyers in one room at the one time was an exciting experience and I know the students gained an immeasurable amount of knowledge and insight from their expertise in being able to answer questions relating to the legal issues the students were investigating.

I wish to thank all the guest speakers this year and look forward to many more that will come into the Year 12 Legal Studies classes over the coming year. Legal Studies is a subject that Concordia students study with great interest and passion. It allows for honest discussion about contemporary legal issues that occur on a daily basis.

Rick Sommariva
Legal Studies Teacher

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Australian Computational and Linguistics Olympiad 2024 – OzCLO

Second language learning contributes significantly to the development of linguistic and problem-solving skills and has been described as ‘one of the most complex mental activities you can do’. In fact, research has shown that learning a second language:

- physically changes the brain, increasing the number of neurons and connections between them
- has numerous other benefits, including improving concentration, memory, communication skills and creativity.

Concordia College has an excellent reputation for our language programs and we are well-known for our involvement in the German Exchange. Our staff are very active in Language Associations. As part of our commitment to fostering linguistic extension opportunities, we have a regular lunchtime Language Club, and other special cultural activities occur throughout the year.

In Term 1, 16 students from Years 9, 11 and 12 participated in the Australian Computational and Linguistics Olympiad (OzCLO). OzCLO is a highly regarded and extremely rigorous nationwide competition, where students work in teams under intense time pressure to solve a range of language analysis problems. In 2024, over 660 teams and 2,649 students across Australia took part in the competition, all vying for a place in the national and international

rounds. Concordia entered three senior teams and one junior, and all students can be justly proud of their brilliant teamwork, and of their achievement. Overall, our teams received an impressive three silver awards and one bronze. Congratulations to all students involved.

- Sophie (Year 9) Silver
- Adele (Year 9) Silver
- Erin (Year 9) Silver
- Justin (Year 9) Silver
- Lexi (Year 11) Bronze
- Sophie (Year 11) Bronze
- Angelina (Year 11) Bronze
- Kelsey (Year 11) Bronze
- Lucas (Year 11) Silver
- Aristo (Year 12) Silver
- Josh (Year 11) Silver
- Tom (Year 11) Silver
- Sean (Year 12) Silver
- Freddy (Year 12) Silver
- Jared (Year 12) Silver
- Luke (Year 12) Silver

Mrs Trish Prenzler

Acting Languages Coordinator

Mrs Emma Rieger

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City of Unley News

The City of Unley currently has a couple of initiatives open to members of the local community. See below for details.

- **Front Yard Slide Shows** - Some interesting signs around the local area include QR codes that detail the fascinating histories of a number of homes in the City of Unley. [Visit the Front Yard Slide Shows website for more information.](#)
- **'What is the Dreamtime and Dreaming?'** - Join Kurna and Ngarrindjeri Leader and Elder Major 'Moogy' Sumner and Kurna and Narungga Elder Aunty Elaine (Munartu) Magias sharing their stories and knowledge of the Dreamtime and Dreaming. What is its cultural significance in the past, present and future? A free forum will be held on Thursday 30 May from 6.30pm at the Unley Town Hall as part of Reconciliation Week. [Book online.](#)

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Concordia Giving Day - Save the Date

As a not-for-profit school, we are incredibly grateful for the many contributions made to Concordia, big and small, that enable us to offer an extraordinary education in a supportive, Christian learning environment to so many students.

Wednesday 12 June is 'Concordia Giving Day', an opportunity to see how the power of many community members contributing together can make a huge difference.

Please mark the date in your calendar and stay tuned for more details coming soon.

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Health and Hygiene Reminder

With the cooler weather in autumn and winter, a reminder for students and parents/caregivers to please be vigilant with monitoring symptoms of illness and take responsible measures to reduce the risk of spreading viruses and illnesses to others in our community.

Some key steps to take include:

- staying home if symptomatic
- wearing a mask in high risk areas
- covering your coughs and sneezes with a tissue
- washing your hands regularly, particularly after using the toilet and before eating
- using alcohol-based sanitiser
- wiping down frequently touched surfaces
- avoiding touching your eyes, nose and mouth.

For up-to-date details about COVID safe measures and requirements from the Department of Education, please [visit their website](#).

Thank you for playing your part in keeping our community safe.

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'Just Lawful' Podcast Presentation

Year 12 Legal Studies students were invited to attend the Just Lawful Podcasters Presentation at the University of South Australia, City East campus.

Just Lawful - true crime like you've never felt it before. The podcast is co-created and co-hosted by Daniel Panozzo and The Advertiser's chief court reporter, Sean Fewster. Daniel and Sean delivered an engaging, interactive presentation of a case as it progresses through the

courts.

Rick Sommariva
Legal Studies Teacher

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Stage 1 and Stage 2 Drama Presents 'Small' by Holly Robinson

Our Stage 1 and Stage 2 Drama students will present their production of 'Small' by Holly Robinson. See below for performance details and click the button to book online.

- **Date: Wednesday 29 and Thursday 30 May 2024**
- **Time: 6.00 - 7.30pm**
- **Venue: Concordia College Drama Centre**
- **Tickets: General Admission \$5**

Content advice: This play explores adult themes including death, suicide, terminal illness, depression and neglect.

[Book Online](#) (opens an external website in a new window)

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Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) Update

Hello, everyone!

We have been getting back into the swing of Before and After School Care after our exciting Vacation Care period. We have been very lucky with some really nice autumn weather that has seen us spending a lot of time playing outside. The children (and Educators) have loved playing soccer and football in the afternoons, as well as enjoying time on the monkey bars, sandpits and playgrounds.

Educator Sam is working hard with the children to maintain our wonderful OSHC herb and veggie garden. The children love watering the garden every day to keep everything looking nice and healthy. Sam has informed me that the next step will be some new fertiliser which the children will be able to assist in putting in.

We are currently finalising our upcoming Vacation Care program, which will be released on Monday of Week 5 at 5pm. We have some really exciting excursions and incursions planned and hope that the children will be as excited as we are. A big thank you to Educator Brad for all his hard work organising Vacation Care.

Isaac Noles
OSHC Educator

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CommuniTea - Save the Date

Our premiere whole-community social event in 2024 is *CommuniTea*, an outdoor celebration on the College Oval with live music, food trucks, amusements and more.

Please save the date and mark it in your diaries today:

- **Date: Friday 13 September**
- **Time: 3.30-7.00pm**
- **Location: Collage Oval, Highgate campuses**

More details will be shared in the lead up to the event.

We hope to see you there!

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Mother's Day in the St John's Campus ELC

The children at our Early Learning Centre put together a delightful presentation celebrating the uniqueness of each and every mother for Mother's Day. It was heartening to see the joy on everyone's faces as these special messages were exchanged.

Sarah Neill

Early Learning Centre Acting Director

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Open Boys' Knockout Football

In the Open Boys' Knockout Football game against Unley High School, our boys were a bit slow out of the gates, giving Unley a three-goal lead at quarter time. With a stronger focus on applying pressure around the ground and also staying on our players, we were able to take control of the game a little more. We had the ball in our forward half for most of the game after quarter time; however, our inaccurate kicking meant that the scoreboard was still very close. Going into the final minute of the game, we were three points down, with **Paddy 12SBAC** kicking the match-winner with 30 seconds left.

It came down to the wire, but we were able to keep our cool and hold on to a narrow, three-point win. The boys should be very proud of how they played and they deserve the win.

Results

- Concordia 6.13 (49) defeated Unley High School 7.4 (46).
- Goal kickers: **Jack 11RGOG** (3), **Paddy 12SBAC** (2) and **Jacob 11ALON** (1)
- Best players: **Luca 10JROB**, **Paddy 12SBAC**, **Jack 11RGOG**, **Jacob 11ALON**, **Ollie 10BWHA** and **Angus 12SBAC**.

Nathan Shrowder

Head Coach and Personal Development Learning Leader

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Sports Results

We are currently working to align collation of sports results across campuses. Please bear with us while we undertake this process. We look forward to bringing you regular sports results again in the future.

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Student Achievements

Well done to **Erin 9TFUR**, **Baxter 9NSHR**, **Serin 7NBRO** and **Emily 11RAMO**, who have been selected to represent School Sport SA at upcoming national sporting events.

- Erin will represent our state at the School Sport Australia 15 Years and Under Volleyball Championship in Sydney in June
- Baxter will represent our state at the School Sport Australia 15 Years and Under Boys Volleyball Championship in Sydney in June
- Emily will represent our state at the School Sport Australia 10 to 19 Years Diving Championship in Adelaide in August
- Serin will represent our state in the Under 12 Girls' Football Championship in Geelong in August

We wish Emily, Erin and Baxter all the best as they prepare and compete.

Congratulations to **Winnie 11RAMO** and **Asha 12SBAC** on being selected for the Under 18 state football team, to play against Western Australia, Victoria and The Allies. We wish them and the rest of the squad all the best for their upcoming matches. [Visit the SANFL website for more information.](#)

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Diary Dates

To view upcoming diary dates, please refer to the [Events Calendar](#) on our website.

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The School Shop

Term Time Opening Hours

General trading – no appointment required.

- Monday: 8am - 4pm
- Wednesday: 12.30pm - 4pm
- Thursday: 12.30pm - 6.15pm
- Friday: **Closed** (Terms 2 and 3)

(Closed on Public Holidays)

Winter Uniform Requirements

All students are required to wear the College winter uniform from the start of Week 3, Term 2. Winter uniform requirements can be found on the ['Uniform Shop' page](#) within the College website.

Please check that all items have been tried on to check that they fit. If you need to upsize, please make your purchases as soon as possible.

Uniform Orders

Email orders are also welcome and purchases may be collected from The School Shop during opening hours. Please email schoolshop@concordia.sa.edu.au and include:

- your child's name and year level
- size
- your contact details

The School Shop staff will contact you for payment and advise when your order is available to collect. 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.

PE Polo Shirt

The old style gold and navy PE polo shirts are now discontinued and students are required to have the new navy PE polo shirt.

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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CC Café Term 2 Menu

Our CC Café Term 1 menu is here! Download a copy of the menu to see what is on offer this term.

- [Brief Menu with Price List](#)
- [Full Menu](#)

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Public Notices & Events

- **Code Camp** is running holiday camps at schools in our local area during the winter school holidays. Visit their website for more information and use the code 'SCHOOL25' for a \$25 discount.
- **Mitcham Rotary Bookshop** is having a Big Half Price Book Sale for the month of June at 598 Goodwood Road, Daw Park. [Download a flyer](#) for more information.
- **More Than Sport** are running a 'Free Soccer Day' on Sunday 26 May from 10-11am at

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

- **International Sports Camps** are running school holiday coaching programs for girls and boys aged 5 to 15 in football, netball, basketball and soccer. [Download a flyer](#) for more information and to take advantage of a 35% discount offer.

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