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From the Spiritual Life Team Chairperson

Asante sana Kakuma!

As many of you know I spent nine days during the last holidays on an ALWS Pilgrimage to Kakuma Refugee Camp in Kenya. This was a trip that had never been done before. I had the privilege of meeting and connecting with so many beautiful people through visiting schools, youth centres and people's "homes". These stories have truly touched, humbled and impacted me greatly.

Whilst in Kakuma I had the privilege of viewing a live rerun of the final for the five young winning performances of the recent "Kakuma's Got Talent". The talent show is run exactly as it is here in Australia with the exception, of course, that all of the contestants are refugees living in Kakuma.

With a camp population of over 181,000 people and over 60 percent being under the age of 18, Kakuma is well known as the children's camp. Often a lot of these children have arrived at the camp without any adult relatives! These young people are proud, capable and strong. To me their smiles, their words and their conviction are symbolic of strong, tenacious young people with huge hope for their futures. These young people do not want pity, rather they simply want an opportunity. They do not feel sorry for themselves – they simply want a future.

So many of the young people we met at the camp had a unique capacity to articulate the challenges they all faced (in particular the young women we met). Activities such as "Kakuma's Got Talent" provide a wonderful opportunity for positive relationships, a healthy lifestyle, access to education, positive peer relationships and many other positive possibilities.

My hope and prayer, not just for the many children in the camp but for our children here at Concordia too, is to look beyond adversity and grasp positive opportunities with both hands. We can learn so much from the children and young people in Kakuma.

"We love because he first loved us". 1 John 4:19

Jane Graham

St John's Campus Spiritual Life Team Chairperson

St John's Campus 'Fiesta' Parent Event

We are delighted to have sold over 100 tickets to this year's St John's Campus parent event, but there is still time to book, so come along and enjoy a Spanish Fiesta themed night of fun, delicious food, dancing and great company!

Saturday 24 August at 7pm in the Hall

Tickets are \$40 per person, which includes:

- Delicious Paella
- Hot churros
- Drinks including Sangria and Tomich Wines can be purchased from the bar (no BYO)
- Live music
- Latin Dance Floor Show

Dress up is optional, so don the sombrero, or not, but either way we'd love to see you there!

[Book online today!](#)

Year 6 - 2040 – Join the Regeneration

During Week 2, the Year 6 classes ventured to Trak CineCentre to view the documentary film, 2040. The documentary 'explores what the future could look like by the end of 2040 if we simply embrace the best solutions already available to us to improve our planet and shift them rapidly into the mainstream'. The experience provoked, challenged and inspired student thinking as they commence their PYP Exhibition journey. We can't wait to see what solutions our Year 6 students discover and envision to regenerate the world, through their individual/collaborative inquiries.

Ellen Hoopmann

Year 6 Teacher

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From the Head of Middle School

Ground Swell Education and Year 9 Ambassador Program

In Weeks 1 to 4 this term, 12 Year 9 students have fulfilled their vision as school ambassadors by immersing themselves into an intensive learning experience conducted by Toby Moulton of Ground Swell Education.

Toby is an experienced educator who has taken a year's leave from his role at Star of the Sea School at Henley Beach to start a sustainability education consultancy for schools.

Toby's vision for our initiative was very clear:

Students need to be informed about WHY sustainability at home, school and in the broader community is so vital. He views the WHY as the missing link between more genuine connection for students and their personal and collective approaches towards a more sustainable future.

Our program began with confronting and informative workshops, focusing on contemporary environmental issues. These were presented through a 'lens of hope', so that the students became even more acutely aware that their positive actions and attitudes will not be in vain and so that students were motivated to continue to pursue the initiative with zeal... and have fun while being active participants.

We conducted a whole-school waste audit together, gathering, sorting, counting and weighing each waste stream that the school generates. We then analysed the data, collectively identifying and agreeing upon three key waste streams we would like to reduce at Concordia College by the end of 2019:

- Food Waste
- Single-use Packaging

- 10c Recyclables

We used the data, our personal experiences and knowledge and areas that personally motivated us to formulate a Sustainability Action Plan based upon these three key areas.

Finally, we ordered some important infrastructure (colour coded bins, worm farms and a large compost bin) that will make it easier and more motivating for the school community to think carefully before 'disposing' of their waste.

The waste audit data gave us a clear indication that there is much work to be done at Concordia and we feel confident that with 12 outstanding young leaders, our vision of becoming a genuine example for other schools to follow in this space can be achieved.

We look forward to sharing our progress with you and encourage you all to support these young leaders in their quest for meaningful change for our school.

Briony Carman

Head of Middle School

Reading with the Receptions

On Tuesday 13 August, 8RCRO and Ms NT went over to the St John's Campus to read with the Reception students. The Receptions are doing a unit of inquiry on non-fiction texts and habitats, so we read them non-fiction books about animals. It was a lot of fun, and the Receptions loved reading with older students! We were each put with two or three Receptions, and they chose their favourite animal books for us to read to them. The Receptions asked us a lot of questions, many of which had nothing to do with the books we were reading, and we talked to them about everything from animals, to food, to playgrounds, to fluff! It was a really great experience for both the Year 8s and Receptions. It was very fun working with younger kids, and the Receptions had fun working with the older kids as well!

Lottie 8RCRO

Music Notes

Adelaide Eisteddfod

Congratulations to Concordia's String Quartet 1, which recently competed at the Adelaide Eisteddfod in the Year 12 and Under (2-8 players) Division. **Jasmine 10NMCG**, **Haneulle 10NMCG**, **Sterling 9KNIC** and **Caleb 9SWHI** performed brilliantly and won their division. This is an outstanding achievement and reward for their hard efforts!

Balaklava Eisteddfod

On Friday 2 August, the Concordia Rock Band travelled to Balaklava for the annual Balaklava Eisteddfod. They competed in the Senior Rock Band section and performed with energy and vigour. "Black Knight" and "Mr Blue Sky" were very well received by the audience. **Jack 11JHAR**, **Hugo 11JHAR**, **Luke 11MHAR**, **Yiannis 9CWAT** and **Luke 11BTOO** should be very proud of their efforts.

Harmony in the Chapel

On Friday 9 August, the final concert in the 2019 series of Harmony in the Chapel took place. Well over 130 audience members enjoyed a delightful concert presented by our school Orchestra and String Ensemble. Martin Butler was our compere for the day, and entertained guests with his stories about the pieces being performed. Repertoire included "Duel of the Fates" by John Williams, "Overture to Rienzi" by Richard Wagner, and "With Fire!" by Darren Mitchell, all pieces which will be performed at the 2019 ABODA music festival by these two ensembles. We were also very glad to welcome 20 students from the St John's Campus, who walked across to join us for the concert.

Bron Elsegood

Acting Director of Music

Year 8 Humanities and Science Interdisciplinary Unit

On Friday the 2nd of August, our Year 8s had the opportunity to go on an excursion to the South Australian Museum. We were to answer questions in our Interdisciplinary Unit 'Geomorph Landforms' booklet, which combines the subjects of Science and Humanities. Home Classes were split into halves and became separate groups. We explored a range of exhibits, from the Mawson and Mineral galleries to the Biodiversity and Fossil galleries.

In the booklet, we were asked to list how visually appealing, interesting, how relevant and how effectively the gallery taught information. We were asked to score the different galleries out of five and justify our reason for doing so. There were also individual questions relating to the specific galleries only.

It was fun to look around in the galleries and write down facts that we thought were interesting. I always enjoy looking at the Mawson gallery because it shows items from expeditions to Antarctica. It was an interesting and informative afternoon and we learned a lot, even though our feet hurt at the end!

Marielle 8VNAR

Thank you very much to Miss Johnson for planning this exciting excursion, and to all the fantastic teachers who accompanied our Year 8 students on the day: Mrs Ridenour, Mrs Crossing, Ms Narino-Terry, Mrs Brown, Mrs Ridley, Mrs Grieve and Mr Lane. As always, it was a pleasure to accompany our Concordia students while they continued their learning outside of the College campus.

Amy Martin

Year 8 Pastoral Leader

Year 10/11 Parent Dinner

Last Friday our Year 10 and 11 parents came together to enjoy their annual dinner. It was a fabulous Indian-themed event featuring a delicious banquet and The Suaviter was transformed into a vibrant, colourful setting for this event.

Thank you to the Year 9 parents who provided help in the kitchen and front of house, and to the P&F members and other volunteers who themed up the room and helped make this event a wonderful success.

We are really looking forward to the Father's Day Breakfast on Thursday, 29 August. [Book online today!](#)

Year 8 Chemical Reactions Science Demonstration

Our Year 8 teaching team has a long history of planning and facilitating an exciting Science demonstration about Chemical Reactions to share with our Year 8 students. Each year we have facilitated this event as part of National Science Week.

National Science Week is Australia's annual celebration of science and technology, and thousands of individuals – from students to scientists to chefs and musicians – get involved, taking part in more than 1000 science events across the nation. 'Destination Moon: more missions, more science' is the school theme for National Science Week in 2019.

This year some of the demonstrations included the Science behind dry ice and liquid nitrogen. Students had fun seeing the effects of extreme cold and rapid expansion. Chemical reactions also included making elephant toothpaste, burning magnesium and the hydrolysis of water.

Thank you to Mrs Crossing, Mrs Brown, Mr Lane and Mr Spargo for organising this Science demonstration. Thank you very much to Ms Hoffman and Ms Taylor for organising all of the equipment and chemicals, and also to Mr Adams and his maintenance team for their assistance with setting up. A special thank you goes to Marielle and Rachael from 8VNAR for learning how to operate the audio visual system in the Chapel.

Here are some of the reactions from our Year 8 students:

My favourite part of the Science demonstration was when the teachers put dry ice into the bin so that they could blow smoke rings out of it. They made students put the foam cups on their heads so they could blow them off of their heads. **Gemma 8LBRO**

The best part of the chemical reactions demonstration was the separating of hydrogen and oxygen at the start as I've always wanted to do that experiment. **Brendon 8LBRO**

My favourite part of the Science demonstration was when I was chosen to partake in the experiment myself. It involved catching bubbles. Having an interactive hands-on experience with the chemical reactions made it far more engaging.

Emily 8AMAR

Amy Martin

Year 8 Pastoral Leader

Debating Results

Week 2

Year 7

Concordia defeated by Loreto by one point.

Topic: That all high school students should be required to learn a musical instrument. Concordia spoke against the topic.

Speakers – Hannah, Terenzo and Peter. Lily was timekeeper.

Year 8

Concordia defeated Adelaide Botanic High School by one point.

Topic: That we should abolish the study of Shakespeare in schools. Concordia spoke against the topic.

Speakers – Kate, Tahlia and Henry. Marcus was timekeeper.

Senior B

A close debate won by St Peter's Boys.

Topic: That Britain should remain in the EU. Concordia agreed with the topic.

Speakers – Eva, Ella and Kaelah. Anne was chairperson.

Week 4

Year 7

Concordia defeated by Seymour.

Topic: 'That reality television stars are good role models.'

Speakers: Lily, Hannah and Terenzo. Peter was Chairperson.

Year 8

Concordia defeated by St Peter's.

Topic: 'That reality television should not be shown at prime time.'

Speakers: Tahlia, James and Alicia.

Year 11

No debate.

Thanks to all teams and coaches for their commitment to the 2019 debating season.

From the Archives: A Colourful Game

This week we look back at some of the changes to Concordia's football jersey that occurred between 1916 and 1923, including the adoption of a new brown and gold design which was the subject of a mild controversy with another Adelaide school.

[Read more...](#)

Class of 1969 50 Year Reunion

We were delighted to welcome back around 30 Old Concordians from the Class of 1969 for their 50 Year Reunion on Friday 2 August, with many making the trip from country areas and interstate to attend. Many memories were shared over dinner, including reminiscing about boarding house life, and we thank all who attended for helping to make it such a wonderful night!

Sue Spry

Alumni Manager

Old Concordians 'CBD Series' Perth Reunion

Western Australia turned on the warm weather for a group of Old Concordians who gathered for a reunion dinner on Saturday, 10 August 2019 at St John's Lutheran Church in Perth.

Old Concordians present were treated to a delicious three-course meal with lively conversation and lots of sharing and storytelling.

We look forward to another Perth Reunion in 2021!

Sue Spry

Alumni Manager

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Boys Basketball Grand Final

After remaining undefeated all season, the Middle A Boys Basketball team took out the SAAS Middle A Premiership last Saturday by defeating Trinity College in the Grand Final with a score of 61-44. An outstanding effort!

Congratulations to Year 9s Noah D, Noah E and Nick G (injured but a strong contributor through most of the season), Year 8s Oliver M, Tom S, Griffin T, Lachlan T and Calvin Z, and Year 7 Paddy D, along with the coach James Adcock who together achieved a fantastic result.

We now look ahead to the first game of the 8/9 statewide KO competition to be held on Tuesday, 27 August and we wish the boys who will be competing in the KO team all the very best!

Football Grand Finals

Concordia has had another strong season of boys football, with two teams making it all the way through to the Grand Final in their respective competitions.

Both teams played their Grand Final games on Wednesday, 14 August and performed valiantly. Though the results unfortunately went against us, it was great to see plenty of Concordia spirit on show in both games and we congratulate the boys for their efforts this season.

St John's Campus Sports Results

Chess

Friday 2 August

Concordia Gold defeated Walford: 2 - 1.

Football

Saturday 3 August

Concordia Year 6/7 Boys defeated by Belair: 2.10 (22) to 2.11 (23) in the last 20 seconds of the game. A close result!

Concordia/Mitcham Year 4/5 participated in a Lightning Carnival, playing a total of six games, with three wins overall. Well done to all who competed in the carnival in some very close games.

Friday 9 August

Concordia/Mitcham Year 4/5 defeated Coromandel Valley/St Peters Blackwood: 7.8 (50) to 1.0 (6).

Soccer

Saturday 27 July

Concordia U10s defeated by St Leonards: 7 - 1. Goal to Oliver D-G.

Saturday 10 August

Concordia U10 defeated by Colonel Light Gardens: lost 3 - 2. Goals to Myles and Tomas.

Volleyball

Friday 2 August

Concordia Gold defeated by Brodie and the Spike Girls: 50 - 75.

Concordia Campus Sports Results

Cross Country

Wednesday 31 July

Primary Girls: Emily, H 1st place – 9:22.36s.

Primary Boys: Jared S, 5th place – 9:33.43s; Rohan S, 10th place – 9:00.02s.

Senior Girls: Isla S, 3rd place – 20:30.63s.

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St John's Campus

August

Book Fair

Thurs 15 - Fri 16

Year 1-3 Grandparents and Special Friends'
Morning

Friday 16

Book Week

Mon 19 - Fri 23

St John's Campus Principal's Tour, 9.15am

Tuesday 20

Thursday 22	Concordia Campus Principal's Tour, 9.15am
Saturday 24	St John's Campus 'Fiesta' Parent Event, 7pm in the Hall Book online
Tuesday 27	ELC Parent Chats, 3.30pm - 6pm
Wednesday 28	ELC Parent Chats, 3.30pm - 6pm
Thursday 29	P&F Father's Day Breakfast 2019 in The Suaviter at Concordia Campus, 7.15am ELC Parent Chats, 3pm - 6pm
Friday 30	Father's Day Market Stall, 3pm in the St John's Campus Courtyard

September

Monday 2	ELC Parent Chats, 3.30pm - 6pm
Tuesday 3	Year 3 Student-Led Conferences
Wednesday 4	ELC Bush Day
Thursday 5	St John's Campus Music Showcase, 7pm - 8.30pm
Friday 6	Show Day (student free day)
Monday 9	P&F Meeting, 7pm
Thursday 12	ELC Parent Chats, 3.30pm - 6pm
Friday 13	Concordia in Concert, 7pm
Saturday 14	Year 1 Family Event, 3pm - 6pm
Sunday 15	Year 6 Mums' Event
Thursday 19	Reception Student-Led Conferences, 9- 10.30am
Saturday 21	Reception Mums' Event
Sunday 22	Years 3-4 School Service, Concordia College Chapel at 10.30am All welcome!
Friday 27	Term 3 ends, 3.15pm dismissal for ELC to Year 6 students

Concordia Campus

August

Wed 14 - Fri 16	ABODA Music Festival
Thurs 15 - Fri 16	Year 10 - 11 Course Counselling Interviews Book online
Saturday 17	Middle School representatives serving at the Magdalene Drop-in Centre, 4pm - 9pm
Monday 19	Co-curricular Photo Day
Tuesday 20	St John's Campus Principal's Tour, 9.15am
Thursday 22	Concordia Campus Principal's Tour, 9.15am
Mon 26 - Thurs 29	City Week 1
Thursday 29	P&F Father's Day Breakfast 2019 in The Suaviter at Concordia Campus, 7.15am

September

Mon 2 - Thurs 5	City Week 2
Wednesday 4	P&F Meeting, 7pm
Friday 6	Show Day (student free day)
Sunday 8	Big Band Bash at the Gov (Big Band 1 performance), 1.15pm
Tuesday 10	Year 7-11 Parent/Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 11	Non-uniform Day for Years 7-12
Friday 13	Concordia in Concert, 7pm
Mon 16 - Fri 20	Year 12 IBDP Trial Exams Year 12 SACE Mock Exams
Friday 20	Year 7 Grandfriends' Day

Sat 21 - Sun 22	Pedal Prix 24-Hour Race at Murray Bridge
Mon 23 - Fri 27	Year 10 Camp
Friday 27	Term 3 ends, 1pm dismissal for Years 7-12

Upcoming Events

Years 1 to 3 Grandparents and Special Friends' Morning

Friday 16 August, 9.30am - 12.00pm in the St John's Campus Hall

Students from Years 1 to 3 will welcome their grandparents and special friends to the College on **Friday, 16 August**.

St John's Campus 'Fiesta' Parent Event

Saturday 24 August, 7-10pm in the Hall

St John's Campus parents are invited to come and join the fun at this year's St John's Campus parent event on **Saturday 24 August**.

Tickets are \$40 each which includes pre-dinner platters, a Paella Bar cooked on site, delicious hot churros, live entertainment by dance band Silverhair, and a Latin dance floor show. Bar available (no BYO).

[Book online](#)

P&F Father's Day Breakfast

Thursday 29 August, 7.15-8.30am in The Suaviter, Concordia Campus

Fathers, grandfathers and their children are warmly invited to join us for the annual Father's Day Breakfast in The Suaviter, Concordia Campus, on Thursday 29 August at 7.15am.

This is always a popular event and limited seats remain, so please [book online](#) today.

Year 7 Grandfriends' Day

Friday 20 September, 9.15am - 11.15am, beginning in the Chapel

On Friday, 20 September, Concordia College will hold the annual Grandfriends' Day for Year 7 students who are encouraged to invite significant people in their lives to the College for the morning. Details have been emailed to Year 7 parents. Please encourage guests to book online using the link provided by Friday, 13 September.

St John's Campus Music Showcase

Thursday 5 September, 7pm in the Chapel

Members of the St John's Campus community are warmly invited to the annual St John's Campus Music Showcase on Thursday, 5 September, featuring performances from our bands, ensembles and choirs.

Save the date: Concordia in Concert

Friday 13 September, 7pm in the Chapel

Save the date for Concordia in Concert on Friday, 13 September. This annual Concordia Campus music showcase, involving a range of bands, ensembles and choirs, is always an incredible night and tickets are sure to sell out quickly. Ticket information coming soon.

Concordia Gala Ball 2019 - Tickets on sale now!

Saturday 2 November - 7pm in the Panorama Ballroom, Adelaide Convention Centre

Join us at one of this year's most anticipated events, the Concordia Gala Ball 'The Greatest Show' on **Saturday, 2 November**

. This is our first whole school Gala Ball and it promises to be our 'greatest show' yet!

A black tie evening of fine dining and entertainment, the event is sure to be a wonderful celebration of community and an occasion not to be missed!

Tickets are \$175 per person. Click the link below to either book onto your nominated table, or join one of our shared community tables.

Click to book your tickets online: www.trybooking.com/BAAES

Please contact [Angela Warrick](#), Community Engagement and Events Officer, for more information.

The School Shop

Opening Hours – Term Time

- Mondays: 8.00 am – 4.00 pm
- Wednesdays: 12.30 pm – 4.00 pm
- Thursdays: 12.30 pm – 5.30 pm

The School Shop will be closed on the morning of Monday, 19 August and open at 12:30 - 4pm.

Second hand uniforms - If you have items to sell, please ensure garments are washed, pressed and in good condition.

Blazers, skirts and pinafores must be dry cleaned (dry cleaning receipt must be attached). Shop staff are happy to check suitability for sale prior to dry cleaning.

Any uniform items in need of repair e.g. broken zips, seams unstitched, missing buttons, etc., must be repaired prior to acceptance for sale. Uniforms delivered not suitable for sale will be considered donated.

Buttons are sold in The School Shop.

Old Logo – Uniforms with the old school logo are no longer saleable in The School Shop but can be dropped in for donation.

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

Concordia Rugby Jumpers – students in Years 7-12 may now purchase these by order only from The School Shop. Orders placed by the end of August will be available to collect at the start of Term 4.

Public Notices & Events

- [Flinders University School of Psychology - Child and Adolescent Sleep Clinic](#)
- Save the date - the **Cantabile Singers** will hold a one-hour concert performance of Schubert Mass in G and shorter works by Mozart, Faure and Bruckner, with piano and soloists, in the Concordia College Chapel at 5.30pm on Saturday, 26 October. Tickets are \$30. Booking information coming soon.

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