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Gratitude

When I started my teaching career 42 years ago, I could not have imagined that I would have the privilege of finishing my career through enjoying 12 years as the Principal of this great school. In this, my last contribution to Concordia Connect (and previously, Concordia Communio), I want to offer my sincere gratitude to the many people who help to sustain this wonderful community.

We are a school with a strong 'soul' and we are a school where many of our parents, staff and students not only identify with our culture, but also help to develop it. I write more about the soul of Concordia in the annual school magazine, the *Concordia Review*, but in the meantime, as we approach the end of the year, I encourage you to also reflect on the things that contribute to the 'spirit' of Concordia College. I encourage you to talk to your children about this as well.

The Concordia Campus has experienced many changes since 2000 when I arrived at Concordia as the Director of Studies. The physical infrastructure has been significantly upgraded during this time, but so too has the academic curriculum of the school and the approach to pastoral care. Year 7s have been integrated into the secondary campus for over a decade and we have now combined with St John's into a dual-campus College, offering a seamless education from the Early Years program all the way through to Year 12.

However, there are also many things that have been consistent throughout that time. At the core of this is the central focus we have on communicating the Christian gospel message to students and having Christian values drive our decision-making. Connected to this is the way that our motto, *Firm in Principle, Gentle in Manner*, infiltrates our culture. This cannot occur without a commitment from our staff to place student learning at the heart of their actions. I deeply appreciate the way that Concordia College staff support our students in their learning and their emotional development.

As we reflect on our time of connection with Concordia, Bev (my wife) and I want to publicly communicate our deep gratitude to the Concordia community for their acceptance, friendship, support and encouragement. Although our connection will continue, it will be different and we will miss the strong bonds we currently experience both on a personal and a collective level.

Finally, I want to acknowledge the support I have received from the Concordia Board who oversee the governance of both campuses. Sylvia Andersons, as Board Chair, and her wider team, is dedicated to the continual improvement of our College while holding true to the Vision, Mission and Values of Concordia, while my co-Principal, Michael Paech, is the epitome of collegiality. I thank God that He has blessed the College with the wisdom of this group.

In many ways, what we attempt to do is summed up in the words of St Paul in his letter to the Galatians (chapter 5 verses 22, 23 and 25):

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

Wishing each of you a blessed Christmas and a fulfilling future.

Lester Saegenschnitter

Principal - Concordia Campus

Board Report

The Concordia Board values the committed contributions of the various auxiliary groups connected with the College and each year it invites the groups to the November Board meeting, both to learn of their activities and to assure these groups of the support of the Board.

The final Board meeting for 2017 took place on Wednesday 22 November, with the following groups represented for the first part of the meeting:

- Community Development Committee
- St John's Campus Parents and Friends
- Concordia Campus Parents and Friends
- Concordia Old Collegians Association
- Concordia Foundation
- Friends of Music

Board member Tim Geue was also farewelled at the meeting. Tim has been a Board member since 2010 and was on the Property Committee prior to joining the Board. As Chair of the Property Committee, Tim has significantly contributed to governance decisions relating to the development of the physical infrastructure of the College. In all areas of Board work, Tim's attention to detail, ability to ask deep questions and concern for the ongoing wellbeing of the College has been greatly appreciated. He will be replaced by Ray Soekov, who was also present at the meeting.

Other Board business included:

- Endorsement of the Parent Grievance Policy, Assessment Policy, Interschool Sports Policy and Language Acquisition Policy
- Analysis of the 2017 Board review
- Update on the installation of incoming Principal (Paul Weinert), and incoming College Pastor (Rev Dale Gosden) on Tuesday 30 January at 9.00am
- Reflection on what constitutes the 'soul' of Concordia College

Lester Saegenschneider

Principal - Concordia Campus

Michael Paech

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Primary School

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From the St John's Campus Principal

End Of The Year!

Our final term for the 2017 school year is drawing to a close with our students' final day being next Wednesday, 13 December.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has been involved in supporting us throughout the year. We are pleased to say that 2017 has been another positive and productive year. Well done everyone, and thank you.

I wish you all a safe and restful break, a blessed Christmas and a positive start to the New Year.

We look forward to partnering with you again for the 2018 school year.

Closing Service and Year 6 Graduation

Next Wednesday night we will be gathering together as a St John's Campus community for our Closing Service and Year 6 Graduation Ceremony. This is a special time for us as we gather to give thanks to God for the year that has passed and also to celebrate with our Year 6 students on the occasion of their graduation. I look forward to sharing this special time with you on Wednesday night.

Details of the Closing Service/Graduation Ceremony can be found below.

Farewell

To those students and families who are leaving our St John's Campus we say farewell. Thank you for being part of our community and for the contribution that you have made during your time with us. We wish you God's blessing as you move on to new beginnings in 2018.

Staff Updates

At the end of this year, Mr Andrew Bradtke and Mr Arthur Densley will be leaving us. We thank them both for their service and significant contribution to our community over the years.

We wish Mr Andrew Bradtke all the best as he moves into his new role next year as Education Leader in LESNW (The regional office for Lutheran Education in our state). We thank him for all that he has achieved whilst a part of our community in his role as PYP Coordinator. During his time, he has continued to implement the PYP with staff, introduced our 1-1 iPad programme, overseen our language review and been a part of the implementation of our Reconciliation Action Plan. His work across the College has also included the introduction of the School Improvement Plan. Thank you Andrew for the many contributions that you have made to our community. Not only is our campus richer and stronger in the areas of curriculum, but your contributions have been felt in all areas of our community.

At the end of the year we are also saying goodbye to Mr Arthur Densley in his role as our Physical Education Coordinator. While Arthur is not going to be working in this role next year, he will be with us in a different capacity which is exciting. He

will be continue to be a part of our community, working in OSHC. We are thankful for the many gifts that Arthur has been blessed with and that shone through in his teaching. His calm, gentle manner with our students has always been appreciated.

We will formally thank and say a few more words about both Andrew and Arthur at our end of year service.

Thank you also to Mrs Deb Bryant who has helped us out throughout this past year in Year 1. Next year Mrs Bryant will be returning to teach one day a week in Reception. Likewise we thank Ms Bethanie Waldhuter for her service to our school during these past two terms in both 2K and 1G.

Not often do we have two staff from the same year level leave for the same reason. We wish Mrs Emily O'Callaghan and Mrs Eddie Forrest all the best as they each await the birth of their first child. They will both be on Maternity Leave for 2018. We will all wait for the joyful news of the arrival of their babies during Term 1.

Mrs Critchley

As many of you would know, Mrs Catherine Critchley sadly passed away on Tuesday night at 11.05pm after suffering a fatal brain aneurysm this past weekend. As a College we mourn this loss to our community and also pass on our sincere and deep condolences to her husband Michael and two sons Henry and William.

During her eight years serving in our St John's Campus, Catherine has always been a positive, joyful, caring and committed member of our team and community. We are honoured to have been able to serve with her during her time with us and we thank God for the many ways in which she has brought blessing to our community.

We also continue to pray for her family and friends as they move through the grief and loss that they are experiencing.

Thank you to staff, parents, caregivers and friends of our community for your gracious support during this past week. It has been greatly appreciated.

We move forward knowing that God is with us.

Funeral details will be passed on when they become available.

Move Up Day – Monday 11 December

Students from Reception to Year 5 will be spending time with their teachers and classes for 2018 during the day. New students to the College will also be visiting. At the end of the day, students will be bringing home their stationery information and their class list for both classes in the year level. It will also be the day that we will be sending home the St John's Campus Magazine.

Closing Service - Wednesday 13 December

All students from Year 1 to Year 6 are expected to attend our Closing Service. Students need to be **seated by 6.45pm ready for a 7pm start**. Students wear their formal Summer Uniform and may wear Sports Uniform to school during the day. The service celebrates the end of another school year and includes the Principal's report, farewell to members of our community and is also the Graduation of our Year 6 students. ELC and Reception students and families are welcome to come as well. These students may wear casual clothes and sit with their families. There will be allocated seating for Year 6 families.

Michael Paech

Principal - St John's Campus

Catherine Critchley

The staff and children of the ELC give thanks for the life of Mrs Critchley. We remember her love for us and the time we shared together.

ELC Christmas Carols Evening

On Tuesday 28 November, the ELC children entertained their families with a performance of songs celebrating Christmas and their learning throughout the year. The children's developing confidence was evident and parents were impressed when the children sang Silent Night in German (Stille Nacht). The children sang with joyful enthusiasm and big smiles could be seen on the stage and in the audience.

Kate Wood
ELC Director

Highgate Park Visit

Every year the children of the ELC bring a moment of happiness and Christmas cheer to the residents of Highgate Park. It is an act of service and community-building that is a special event for the residents, and for our staff and students.

The coordinator of activities at Highgate Park has told us that the festive season in the home begins on the day the ELC children come to sing. We always make a gift for the residents to enjoy and the children each receive a small gift. We know the real gift is in the giving of the Christmas spirit.

Kate Wood
ELC Director

Reception Nativity Performance

The Concordia Receptions have recently given an 'Oscar winning' performance, sharing the Nativity story through the live recital of "The Sleepy Shepherd".

The children inspired both tears and laughter from their adoring audience in what was a wonderful showcase, demonstrating how far they have come in their Reception year.

Sharon Cosh and Nicolette McClure
Reception Teachers

Year 1s Visit the Botanic Gardens

As part of the POI investigation 'Sharing the Planet' the Year 1s took a trip to the Adelaide Botanic Gardens to focus on "How plants sustain life on Earth and play a role in our lives". Our Education Officer led the students on an Indigenous trail around the gardens, focussing on the interaction between Indigenous culture and the plant kingdom. The Year 1s were fascinated to see how one tree was like a 'supermarket' for the Indigenous people. From this tree food, medicine, clothing, transport and shelter supplies could be sourced!

In our afternoon session, the Year 1s explored the tiers of the rainforest, looking at the impact of climate on plant life. Time was also spent investigating our responsibilities in caring for this environment.

Year 1 Teachers

Swimming

During Week 7 our Reception to Year 2 students took part in our annual swim program at Burnside Swimming Pool. Students travelled to the pool each day for swimming lessons. The students had a wonderful week with lots of sunshine and warm weather.

Gaeste bei uns in der Grundschule

German classes across the year levels have been a hive of activity over the past couple of weeks in the lead up to Advent/Christmas season in Germany and other German speaking countries but also importantly with a range of guests coming in to be part of our lessons and sharing some wonderful learning experiences with our students.

Students in Year 2DP and Reception C have had the privilege of having Mr Martin and Mrs Ele Plewa from Germany (**Leena 2DP** and **Tia Rec C's** grandparents) come and share a great deal about the season of Advent and Christmas in their region in Germany, not far from the city of Muenster. They brought along many trinkets and shared an extensive PowerPoint presentation with the students.

On Wednesday of 29 November, both Year 1H and Year 1G along with Year 4W were privileged also to have Mrs Angela Granegger (grandmother to **Sam 1H**, **Issy 4W** and **Matilda ELC**) come and share her experiences of living in Austria. Angela brought in many special items that engaged students and further enriched their learning experience about Austrian culture and traditions particularly centred around Advent and Christmas.

We thank Angela, Martin and Ele for the special time they shared with our students giving them a wonderful insight into current German culture, German language and some wonderful hands on experiences for our students. We are incredibly blessed to have them as part of our wider school community.

Jane Graham

German Teacher

Christmas Market Stall

It was with great anticipation that we held our first Christmas Market Stall on Friday 24 November. The Courtyard was a lovely setting and the Christmas spirit was enhanced by the choir singing several Christmas songs as well as the percussion group performing. The community were able to buy Gingerbread House kits, decorations, macaroons, Bath Bombs and gingerbread biscuits. The children enjoyed the ice blocks as well.

Thank you to the team of parents led by Stephanie that brought Christmas so beautifully to our community.

Christmas Performance at Living Choice

On Monday 4 December all 150+ Junior Primary students from the St John's Campus walked heartily to Living Choice on Fisher Street to perform for the Unley Probus Club. The students did exceptionally well singing a selection of Christmas Carols. It was an absolute joy to see the smiles on both the performers and the audience's faces. Well done to our R-2 students!

Jasmin Dinno

Music Teacher

Buses on the Last Day of Term 4

A reminder that due to the early finishing time of 12pm for the Concordia Campus on the last day of the school year, Wednesday 13 December, students who catch buses to/from school will be dismissed early on that day.

Buses will leave at 12.10pm from Cheltenham Street and 12.15pm from Duthy Street.

Students who do not catch a bus to/from school will be dismissed at the regular time of 3.15pm.

Links Committee

Links would love to see some new members on the committee. Join us in bringing the school community together through a range of fun events.

In addition to regular committee members, we have two positions available:

- **Ice Block Coordinator** - (you don't need to be on the committee to take this position, but would have full training and support). This is not a time consuming position, and ice blocks are only sold in Terms 1 and 4.
- **Treasurer** - this is a revised and simplified role on the committee, and training and support from the school is provided.

Sally Carr and Tanya Harris

Links Committee Co-Chairpersons

links@concordia.sa.edu.au

Year Level Coordinators for 2018

More parents are needed in the following year levels:

- ELC (one person)
- Year 1 (three people)
- Year 2 (four people)
- Year 3 (three people)
- Year 4 (three people)
- Year 5 (four people)
- Year 6 (one person)

The commitment involves:

- Organising a calendar of social events (work with other YLCs and plan the year (a minimum of one family and one parent social event - of course you can choose to do more))
- Organising some goodies for a Market Stall mid-year (combined with three other year levels)
- Welcoming any new families to the College in your year level
- Liaising with P&F when needed

In 2018, the Year Level Coordinators are looking forward to working more collaboratively with the St John's Campus Parents & Friends (Links).

By supporting each other we will be able to lighten the load on any one individual while making use of your particular skill set.

If you would like more information, please call me on 8273 0428 or email rfairlie@concordia.sa.edu.au or speak to one of the current Year Level Coordinators.

Thank you.

Rachelle Fairlie

Community Carer - St John's Campus

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Middle School

A fortnight of wonderful learning opportunities; Connected Unley, public speaking, urban planning and more.

Connected Unley

Recently our Year 8 students spent three days learning about and serving the local community through the annual Connected Unley program modelled on Concordia's vision of Engage, Achieve, Serve. The first day involved an introduction to the way the council is structured and operates before students visited sites of cultural, historic and social significance within the Unley area to engage with and learn about the community in which our school is located. The next day, students were involved in a range of service activities and on the third day students presented what they had learnt throughout the experience. Here are some of their reflections on the program:

"The service activities we completed were setting up, supervising and cleaning up a playgroup, and gardening. It was quite hot so the latter was a challenge, but it was worthwhile to see the improvement we had made to the garden and to think that it was restored to its original state. Something interesting I learnt from these activities was that service doesn't mean being comfortable or enjoying what you are doing, it means to give to others what God gave to us through Jesus Christ. We helped out with the playgroup at Rosefield Uniting Church and tidied the garden at St Chad's Anglican Parish Centre as part of our Connected Unley activities. These activities were chosen because they were both local organisations that required some assistance in creating positive experiences and environments. Half of 8VNT completed these activities on Tuesday, 28 November, Week 7, under the practical and helpful supervision of Ms Narino-Terry."

Olivia 8VNT

"On Thursday 30 December, half of 8RCR ventured to the Unley Salvation Army for a full on day of work. We participated in four activities throughout the day; decorating the 'Harmony Room' which included hanging candy-canes from the roof for Christmas and watering the garden which hadn't been done yet that week. We also worked in the kitchen pouring the curries made by the other Year 8s into alfoil trays to be frozen and sorted books into alphabetical order in the thrift shop. Probably the nicest part of the day was looking back at the work we had done and seeing all the smiling faces of the volunteers; some of whom were going to stay back for hours to finish their jobs but were now able to go home early."

Jack 8RCR

"One half of 8VNT spent Tuesday 28 November helping out at various churches around Unley as part of the Connected Unley unit in Pastoral Care. The morning was spent at Rosefield Uniting Church where we assisted with various duties including cleaning toys and interacting with the kids. During the afternoon, we were at St Chad's helping in the garden. As it was a hot day, the latter activity was certainly challenging, but it reminded us that service isn't meant to be comfortable; it's about putting yourself out in a way that focuses on others."

Emma 8VNT

"For Connected Unley, my service group went to The Salvation Army in Unley on Tuesday 28 November. At the Salvation Army, we put together emergency hygiene packages for those in challenging and unfortunate situations such as domestic violence and homelessness. We also wrapped gifts of spices for all of the hard working volunteers at The Salvation Army. We did this service activity because it was part of the Year 8 service program, however we got out of it much more than we had imagined. Although I had heard about them many times before, I never knew that the Salvation Army did so much for the community. I learnt to appreciate both them and other not-for-profit charities a lot more."

Eva 8VNT

Year 8 Public Speaking Award

Congratulations go to **Eva 8VNT** and **Emma 8VNT** who, on Thursday 30 November, won the 2017 Katherine Obst Year 8 Lutheran Schools Public Speaking competition, held at Endeavour College. This competition sees two students from every Lutheran school across the state each speak for three minutes on a topic chosen from a prescribed list. The winning school is the one with the highest aggregate score after both speeches, so congratulations to the girls for an excellent team effort! Eva chose the topic 'That a healthy mind is more important than a healthy body', while Emma chose the topic 'Schools destroy creativity'. The fact that the girls did so well hopefully proves the first of these propositions and disproves the second!

Chris Finch

Head of English

Murtoa Showcase

History, Science, Technology, Art and more! Murtoa was alive with activity this morning as we welcomed parents and students to the Murtoa Showcase. Year 7s presented their work on Historical Civilisations and Societies, and the Year 8s ran a Science Fair. From a working model of a centrifugal steam governor and a study of the pyramids in Egypt to scientific displays investigating bouncy putty, crystallised fudge and taste perception, the students had fun sharing their learning.

Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their Science Fair displays:

- Most Innovative: **Ryan 8JFI** and **Daniel 8JFI**
 - Best Presentation: **Lucy 8VNT** and **Gracie 8VNT**
 - People's Choice: **Audrey 8JCA** and **Georgia 8JCA**
 - Overall Winners: **Emma 8VNT** and **Olivia 8VNT**
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Concordia Writing Awards

The Concordia Writing Awards are small prizes for the best pieces of creative writing done throughout the year. Thank you to all the students who entered work, whether it was written as part of your English course or written for your own enjoyment. Of course, judging the 'best' piece is always difficult as it is inevitably based on personal opinion and taste. The winning pieces must obviously be well crafted and well written, but in the end it is the impact that they have on the reader that makes them stand out. This year the winners were **Caleb 7AMA** for his poem "Swept Away", **Olivia 8VNT** for her poem "Sundance", **Kaelah 9SBR** for her story "Extra" and **Olivia 10PLO** for her story "Legacy".

Chris Finch

Head of English

Urban Innovation

As part of their Geography studies, Year 8s undertook a unit on Demographics and Urban Planning, responding to the Statement of Inquiry "In order to plan for the future, innovative and global thinking is required". Students heard from Town Planner Michael Davis earlier in the term to learn about environmental and social considerations given to the planning of a city or an urban environment. Students were then asked to produce a proposal about their city that contained demographic

information and then to construct an accompanying model. As you can see from the selection of photos, we have a few future planners in our midst!

Vanessa Narino-Terry

Middle School Teacher

Music and Food Design Interdisciplinary Unit

On Tuesday 28 November, the Year 9 Music and Food Design students came together to showcase their talents in what was the culmination of a six-week MYP interdisciplinary unit. This unit allowed the students to "unpack" two important concepts; culture and innovation, and ultimately to decide whether "Food and music are mediums for innovation and cultural expression".

Cultures such as French, Australian (including Indigenous), Indonesian, Irish, American/Cajun and Greek were explored and the mediums of food and music certainly brought these cultures to life. The Food Tech area was abuzz with the sights, smells and sounds of these cultures and the students were completely focussed and working hard as musicians and chefs to present their "works" within the constraints of limited time.

To their credit, all original food and music was created, prepared, performed, presented and enjoyed by all who were there, including some lucky staff who were invited to attend.

Jill Scott (Music Teacher) and **Lyn Schrader** (Head of Food Design)

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Senior School

Read a list of 2017 Year 12 subject awards, the winners of the recent Photography exhibition and more.

Year 12 Subject Awards

Year 12 subject awards are given to those students who receive the highest mark in the A range for the school-assessed component of SACE subjects or the highest mark in the 6/7 range for their overall school-based performance in IB Diploma subjects.

The winners of Year 12 subject awards were announced at the Year 12 Final Assembly, except for in those subjects where work was still being completed. Recipients of all awards are as follows:

SACE Awards

- Biology: **Jed S 12NFLE**
- Business and Enterprise: **James A 12HRO**
- Chemistry: **Mitchell M 12ABR**
- Classical Studies: **Millie H 12RSO**
- Creative Arts: **Isabella T 12HRO**
- Design and Technology: **James D 12ABR**
- Drama Studies: **Luke C 12SBU**
- Economics: **William B 12RSO**
- English: **Lucia B 12LNE**
- English Literary Studies: **William B 12RSO**
- Food and Hospitality Studies: **Isabella T 12HRO**
- Geography: **Caitlin F 12SBU**
- German: **Olivia G 12RSO**
- Information Technology Studies: **Matthew W 12NFLE**
- Legal Studies: **William B 12RSO**
- Essential Mathematics: **Cooper M 12HRO**
- General Mathematics: **Emma E 12ABR**
- Mathematical Methods: **Nadia B 12LNE**
- Specialist Mathematics: **Benjamin L 12NFLE**
- Modern History: **Jed S 12NFLE**
- Musicianship: **Nadia B 12LNE**
- Performance Special Study: **Nadia B 12LNE**
- Solo Performance: **Nadia Barrow**
- Ensemble Performance: **Yasmin 10SKL**
- Photography: **Lauren D 12LNE**
- Physical Education: **Thomas M 12LNE**
- Psychology: **Milla J 12SBU**
- Physics: **Mitchell M 12ABR**
- Research Project: **Nadia B 12LNE**
- Society and Culture: **Milla J 12SBU**
- Television Studies: **Connor P 12SBU**
- Visual Arts – Art: **Olivia O 12SBU**
- Visual Arts – Design: **Connor P 12SBU**

IB Diploma Programme Awards

- Chemistry HL: **James B 12RSO**
- English B HL: **Cody C 12HRO**
- German SL: **Natasha D 12RSO**
- ab initio French: **Madeline H 12RSO**
- Mathematics SL: **Ella S 12LNE**
- Mathematical Studies SL: **Natasha D 12RSO**
- Music HL: **Rebekah R 12NFLE**
- Psychology HL: **Natasha D 12RSO**
- Economics HL: **James B 12RSO**
- English HL: **Ariane D 12SBU**
- English SL: **Natascha B 12ABR**
- History HL: **Ella S 12LNE**
- Arts HL: **Ariane D 12SBU**
- Physics HL: **James B 12RSO**
- Physics SL: **Ella S 12LNE**
- Theory of Knowledge: **Jacque W 12SBU**

Congratulations to all Year 12 subject award winners.

Stage 2 Design and Technology

Our Year 12 Design and Technology students began the year by identifying a need or challenge which could be solved by manufacturing a product. Over the next three terms, they learnt the necessary skills and spent many hours designing, refining and prototyping their intended outcome. Through sheer hard work and determination, all 18 students successfully completed their own individual high quality product and the collective culmination of their exceptional efforts was proudly displayed at the annual Art Show exhibition. Well done to all students and congratulations to **James D 12ABR** who achieved the highest overall result and won the subject award.

Shane Beitz

Head of Design and Technology

Photography Exhibition

Over the past couple of weeks the Concordia Photography Exhibition displayed a broad range of photographs. With 95 images exhibited from Years 10 to 12 there were many topics, styles and techniques on display. A book prize of 'Digital Photography Masterclass' was awarded to the creators of the best images in a number of categories as listed below. The public judging process saw the judges who selected the most winners winning a prize voucher from Diamonds Camera Video & Digital, valued at \$95. The exhibition included the 23 prize winners at this year's Royal Adelaide Show. Congratulations to all contributors and particularly the section winners. We look forward to seeing more great images produced for next year!

Congratulations to the following section winners:

- Best Animal: **Connor P 12SBU**
- Best Exhibit: **Samuel G 10JGE**
- Best Landscape: **Alex H 11JWE**
- Best Photo: **Kayla M 10SKL**
- Best Portrait: **Connor P 12SBU**
- Best Poster: **Sarah D 11SBAB**
- Best Special Effects: **Samuel G 10JGE**
- Best Still Life: **Connor P 12SBU**

Congratulations to the winning judges:

- **Will R 11JLE**
- **Telia S 8JFI**
- **Nick L 7MGA**

David Modra

Head of Media

Concordia Writing Awards

[Read about the winners of this year's Concordia Writing Awards.](#)

Lutheran Schools Leadership Conference

On Tuesday 5 December, Concordia College hosted a Lutheran schools leadership conference. The day started with an insightful devotion led by Mr Saegenschnitter, re-enacting the washing of feet by Jesus. The theme of servant leadership was prominent throughout the day, as the Student Leaders from various Lutheran schools bonded and learnt many valuable lessons in leadership that will no doubt be applied in their roles over the coming academic year.

Jacob Kemp

2018 School Captain

Year 12 Student Valedictory Dinner

The Valedictory Dinner was a beautiful way to farewell our Year 12 Class of 2017. The Dinner is a wonderfully informal occasion, with all exams and assessments finally completed, the Year 12s and their teachers gather for a final meal to celebrate, reminisce and laugh about the times they've spent together, as well as chatting over future plans. The Action Leaders beautified The Suaviter as a dining hall and the students were farewelled with speeches by Mr Adrian Bright, as well as the "Story of the Class of 2017" by Mr David Serotzki. Student Leaders Issy Brideson and Kenji Ireland responded on behalf of the students. Thanks must go to Mrs Angela Warrick and Mrs Sandra Hein for their efforts in organizing many aspects of the event, to the many parents who volunteered their time to help with the food, and to the Action Leaders for

their efforts in organizing such an event for their peers. The Valedictory Dinner is a fantastic way to farewell our students as they move into the next phase of their lives.

Clark Roberts-Thomson

Assistant Head of Senior School

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Community

Read about the Class of 2012 reunion, silk flag artistic project and Year 12 Parent Reception.

Silk Flag Artistic Project

The Silk Flag Artistic project is an initiative created in response to our College amalgamation, with a focus on the spirit of reconciliation. Year 9 and 10 students have been designing and creating the flags in consultation with Stephanie Bromley (Art Teacher) and with feedback provided from Bonnie Sleep (artist). The flags will be used as a symbol of our joint-campus connection and the theme of reconciliation. They will be utilized at public events including Chapel and Assemblies across both campuses. This will benefit the well-being of the school community as a representation of how the Primary and Secondary campuses are one.

Stephanie Bromley

Art Teacher

Class of 2012 - 5 Year Reunion

On Friday 1 December, over 85 members of the Class of 2012 returned to Concordia for their 5 Year reunion. The group enjoyed a casual gathering in the new Art Courtyard and then ventured off on a tour of the new Nautilus Centre. It was wonderful to see so many of the year group and several of their teachers catching up on what was a lovely evening!

We are also looking forward to welcoming the Class of 2007 back to Concordia this Friday to celebrate their 10 year reunion.

Angela Warrick

COCA Liaison

Year 12 Parent Reception

On Thursday 23 November, over 140 Year 12 parents gathered in the Chapel Narthex to celebrate and acknowledge the end of their child's educational journey at Concordia College. While their children were up in The Suaviter enjoying their Valedictory Dinner, parents were enjoying an evening of reflection over the last 12 months and hearing from our Principal Lester Saegenschnitter one last time.

Alongside members of the P&F, a group of Year 10 and 11 parents volunteered to assist with this event, which was a fabulous networking opportunity for them as well.

Guests were treated to a gorgeous selection of finger foods and fine wines, a perfect way to celebrate their child's completion of school. We wish all of our Year 12 students every success in their journey ahead and thank their parents for supporting them through this extremely busy year.

Angela Warrick

Community Engagement and Events Officer

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Sport

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Concordia Campus Sports Results

Tennis

Friday 24 November

Concordia Primary B defeated by St Michael's: 3 sets 23 games – 4 sets 32 games.

Remi/William: 6 – 4

Andrew: 6 – 0

Remi: 6 – 0

Last matches were rained out.

Saturday 25 November

Senior A defeated PAC: 9 sets – 0 sets.

Senior B defeated Cabra: 8 sets 50 games – 1 set 17 games.

Friday 1 December

Primary B defeated by Scotch: 3 sets 32 games – 6 sets 4 games.

Andrew J: 6 – 0

Max G: 6 – 3

Max W: 6 – 5

Saturday 2 December

Senior B defeated Scotch: 7 sets - 5 sets.

Joshua/Jackson: 7 – 5

Mark/Harrison: 6 – 3

Michael/Cooper: 6 – 0

Ben/Oscar: 6 – 0

Joshua: 6 – 0

Jackson: 6 – 0

Mark: 6 – 4

Boys Volleyball

Friday 24 November

Concordia Senior C defeated Cabra: 3 sets 75 games – 0 sets 41 games.

Best Players: Callum F, Mark F, William H. An extremely strong display by Concordia – maintained a very high level.

Concordia Middle B Blue defeated by Concordia Middle B Yellow: 1 set 63 games – 2 sets 65 games.

Best Players: Lachlan F, Matt A.

Concordia Middle C1 defeated Scotch 2: 2 sets 78 games – 1 set 73 games.

Best Players: Samson V, Eli B, Jackson H.

Friday 1 December

Concordia Middle B1 defeated St John's: 3 sets 75 games – 0 sets 48 games.

Best Players Damon T, Finn S.

Concordia Middle B Blue defeated by Middle B Yellow: 1 set 63 games – 2 sets 65 games.

Best Players Lachlan F, Matt A.

Concordia Middle C Gold defeated by Cabra: 0 sets 47 games – 3 sets 75 games.

Best Player Luke W.

Concordia Middle C1 defeated by St John's: 0 sets 25 games – 3 sets 65 games.

St John's Campus Sports Results

Basketball

Tuesday 5 December

Concordia Cats defeated by Highgate Hammerheads: 40 - 8.

Netball

Monday 4 December

Concordia Comets drew with St Thomas Strikers: 9 - 9.

It was a very exciting game with Concordia just missing a goal before the final siren, resulting in a draw.

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Music

Read about recent public performances, the upcoming Carols Service and improvisation lessons in 2018.

Flute and Guitar Ensembles at Disability SA

On Thursday 23 November, the Flute and Guitar ensembles visited residents at Disability SA. Our Concordia instrumentalists performed solos, duets and larger ensemble works for an appreciative audience. It is wonderful that our students have the opportunity to serve within the local community, sharing their gift of music.

Mat Noble

Director of Music

Barossa Strings Day

On Monday 27 November, 29 string students from both campuses and six staff, including our wonderful String Ensemble directors, Martin Butler and Emily Tulloch, headed to the Barossa for a day of string playing.

Faith Lutheran College hosted both Concordia College and Trinity College Gawler for the day. This was the very first time we have ever organised a day where we have combined with string players from other schools, and it was a raging success!

The day was filled with combined schools workshops and sectional rehearsals where all of the students from the three schools rehearsed original compositions by Emily Tulloch and even included an arrangement of an original composition by Sarah, a Year 5 student from Trinity College. This was such a thrill for her and for us all.

The rest of the day consisted of food and fellowship, another workshop, and two concerts held in the beautiful Barossa Arts and Convention Centre. Martin Butler provided much entertainment and education throughout these concerts, explaining interesting humorous anecdotes and music history facts regarding each piece that was performed in the program.

This, our inaugural String Day, was a delight for all of the teachers and students involved from the three schools.

We are very much looking forward to this String Day in the Barossa being a regular event on our calendar for years to come.

Thanks to all of the staff involved.

Jill Scott

Music Teacher

In-Sync Jazz Trio at Burnside Legacy Widows Association

On Tuesday 28 November, the In-Sync Jazz Trio performed at the Burnside Legacy Widows Assoc. It was a lovely afternoon for the assembled group, with the music consisting of jazz standards performed by **Sam 9MGI**, **Henry 9MGI** and **Lewis 9MGI**. The audience was very appreciative of the efforts by this ensemble.

2018 College Musical

Students who, through the process of auditions, have won a place in the 2018 Musical *Legally Blonde*, are reminded that the levy payment and online agreement form are now due.

Carols Service

Our Concordia Campus music students and staff are looking forward to leading the community in a wonderful time of celebration at our annual Carols Service to be held in the Chapel on Tuesday 12 December at 7pm.

Instrumental and Improvisation Lessons in 2018

Instrumental Lessons

Applications are now open for Instrumental & Vocal lessons at Concordia College in 2018. Lessons are offered in a wide range of instruments. Students may choose to play flute, bassoon, clarinet, oboe, French horn, trumpet, trombone, tuba, saxophone, tuned & untuned percussion, violin, viola, double bass and many more. Peripatetic teachers are engaged to provide one to one music instruction. If your child would like to begin lessons in 2018, please fill in the online form. All details regarding fees, as well as the instrumental agreement, are contained within the link.

All students who are currently having Instrumental or Vocal lessons in 2017 will need to complete the online form to ensure that contact details are correct moving forward into the new year. If your child does not intend to continue with their lessons in 2018, please ensure that you inform the instrumental teacher as soon as possible, as well as letting the Music Office know by phoning 8291 9367 or via email (music@concordia.sa.edu.au).

Improvisation Lessons

In 2018, Concordia will be offering jazz improvisation lessons. For more information including instructions on how to enrol, download the attached letter from Mat Noble, Director of Music.

Instrumental Hire

Instrumental hire for selected instruments can also be arranged through the College, by filling in the online application form.

All details regarding fees and the hire contract are contained within the link. Students who are currently hiring and wish to continue to do so are not required to fill out this form again.

Achievements

This week we celebrate recent student achievements, including excellent outcomes in music and sport.

AMEB Exam Results and Prizes

Congratulations to the following students who recently sat their AMEB exams and achieved excellent results:

- **Eva L** (Preliminary Piano): A Honours
- **Emily R** (Grade 1 Piano): A+ High Distinction
- **Sofia O** (Grade 2 Piano): A+ High Distinction
- **Angus 9SWH** (Grade 1 Trombone): A+ High Distinction
- **Oscar 7MGA** (Grade 1 Trombone): A+ High Distinction

A big congratulations also to **Jasmine 8EJO** who was recently awarded the AMEB prize for AMusA Violin, as selected by the Advisory Board's Prizes Committee, an impressive accolade. Well done!

ASME 2017 Young Composer Awards

On Monday evening 27 November, the ASME 2017 Young Composers' Award Concert was held at St Mary's College in Adelaide. The audience was delighted in the performances – especially “Haunted House” composed by one of our students, **Jude 4R**, and performed by a string quintet, including Jude on the violin and **Paddy 5S**, also from the St John's Campus, on the cello. We congratulate Jude on being awarded second place in the Composers in School Years R-7 section for “Haunted House” and an Honorary Mention for his composition, “Agitazione”!

Katelyn wins Australian Girls Choir's June Bronhill Scholarship

The Australian Girls Choir (AGC) has awarded **Katelyn 11RGO** The June Bronhill Scholarship for 2018 in Adelaide, for vocal excellence and the potential to pursue a career in the performing arts. This was announced at the AGC Annual Concert at the Adelaide Town Hall on Saturday the 25 November. Well done, Katelyn, on this excellent achievement!

State Sport Representation

Ethan 6F and **Asha 4W** have been selected to represent our state in upcoming sporting events. Ethan will be representing South Australia in cricket at the national Under 12 Carnival held in NSW and Victoria in January 2018. This is the second year in row that Ethan has been selected for this team and this year he has also been selected as the team's Vice Captain. Ethan has also just returned from the state primary schools competition where he and **Carl 7RHO** represented the Adelaide South East District team, which came first overall. Asha will be competing at high jump at the national Athletics Carnival being held in Adelaide later this year. Asha was picked for this team after winning in the district day and state day earlier this year. We wish both Ethan and Asha all the best and we look forward to hearing all about their events when they return next year.

Congratulations to **Sean 11MBR** who has been selected to represent South Australia at the Under 18 Men's National Baseball Championships from 5 - 18 January at Blacktown International Sportspark, NSW. Sean worked with his peers at Baseball SA's Elite Academy, a new complex at Diamond Sports West Beach throughout the off season. As a result of his development Sean has achieved success with his SA club Kensington Cardinals as Senior Men's Division 1 position of Short Stop. The SA U18 team are considered a strong chance to challenge for the national title and we wish Sean all the best as he prepares for and plays in the Championships.

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Noticeboard

Diary dates, events and notices from around the College and the wider community.

Upcoming Events

Carols Service

Members of the College community are invited to join us as we celebrate the Christmas season at our annual Carols Service in the Chapel, beginning at 7pm on **Tuesday 12 December**.

St John's Campus Closing Service

The St John's Campus Closing Service will be held on **Wednesday 13 December** at 7pm in the College Chapel. **Students are to be seated by 6.45pm**. For more information about the Closing Service including uniform and seating arrangements, please see the notice in the [Primary School section](#) of last fortnight's newsletter.

Diary Dates

December

Friday 8 - Concordia Campus Swimming Carnival

Monday 11 - Year 6 Graduation Dinner from 6.30pm until 9pm in The Suaviter, Concordia Campus. (Details regarding the event have been sent to families).

Tuesday 12 - Carols Service from 7pm in the Chapel

Wednesday 13 - Term 4 ends

- Concordia Campus finishes 12noon

- St John's Campus finishes 3.15pm

- St John's Campus Closing Service from 7pm in the Chapel (students to be seated by 6.45pm)

January

Monday 15 - ELC Holiday Care commences

Thursday 25 - Student Leaders Retreat

Monday 29 - Term 1 Begins

Tuesday 30 - Concordia Campus Commencement Service

For more details about St John's Campus parent events listed above, please check School Star.

The School Shop - Holiday Opening Hours

Please note that The School Shop **has now closed** for the 2017 school year.

Holiday Opening Hours

The School Shop will be open in the January 2018 holidays as follows:

- Tuesday 23 January 9am – 4pm
- Wednesday 24 January 9am – 4pm
- Thursday 25 January 9am – 4pm

Normal hours resume:

- Monday 29 January 8am – 4pm (Day 1, Term 1)

Opening Hours – Term Time (2018)

- Mondays 8.00am – 4pm
- Wednesdays 12.30pm – 4pm
- Thursdays 12.30pm – 5.30pm

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

Position Vacant - Events Assistant

A casual position has become available during school terms commencing in 2018. Download the [position description and duty statement](#) and refer to the Employment page of our [website](#) in the coming days for application guidelines.

Kids, Christmas and Money - An Update from the LLL

With Christmas around the corner, now is the perfect time to teach children the value of money by encouraging them to save their pocket money for presents. Click here to [download five tips from the LLL](#) on how to teach your children about money this Christmas.

Public Notices & Events

- [St John's Lutheran Church Unley - Christmas Services flyer](#)
- Adelaide Thunderbirds School Holiday Clinics for 5-16 year olds. **Register by 10 December** to receive a 10% discount. [Download a flyer](#) or [visit the website](#) to register.
- [Summer 2017/18 Oz Open Grand Slam Tennis Clinics - Helen Rice Tennis School](#)
- [Kids, Christmas and Money - an update from the LLL](#)
- [Urban Beach school holiday volleyball clinics](#)
- [School Dental Service](#)
- [Come and Try Little Athletics](#)
- Mitcham Rotary Bookshop sale:
1 December - 30 December
Monday - Friday 10am - 4.30pm, Saturday 10am - 4pm
- Grasshopper Non-Competitive Soccer Program for ages 2-12 in 2018 - enrol by Friday 22 December. [Download a flyer](#) for more information.

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