Old Collegians Weekend

‘Back to Concordia’ morning – All welcome
Friday 24 June 2016
8.30am – Chapel worship with students
9.00am – College Tour departing from The Chapel
10am – Morning Tea in The Suaviter

Free event Booking: www.trybooking.com/JLPB

Celebration Dinner
Saturday 25 June 2016, 7-11pm
The Suaviter, Concordia College
Enjoy a delicious catered dinner, complimentary drink on arrival. BYO drinks
$40 per person Booking: www.trybooking.com/JLPR

Contact Angela Warrick to book a table for your class group or encourage classmates to book a ticket on a shared table.

Sunday Worship Service
Sunday 26 June 2016, 10.30am
Concordia College Chapel
Worship service in honour of old collegians
All welcome

Sunday Lunch
Sunday 26 June 2016, 12.30pm
Earl of Leicester Hotel, Parkside
Contact: Tim Fischer tfischer@ozemail.com.au

Partners welcome at all events
About this Issue

Welcome to Concordia Community, Issue 62. In this issue we celebrate Concordia becoming one school with two vibrant, thriving campuses. Reflecting on this brings to mind the refrain of a famous Australian song by Bruce Woodley and Dobe Newton; “We are one, but we are many”. This is true for Concordia College now more than ever. As we move forward, we are aware that each campus has its own history, enriched by many students and staff, both past and present. We also look forward to the future, as two histories become one story and multiple voices join one song.

We are thankful for the opportunities that exist for students of all year levels to learn, grow and work together. In this issue we highlight just some of the many learning opportunities and successes of students from ELC to Year 12, both inside and outside the classroom, as we all work together towards an exciting future.

We hope you enjoy this edition.

Craig Elliss
Communications Officer / Editor

Left: Flamenco Dancer by Nelize Van Wyk (‘15)
Together We Are Stronger

Our two campuses, Concordia and St John’s, have operated side-by-side since the commencement of St John’s Lutheran School in 1952. During this time our schools have grown closer together, bound by the common thread of being sites of excellence in Lutheran Education in the Highgate area, yet at the same time being separated by management protocols, programs, government accountability and funding.

At the beginning of 2016 this changed when we ‘became one’ – two separate schools merged into one new college, made up of two connected campuses.

As one, we are stronger and we are excited by the possibilities of walking together into a bright new future.

Our ‘oneness’ is expressed in many ways:

- Our shared vision, mission, values and philosophy
- Our shared name
- A new logo for the College that celebrates our history while also signifying a new beginning
- An increased spirit of cross-campus collaboration between staff and students
- A common approach to HR Management, Workplace Health and Safety processes and other administrative functions
- The planned development of shared policies across both campuses and much, much more.

An amalgamation of this nature can only succeed if there are solidly shared foundational values, a high level of mutual trust and a strong commitment to make the merger work. As co-Principals of Concordia College these three characteristics are integral to our relationship and hence integral to the future of the College. Similarly the Board of Concordia College, under the leadership of Sylvia Andersons as Chair and Barry Kahl as Vice-Chair, is strongly committed to the future of a dual-campus Concordia College.

As we enter this new phase of our history we thank God for the privilege and opportunity that we have as staff to help equip our youth with skills and attitudes for a life of learning and service. With God’s help we embrace the future with confidence.
Together as One

“When two rivers flow together to make one, it becomes a more dynamic river.” This was the illustration used recently in the Concordia Quadrangle by Pastor Peter Bean when 1500 students, staff, parents and special guests celebrated the amalgamation of Concordia College and St John’s Lutheran School.

Just as two rivers joining together become more dynamic, so the new Concordia College is and will be a more dynamic, blessed and exciting place of learning. Sharing, cooperation, learning and working with different systems will all be part of grace in action in coming years.

We have an opportunity to share the gospel with, to learn from and to bless each other. This is the basic message that drove the formation of Concordia College 126 years ago and St John’s Lutheran School 64 years ago, and it is the basic message that motivates the new combined Concordia College.

Amalgamation Celebration

Concordia College and St John’s Lutheran School experienced a significant moment in history on Thursday 3 March, 2016, when both campuses assembled as a combined Concordia College for the first time to celebrate their recent amalgamation. The celebratory service in the Concordia Campus quad was the culmination of a longstanding connection between the two schools, which has strengthened progressively in recent years.

Concordia Campus Principal Lester Saegenschnitter and St John’s Campus Principal Michael Paech both addressed the guests at the service. Executive Director of the Lutheran Schools Association, John Proeve, spoke at the service about the coming together of the two schools, reading from Ecclesiastes 4 which states that two are better than one and a cord of three strands is not easily broken.

Following an address from Pastors Peter Bean and Lee Kroehn, Student Leaders from both campuses addressed the combined community with a mutual welcome and staff blessing, as both student bodies became part of a larger College community.

Chair of the Board Sylvia Andersons, former Chair of the School Council, Neil Lutz, and former Principal (1997-2011) of St John’s Lutheran School, Bruce Williams, were all special guests at the Service. Neil Lutz became Chair of the Concordia College Council in 1996 and was the longest serving Chair of Council in Concordia’s history. It was under his leadership that the important decision to commence the amalgamation process began. We thank Neil for his many years of service in this role and thank all those who attended on this special occasion.
Valedictory Awards

At the Valedictory Service, awards are presented to students who have exceeded expectations in their involvement at Concordia, enhancing our community and serving as role models for their peers.

The 2015 Valedictory Service was held on Wednesday 21 October at the Adelaide Town Hall, with five categories of Service Awards presented by several special guests. We thank each of our guest presenters for their involvement on this special occasion.

The Principal’s Service Award was presented to Annie Arnold, Abbie Atkinson, Alexandra Barratt, Rachel Borgas, Brooke Coleman-Oakes, James Fricker, Georgia Jackman, Julian Leske and Joshua McLoughney.

Vern Schuppan (‘57), former Le Mans sports car driver, presented a Silver Medal for Sport to Jamie Montison.

Another old collegian and member of successful indie pop band the Germein Sisters, Georgia Germain (‘09) presented Silver Medals for the Arts to Jordan Coulter and Campbell Hodgins.

Silver Community Award Medals were presented by the Mayor of Unley, Lachlan Clyne to Jacob Butterick, Anastasia Ferguson, Johann Jordaan and Anna Lindsay.

The Concordia College Award Gold Medals were presented by Rev Tom Reuther (Principal 1968-82) to Nikolai Leske, Boise Quinn-Valentine and Nicole Scholz.

We congratulate each recipient and thank them for their service and the example they set for others in 2015. As well as acknowledging individual award recipients, we are thankful to all the Year 12s who gave of themselves in service or who undertook leadership roles with integrity and excellence. It is inspiring to reflect on and thank God for the many students who bless our community through their service and leadership in a variety of ways and we wish the entire Class of 2015 well in their future endeavours.
On Friday 23 October Concordia bid a fond farewell to the Year 12 Class of 2015.

As is our custom, subject awards were presented to a number of students, followed by formal thank you messages and speeches. The Year 12s, many of whom had made creative alterations to their ‘uniforms’ for the day, passed the baton to the Year 11s and incoming College Captains Jane Cope and Matthew Brueining in preparation for the year ahead.

The students’ creativity was once again on display at the Final Assembly, which had a ‘red carpet’ theme and was affectionately branded ‘The Lesters’. Staff also joined the fun, with light-hearted performances from Martin Cheney, Emily Johnson, Daniel Amey and Carolyn Farr. Principal Lester Saegenschnitter even donned an electric guitar, top hat and a pair of shades, much to the delight of the students!

We are thankful to all our Year 12s who have contributed to the Concordia community in so many ways over the years.
Concordia College congratulates the Class of 2015 on some outstanding results across both the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) and the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE). Year 12 results are given in the form of an Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) and the 2015 cohort’s median score was 83.2. Over a quarter (27.6%) of students who were eligible for an ATAR received 90 or greater, with 61.8% of the cohort achieving over 80.

The average score for the IB cohort was 93.77 and the median was 94.98. The top IB student achieved an ATAR of 99.80.

The top SACE student achieved an ATAR of 99.35 and a total of 23 Merit Certificates were shared between 16 students across both the IBDP and the SACE.

Some particular achievements of note were:

**Chaoxin Wu** was the top IB student in 2015, receiving a score of 99.80 and four subject Merits (a score of 20) for Physics (Higher Level), Mathematics (Higher Level), English B (Higher Level) and Biology (Standard Level).

**Cooper Ellidge** was the top SACE student in 2015, with a total score of 99.35 and a Merit for Physics.

It is also worth noting that 101 Concordia students received their first preference of tertiary courses. The most popular higher education pathways chosen by Concordia students were Allied Health, and Business and Commerce.

Concordia College is deeply grateful to Mavis Herbert for her dedicated service of 31 years, which concluded at the end of 2015.

Mavis started at Concordia as a German teacher in 1985. In 1994 she was appointed as Head of Faculty – German. Mavis also took on the role of Year 12 Coordinator and in 1999 became the Senior School Team Leader. With a passion to prepare students for life beyond school and a commitment to ensuring that student wellbeing remained central, Mavis worked as Dean of Senior School from 2001-2003. In 2004, she became the inaugural Head of Senior School – a role she enjoyed and through which she positively impacted the lives of countless students.

Outside of the classroom Mavis was involved in a significant number of committees, organised the German Exchange Program, helped establish the sport of Cross Country and was instrumental in the introduction of debating and public speaking at Concordia.

Mavis sought to nurture both the academic and spiritual growth of students, making a real and lasting impact on Concordia’s young people across many years of faithful service. Staff also benefited greatly from her leadership, support and friendship.

Concordia acknowledges and thanks Mavis for her enormous contribution to the College. We wish her all the best for the future and thank God for the incredible blessing she has been to our community.
In Chapel we have a variety of inspiring and thought-provoking presentations because we are aware of the great diversity that exists among students and staff from a many different of backgrounds.

This year we have had a range of students, staff and guests lead Chapel. Our aim in having this diverse range of speakers and presenters is to share the gospel of Jesus as best we can, knowing that people come from different viewpoints and places. Having a variety of presenters allows different people to engage at different times.

Katherine Green (‘03) is an old collegian who spoke in Chapel about her exciting career which has included working for the United Nations after gaining a Master of International Studies specialising in Peace and Conflict Resolution. Katherine talked of the distinction between monetary and psychological wages and said that the psychological satisfaction she receives from helping others is what drives her on to greater things.

On Friday 19 February, Concordia Campus students were privileged to hear from Georgia Germein (‘09), singer/songwriter and member of indie pop band the Germein Sisters. Georgia shared her insights on touring and mentioned that while there are many things to enjoy, life is not always perfect and sometimes she experiences God more in the lows and difficulties of touring, rather than when she is being feted.

Another highlight in Term 1 was the visit of Canadian reggae band Tasman Jude who led Chapel accompanied by Clara Germein (‘06) on percussion. They put a smile on many faces with their mixture of reggae and rap. Caleb, the band’s lead singer, grew up in the Caribbean and now lives in Canada. He shared his testimony in rap style and had the students dancing and clapping to the rhythm of some very catchy tunes filled with positive messages.

On Friday of Week 10, Ministry Team member Bec Crouch filled the parquetry floor with a host of cute and cuddly Teddy Bears loaned to her by staff and students. The bears were used to illustrate the message that no matter what life may throw at you and no matter what kind of day you’ve had, God can be seen in the symbol of your favourite Teddy Bear. He is always there as a constant and a source of comfort through all of life’s circumstances.
Significant services launched the new school year at both campuses in early February, celebrating the start of a new chapter in Concordia’s history.

**Cross-Campus Staff Collaboration**

Prior to the students’ return, staff from both campuses spent a day together, beginning with a combined worship and communion service in the Chapel. Cross-campus focus groups then met to strategically consider ways of supporting one another as we work towards common educational, organisational and administrative goals. The day provided a great platform for collaboration, setting the tone for the year ahead.

**St John’s Campus Commencement**

The St John’s Campus commenced on Monday 1 February with much excitement and anticipation. Many parents were present for the opening Chapel service as Principal Michael Paech welcomed parents and students to the school, now officially known as Concordia College. Our youngest students approached their first day with courage and resilience, settling into their new learning environment well.

**Concordia Campus Commencement**

After an orientation day on Monday, Concordia Campus students, staff and invited guests assembled in the Chapel on Tuesday 2 February for the annual Commencement Service. Pastor Peter Bean spoke about finding God in the everyday, challenging each person to show grace to and see God at work in and through one another. The new Students Leaders and House Leaders for 2016 were officially installed, along with a number of new staff who were installed by Stuart Traeger, Spiritual and Cultural Development Leader for the Lutheran Schools Association.

**Lutheran Schools Service**

Ten staff were also acknowledged for their dedication and commitment of 20 years or more in service to Lutheran schools. We thank these staff members for all they have done and continue to do, and we thank God for the blessing they are to our school community.
Commencement of 2016

Student Leaders 2016
Back L-R: Representatives – Natasha Slater, Nikolai Sas, Rachael Harrison, Harrison Lucas
Front L-R: Madeleine Greenwood (Deputy), Matthew Bruening (Captain), Jane Cape (Captain), Nicholas Finch (Deputy), Lester Saegenschnitter

House Leaders 2016
Front L-R: Elle Noske, Jasmine Thiele, Kelsey Bright, Annalise Toms, Alice Bushaway, Sophie Tippett, Caitlin Bennett, Claudia Svilans.

New Staff inducted at Commencement Service
A key focus for Concordia College in 2016 is to embrace new opportunities for working together across campuses more closely and intentionally than ever before. There have already been many examples of the two campuses working together.

Buddies

‘Buddy’ programs are an important way of working together within each campus and across the College. For young students, buddies provide additional support and a special friend to talk to. For older students, being a buddy helps to cultivate a sense of compassion and understanding, while also developing leadership skills.

Each fortnight the Year 7 students make their way to St John’s Campus for a lesson with their buddies. Younger students enjoy the time spent with the Year 7s, many of whom they remember from their time at the St John’s Campus. Staff too appreciate seeing some familiar faces return to St John’s Campus. During buddy lessons, the Year 7s support the younger students with their work and serve the campus community by assisting with the fortnightly recycling.
Drama with the Senior School

In Week 3 of Term 1, Year 2 students visited Concordia Campus to work with some Senior School students in the recently updated drama studio. The collaborative, mixed-age group format was a lot of fun and a valuable learning experience for all. Year 10 and 12 students took their younger peers through some fun drama games, with students playing the roles of various forest plants and animals. Students also worked together in groups to form a ‘human house’. The older students then took to the stage, performing for their young audience before they ‘buddied up’ for a Q&A time.

Year 5 visit with Mr Noble

In Week 5 of Term 1, both Year 5 classes paid a visit to Concordia Campus’ Harmony Room for a lesson with Director of Music, Mat Noble. Students learned about various ways we interpret meaning from songs through instrumentation, tempo, pitch and lyrical content and were even treated to a performance of an original composition written by Mr Noble.

Design and Technology

Groups of Year 6 students from St John’s Campus are visiting the Design & Technology centre for one lunch time a week to take part in a specialised program. Under the expert guidance of Shaun Clamp, students are actively taking part in learning about electronics, as well having the opportunity to work with acrylic to manufacture a small torch. In doing so, students learn about electronic principles and are able to develop practical skills when constructing aspects of their project in the workshop. The program will continue with another group of students in Term 2.

House Captain Mentoring

The annual St John’s Campus Sports Day on Friday 11 March provided another opportunity for collaboration, with the Concordia Campus House Captains attending in support of their Year 6 counterparts. The older House Captains acted as mentors to their younger peers, assisting them with their responsibilities and providing some additional voices for their team raps.

Concordia is blessed to have its two campuses so closely connected in terms of location, and increasingly, with reference to administration and daily activities. We look forward to exploring new ways of sharing with, learning from and encouraging one another.
In the Classroom at St John’s Campus

At St John’s Campus we use inquiry-based learning to ask big questions and then research, interpret and apply information to deepen our understanding. Here’s an overview of what we’ve been learning this term.

ELC
A major unit of inquiry in the ELC has been on the subject of gardens, sustainability and healthy eating. This has been perfect given our involvement in the My Park Rules garden competition. As part of our learning we went to the Little Sprouts Kitchen Garden at the Botanic Gardens and were visited by Rebecca Mumford, author of the Garden Girl books. Rebecca even helped us build a raised garden for our own herbs and vegetables to grow in.

Reception
This term we have been inquiring into the idea that the relationships we form with others impact our wellbeing. We have used puppets to consider the different ways people relate to each other, as well as reading books about friendship and discussing our ideas with each other during circle time.

Year 1
Earlier this term we looked at the central idea that shared spaces, like our classroom, give us opportunities to interact with other people and to build friendships and community. We have been learning how to work in groups and by ourselves. We’ve also looked into how our characteristics, the things we find interesting and our natural abilities impact the way we learn.

Year 2
A major unit of inquiry in Year 2 this term has been how we express ourselves and the fact that people use different art forms to share their individuality. One of the highlights was our excursion to see a Fringe show of Mr Badger telling the story of the Wind in the Willows in the Botanic Gardens. He had some great props and was an excellent storyteller! We also visited the Art Gallery and saw how Indigenous Australians have expressed themselves through art.

Year 3
In Year 3 we have been inquiring into who we are. We’ve been asking questions like what makes us the way we are, where do we get our beliefs and attitudes from and how are we influenced by others? We started off by creating a version of the board game ‘Guess Who’ based on the people in our class. This was a great way to start thinking about what
really makes each of us the person that we are.

Year 4
One of our key topics for inquiry in Year 4 has been that: digital media has an effect on how we find information and how we connect with other people. We’ve looked into the ways digital media is used, how we can evaluate the quality of information and how we can be responsible digital citizens. It has been great to start using our iPads to apply our learning to real life.

Year 5
The trans-disciplinary theme of “how we express ourselves” has seen the Year 5s inquiring into the central idea that: creating and responding to the arts helps us understand ourselves and the world around us. We explored a range of artists and artworks, hearing from Concordia Campus students Jeanne Lombard, who wrote a song for the violin about global warming, and Katelyn Crawford, who spoke about communicating through her guitar and voice. Gaenor Roeger and her Year 11 students taught us about how drama can convey meaning and we learned to interpret and create meaningful art.

Year 6
In Year 6, we have been inquiring into the central idea that a stable community requires that systems be in place to promote and maintain justice. We have been discussing Australia as a stable community and looking at how our justice systems have been developed. As a mini-inquiry, groups of students have researched important figures and their ideas that led to Australia’s Federation. During the term, we visited the Adelaide Magistrates Court to see the court system in action.

Budding Gardeners Eye Top Prize
In late 2015, Concordia’s Early Learning Centre was thrilled to be announced as the South Australian finalist in the nationwide My Park Rules competition. Following a submission outlining ideas for their ideal outdoor learning space, the ELC students worked with DesignWELL Landscape Architects to design their ‘dream’ garden. The design incorporates open-ended opportunities for exploration and learning while being visually pleasing and stimulating to the senses. Ideas for the garden include mounds of grass, a creek bed and water pump, sand and mud pits, sensory walls, climbing and balancing logs, a vegetable patch and more. Competing against seven other finalists, the winning design will be constructed up to the value of $100,000 and will be announced on 1 May 2016.

It has been a busy start to the year in the ELC with a write up in SA Garden magazine and an interview on Radio Adelaide about our success to date, as well as a visit from the Federal Minister for Education and Training. No matter the final result, our involvement has been a great learning experience and our students are excited to continue to explore and learn through their interactions with nature in the future.
Concordia Campus Opportunities

Concordia Campus students have been enjoying a range of fun, engaging and challenging learning experiences both inside and outside of the classroom in recent months. From investigating our impact on the environment to learning about Australia’s political system or representing Concordia on a national sporting stage, there are plenty of valuable learning opportunities available to our students.

Peer Support

Peer Support is a Year 11 leadership program that develops support networks among Middle School students. Each week, pairs of Year 11 students run engaging, practical, small group sessions based around a variety of topics that support student growth and help young students to develop a sense of ‘belonging’ at the College. Other topics include positive communication and group dynamics.

Concordia places great value on building and strengthening that feeling of ‘connectedness’ that is vital for students as they transition through the various stages of school life. At the start of the year students used various fun and dynamic activities to get to know their Peer Support group members, resulting in many laughs and the release of lots of excited energy. Our aim for all students is that they very quickly develop a connection with Concordia and that the College becomes a vital and positive part of their lives.

Year 9 Geography

“Can the world produce enough food to feed everyone?” This important question has been central to the investigations in Year 9 Geography this term. To help students explore this topic they have been learning about biomes, the environments which provide us with the food we eat. Some students constructed models of these biomes, identifying the ways in which humans have modified them. Students have also learnt about the International Year of Pulses. This food source plays a vital role in feeding millions, as well as being a crop which is able to adapt to climate change. For a bit of fun along the way, students have been growing their own pulses and checking out the school vegetable garden.

Vetamorphus

On the weekend of 26-28 February, Concordia’s Vetamorphus students attended a retreat at Mylor Campus opportunities
Baptist campsite with 70 other young Christians from churches and schools across the south of Adelaide. The retreat gave students the opportunity to connect with other Christians and to participate in an immersive learning experience relating to the story of Jesus at Easter. Concordia has six Year 11 students completing this VET course in 2016. Each student receives a Certificate 3 in Christian Ministry and Theology upon completion.

Volleyball National Schools Carnival 2015
In late 2015, for the third consecutive year, Concordia’s senior teams competed in the National Schools Volleyball Championships in Melbourne. The National Carnival is the pinnacle of the volleyball development program and provides the incentive that drives Concordia’s best players to work hard at their game all year round, through weekly morning trainings and extra weekend match play.

National Schools Constitutional Convention
Year 12 student, Aidan Weate, travelled to Canberra in March to attend the National Schools Constitutional Convention. The convention enables students to deepen their understanding of how the Australian Constitution provides a democratic framework and they also have the opportunity to participate in a mock referendum. Aidan was selected as one of 120 delegates from a pool of around 4000 applicants, a great achievement! Rick Sommariva also attended the convention as a supervisor.

Ensemble Day
On Tuesday 8 March, 112 music students gathered for a full day of ensemble rehearsals, workshops and master classes at Nuniyara Conference Centre in Belair. Students enjoyed the beautiful setting while focusing on developing their repertoire for important events such as Twilight Tea and Generations in Jazz. It was fantastic to also have St John’s Campus ensemble students and the new Big Band 3 in attendance this year. It was a wonderful day all round and we are looking forward to many exciting performances by our bands and ensembles at both campuses in 2016!
Musical Highlights

‘Hairspray’

A highlight of Term 1 was definitely the annual College musical production of Hairspray. It was an absolute delight to be involved in bringing this fast-paced, high-energy musical to life on the stage. For the first time in a few years we ventured back to the Hopgood Theatre at Noarlunga and the amazing cast performed to sell-out audiences. It was a thrill for our students and staff to be back in the theatre.

Hairspray saw the return of the pit band. With 15 talented musicians conducted by the fabulous Bronwyn乙segood, the band performed amazingly and the standard of the music was incredibly high. The catchy tunes had audience members tapping their feet and clapping along during several numbers, not just the finale! Motormouth’s big ballad, I Know Where I’ve Been brought tears to the eyes of many in the audience and several other goose-bump moments occurred during the course of the show.

We were thrilled to have old collegian Mark Stefanoff (‘08) create some of the wonderful choreography for the show. He spent five weeks of rehearsal time producing some outstanding, show stopping moments before heading interstate to perform in a professional production of Hairspray. We are forever indebted to him for bringing such a high level of dance skill to this show.

A massive congratulations to the students involved. It was a privilege to work with such talented, committed and enthusiastic young people. The experience created memories that the staff and students involved will most certainly hold on to for years to come. In 2016 it was my pleasure to “Welcome Concordia to the 60s!”

Emma Williams
Director Hairspray 2016
Concordia students have been busy practising, performing and delighting a range of audiences with beautiful music in recent months.

**Cello Ensemble and Flute Quartet**

In October 2015 the Cello Ensemble and Flute Quartet entertained residents, members of the public and guests at Living Choice Retirement Village on two occasions. These performances were wonderful ways to farewell some of the Year 12 students involved in the ensembles ahead of their final exams.

**Big Band 2 and Jazz Combo**

Members of Concordia’s Big Band 2 and Jazz Combo groups toured Victor Harbor in October to perform for students at Victor Harbor Primary School and Encounter Lutheran College. Big Band 2 and the Jazz Combo also performed excellent sets at the Strawberry Fair held at Edwardstown Primary School on Sunday 1 November.

**Carols Service**

The Carols Service on 9 December was a beautiful time of celebration in the Chapel, involving many Concordia College music students. Beautiful carol arrangements were provided by the String Ensemble, Concert Band, Middle School Choir, Senior Choir and Concert Vocal. A particular highlight was the Senior Choir’s lovely arrangement of Jean Sibelius’ “Finlandia” into a “Song of Peace”.

**Flute Quartet**

On Tuesday 23 February the Flute Quartet provided some beautiful music as guests arrived for a Principal’s Tour. The alto and bass flutes were both played in this performance. These rare instruments, purchased by the Friends of Music, will allow the quartet to add some exciting pieces to their repertoire.

**World War 1 Commemorative CD recording**

“Petite Musique of the Great War”

On Monday 21 March, a group of singers from Concordia recorded three songs in the Media Centre Studio that will appear on a new CD to be released in May this year. This CD is being put together in conjunction with the Amiens Brass Band in France and four school choirs from Australia, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of World War 1. With the CD cover designed by Art and Design Teacher Amy Fear, this special recording of WW1 songs will go on sale in the Somme area in France through the Department of War Memorials, as a tribute to Australia’s contribution to the liberation of this area during the Great War.

**Thirsty Merc Visit to Concordia**

On Tuesday 29 March the Music Department hosted members of the iconic Australian rock band Thirsty Merc in the Chapel for a performance and question/answer session. It was indeed a pleasure to hear Rai and Matt play, but additionally to gain insight into their creative processes and their thoughts on music and life in general.
The Concordia Art Show in November 2015 was an incredible exhibition of SACE and IBDP work. The title of “Expressions” paid homage to the fact that each student had expressed themselves in unique ways. Additional works from Year 7-10 students were also displayed in the Art Centre.

Mavis Herbert, Head of Senior School, reflected on the importance of creativity in the life of each student through her opening speech. We were privileged to learn from her wisdom and insight in her final year of teaching, after many years of educating and supporting Senior School students.

The 2015 Concordia Art Acquisition Award was presented to Nelize Van Wyk for her striking painting of a flamenco dancer.

Competition within the SACE cohort was strong, with Sophie Van Noordennen taking out the Excellence Award for her natural ability, sensitivity and passion that saw her create a variety of stunning pieces during the year. Sophie was also selected to have her work displayed at the SACE Art Show 2016. Sophie is exhibiting ‘Lost Direction’, a large canvas painting and pastel piece that depicts how people feel when they sense a lack of direction. Her work is among more than 130 pieces selected for display.

The IB Art Award was presented to Alex Brooking who created a prolific catalogue of work. His willingness to take risks and experiment led to some truly innovative and outstanding pieces.

The Encouragement Award for 2015 was presented to Jack Stewart for his willingness to experiment with new or unfamiliar media and his understanding of aesthetics, which he worked hard to develop as he grew as an artist throughout the year.

We are very grateful to our sponsors, Eckersleys and Premier Art Supplies, for their generous support of our Art Department.
Media Industry Visits

Late in Term 3, 2015 our Year 12 Media students had the opportunity to visit four of the key players in Adelaide’s media industry. To get a taste for the production of nightly news, students visited Channels 7, 9 and 10, gaining a first-hand look into the workings of a commercial television studio. Students also visited the home of Adelaide’s internationally-awarded visual effects specialists Rising Sun Pictures. These visits are a valuable source of learning for Media students, as they gain a first-hand insight into the day-to-day workings of the industry.

TeamKids Webathon

Concordia College was again home to the TeamKids Webathon fundraiser in 2015, with our fully equipped Media Studio providing the perfect base for the 3 hour live broadcast.

The broadcast marked the culmination of a huge amount of work by students in Years 10 to 12, which began in Semester 2 with students filming content at a range of locations. Year 10 students contributed animations that were interspersed throughout the live content. Year 11 students created music clips, interviews with staff from the Women’s and Children’s Hospital and more.

Live TV is never fully predictable and some unexpected adjustments kept the team on their toes, but program directors Ebony Edwards and Georgia Jackman managed the changes well. Overall $25,000 was raised for the Women’s and Children’s Hospital – an excellent result and a testament to the efforts of all involved.

Thanks to the cast, crew and support staff for their hard work and dedication, and especially to Simon Kuchel for his incredible work as technical director.

To hire the media studio, visit www.concordia.com.au/about/facilities-hire or phone the College on (08) 8272 0444.
St John’s Campus

The St John’s Campus Sports Day on Friday 11 March provided some great sporting moments, with students, teachers and spectators enjoying a fantastic, but very warm day of competition.

The day began with the introduction and procession of the House Captains carrying their teams’ banners along the ‘home straight’. The procession marked an historic sporting occasion, with the House teams from both campuses aligning for the first time. The St John’s Campus teams, previously identified with the colours Red, Blue, Green and Gold are now known as Winchester, Highgate, Cheltenham and Malvern respectively. As the House Captains proudly held their team banners, each House showcased its creativity and enthusiasm through some very energetic team raps, much to the delight of the spectators!

Students competed in a range of tabloid and athletic events to score points for their Houses throughout the day. With events ranging from sack races and sprints to high-jump and relays, there was always something exciting to watch. The final running races and relays saw some very close finishes, with one student even diving across the finish line in a spectacular photo finish.

Before the winners were announced, staff and parents had the opportunity to participate in an egg and spoon race, which was definitely a source of great amusement for both students and spectators!

All four Houses performed extremely well, showing great sportsmanship throughout the day, but it was Highgate that claimed the Sports Day Shield after the final scores were tallied. Concordia Campus’ House Captains were an excellent source of help and support, assisting with marshalling duties during some of the events and encouraging participants as they crossed the finish line and received their ribbons. The delicious sausage sizzle, cake stall and barista coffee organised by a wonderful team of parent-volunteers were also a definite hit.

Thanks to all those involved in organising the day and to the many parents, grandparents and friends who attended and showed their support.

The Final Result
Highgate 1207 points
Winchester 1174 points
Malvern 1166 points
Cheltenham 1155 points
Concordia Campus

Thursday 18 March saw Cheltenham, Highgate, Malvern and Winchester descending on Santos Stadium once again for Concordia Campus’ annual Sports Day.

It was a strong day of competition on the track and in the field, with students competing hard from the outset dressed in a broad range of colourful and creative costumes. The novelty events were a highlight, with some serious tug-of-war battles lighting up the field as students dug their heels in, pitting their strength against each other with great determination.

Throughout the day the stands were awash with colour. As one House secured a relatively stable lead by lunchtime, the real race to catch up was between the three remaining Houses in the last couple of hours. During the final relays the atmosphere intensified as the red, blue, green and gold crowds erupted with excitement, cheering home their runners.

In the end Winchester held on to their lead, going back-to-back-to-back by winning their third consecutive Sports Day after a great effort from all four House teams. It was also great to see a strong contingent of parent-spectators supporting students from the stands on the day. Despite very warm conditions, students participated well, showing great sportsmanship and contributing enthusiastically in various ways to make it a fun day of competition. As always we are extremely grateful to David Serotzki and the PE staff for their incredible preparation and organisation of the event and to all the teaching staff and volunteers who so ably and graciously assisted in helping the day run so smoothly.

Thanks also to the official Sports Day Media Team led by staff members David Modra and Simon Kuchel for providing a lasting record of the day.

**New Records**

Tara Edwards broke the U14 Girls 100m record for Winchester (12.70 secs). Lachlan Greenwood also put in a great effort on the track, breaking the U15 Boys Hurdles record for Cheltenham (15.15 secs). In the U16 Girls High Jump, Elise O’Connor leapt to new heights, breaking the record for Malvern (1.58m).

**The Final Result**

Winchester 2478 points
Malvern 1899 points
Cheltenham 1883 points
Highgate 1786 points
With perfect weather and confident defending champions, the 2016 House Shield began with a splash at the annual Swimming Carnival late last year.

A confident Winchester team was quick off the blocks, topping participation levels in the cross-pool events with Malvern emerging as early challengers in a closely contested day at the pool. The results remained close between Winchester and Malvern in the relays and novelty events, with neither house pulling out to a clear lead. With the title on the line and a valiant effort from all four teams, the championship races also saw some excellent performances later in the day.

‘Champion of Champions’ Races

After a close day of competition, two championship races decided the final result as each house put their fastest swimmers from any year level head-to-head in a 50m Freestyle finale. These races are always a highlight and this year proved no exception as crowds cheered their teams home in a couple of nail-biting finishes. Laura Kelly won the girls race in 35.10 seconds and Mitchell Williams edged out reigning champ Kenji Ireland to win the boys race in a speedy 27.27 seconds.

Well done to all involved in what was a great day of competition.

The Final Result

Malvern 613 points
Winchester 603 points
Highgate 528 points
Cheltenham 475 points
Service is a key part of Concordia’s vision, with students of all ages enjoying a range of opportunities to serve others in the wider community and world.

**Colour Run**

On Tuesday 27 October two Year 8 Home Classes participated in Concordia’s first ever Colour Run to raise funds for two important charities.

After eight weeks of planning and with plenty of coloured corn starch at the ready, over 40 participants donned white T-shirts and ran a 2km course around the oval midst clouds of colour thrown by onlookers. Many students came out to watch and support the event, which was organised by the Year 8s as part of their Service in Action program. Students also enjoyed a sausage sizzle, bake sale, face painting and excellent live music by Samuel Graves.

The event was lots of fun and a definite success, raising more than $650 for St Vincent de Paul Society and UNICEF. Well done to the organisers and supporters of the event. It is fantastic to see our students donating their time, energy and resources to support such worthy causes.

**Mary Magdalene Centre**

On Saturday 20 February, Concordia’s Year 12 Student Leaders served some of Adelaide’s less fortunate at the Mary Magdalene Centre in the CBD. The students cooked and served a hearty dinner for those in need including the homeless, those suffering from illness or addiction and others requiring a helping hand. They then packed boxes of additional food for people to take away with them.

Nicholas Finch, one of the 2016 Student Leaders had this to say about his experience:

“The atmosphere was very pleasant! There were a lot of kind people there who were willing to help out, and you begin to understand the diversity of the people in Adelaide much more than one would know beforehand. Other year levels will be participating in this drive later in the year, and I HIGHLY recommend it; it puts your own life in perspective, and helped me establish a closer bond with my friends.”

**Heart Foundation Fundraiser**

Our Year 12 students once again participated in a fundraiser for the Heart Foundation with a Valentine’s Day theme. A total of $775 was raised for this worthy cause through the sale of red roses and singing-telegrams that were distributed during Home Class. Heart-shaped notes were also attached to lockers for students to enjoy during break times.
Exchanging Challenge for Reward

Concordia’s German Exchange is an immersive experience, allowing students to live, study, explore and connect with a culture different from their own. It is likely that the experience of living in Germany for two months will remain with the students for years to come and will impact their view of the world. In Germany, students attended school with their exchange partner, lived with their host family and had the opportunity to do some incredible sightseeing.

Libby (now in Year 12) commented that although the exchange experience can be challenging, the rewards make it worthwhile:

“I visited incredible cities and made memories which will stay with me forever. … Although being forced to step out of my comfort zone was sometimes challenging, the skills I gained made every challenge worthwhile.”

Welcoming Exchange Students to Australia

In Term 1 we welcomed 19 German Exchange students from Hamburg and Bavaria who stayed with their Year 11 Concordia exchange partners until the end of April. During their time at Concordia the students participated in classes, developed new friendships and went on a camping trip, experiencing the sights and sounds of outback Australia firsthand.

The exchange students also visited a number of German classes at St John’s Campus, sharing with the students about life in Germany including their schools, families, food, customs and home cities. They helped the younger students with their German-speaking skills and some even received a lesson in how to kick an Australian footy from the students in Year 3, which was lots of fun!

We are very blessed to regularly welcome students from Germany to study at Concordia on exchange and we wish our most recent visitors all the best as they settle back into life at home.
Service Trip

Football Outreach Vanuatu 2015

In October last year, 18 Concordia students embarked on the Football Outreach Vanuatu trip, the third of its kind in Concordia’s history. The trip was the culmination of months of preparation including SANFL coaching and umpiring courses, a sports injuries seminar, Auskick activities, fundraisers and weekly meetings.

AFL is growing in Vanuatu, but many locals lack access to equipment, uniforms and footwear. Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors Sandy Nelson Teamwear and IDM Sports, the Concordia team was able to bless the community with a range of items including:

- a set of guernseys
- around 100 pairs of second-hand boots
- 40 Auskick footballs and 20 full-size Sherrins
- as well as various training and first-aid materials.

The boys worked hard to provide the necessary materials and manpower to complete a playing field - the second to be developed in three visits since 2012 and also taught Auskick clinics in 13 schools.

A major highlight was the team’s involvement in the Grand Final Day festival. Students played an exhibition game against the Vanuatu Volcanoes and carried out official match-day duties as field, boundary and goal umpires. They even got to promote the festival through interviews on local radio stations!

Another rewarding aspect of the trip was the opportunity to provide food to some of the locals who are not always able to eat the three-meals-a-day we often take for granted.

No doubt those who attended were changed by the culture and people who set an amazing example of approaching life with joy despite their circumstances.

We again thank the families of those involved and the College community for their invaluable support.
Camps and Trips

Canberra Trip

As part of their Civics and Citizenship course, Concordia’s Year 7s travelled in two groups on an educational tour of Canberra in Term 4, learning about Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy. A packed schedule of exciting learning opportunities helped students to engage with these objectives as they visited significant educational, scientific and political locations.

Some of the many highlights included visits to the National Film and Sound Archives, Parliament House, the Australian War Memorial, the Canberra Deep Space Communications Centre, the Australian Institute of Sport and Questacon: the National Science and Technology Centre.

A special highlight for one group of students came when Year 7 student Angus Salmon was invited to play a song on the piano at Government House – a rare privilege and definitely a moment to remember!

The Canberra trip is an important learning experience for young Australians and Concordia’s students represented themselves and their College extremely well, approaching the trip with curiosity and enthusiasm. A couple of students shared the following memories of the trip:

“Going to the Australian Education Centre was one of my favourite visits because we got to run our own mini-election” – Ryan.

“Laying the wreath at the War Memorial’s closing ceremony ... was special for me because there were lots of people there and it was very meaningful” - Jessica.
Year 8 Camp

In late February two groups of Year 8 students headed down to the Fleurieu Peninsula for the annual action-packed Year 8 camp. As well as getting to know their peers, many of whom were new to Concordia, students also tried their hands at a range of activities from kayaking, rowing and surfing to pitching tents and cooking their own meals on Trangia stoves. While the camp was a great time of meeting new people, having fun and making friends it was also a valuable learning experience. Students James Peet and Stuart Campbell summarised the camp in this way:

“The reason that we went on camp was to get to know some other people in our year. Since a lot of people were new it was a great time to do it and we all met new people. We did a lot of things like kayaking, sailing, rowing, … raft-making, games and even surfing. We had to cook a meal on a Trangia [stove] and sleep in tents, which was new for lots of people. We all had a great time and look forward to going on camp next year.”

Year 4 Camp

Hiking, orienteering and team-building were all highlights of Year 4 Camp from 16-18 March, as students headed to Shiloh Hills in Ironbank for three days of outdoor adventures and group bonding activities.

A particular highlight for many was the opportunity to take on the Challenge Hill obstacle course at Koala Creek, which includes a tree climb, bouldering wall and a rope swing over the creek. During their orienteering activity, secret clues were uncovered as students reached each checkpoint on their way through the course. Team-building activities such as walking on paddle boards, playing capture the flag and a trust activity where students had to lead their blindfolded partners all helped students to build positive relationships with their peers.

The camp was a terrific break from the regular weekly routine and some of the students shared the following highlights: “I’ll never forget Koala Creek, it was so awesome.” - Alice.

“Challenge Hill was very challenging, especially when you had to be ‘joined’ to a friend.” - Sam.

“Having a close up experience with a kangaroo was pretty awesome.” - Bailey.

“Year 4 camp was awesome, I especially enjoyed swinging over the creek at Koala Creek.” - Matilda.
Community Events

Gala Ball

On Saturday 21 November, 320 guests comprising parents, old collegians, sponsors and friends of the College celebrated Concordia’s 125th year in style at the 2015 Gala Ball held at the Adelaide Convention Centre. The remarkable Panorama Ballroom overlooking the River Torrens provided the perfect setting.

An incredible $35,000 was raised on the night in support of Concordia’s Building Program. We again thank our generous sponsors and donors who supported the major and silent auctions. We are also grateful to the many Ball Committee members and helpers who helped make the event such a success.
Community Events

Twilight Tea

The annual Twilight Tea on Friday 18 March was once again a fabulous evening of fun, food and fantastic music in Concordia Campus Quad.

With a wide range of stalls there was something for everyone to enjoy. The talented musical acts including the Year 8 Special Interest Music Class, Flute Quartet, Chamber Strings, and the COCA Big Band provided an excellent accompaniment to the very festive atmosphere.

Concordia is blessed to have such wonderful community support and we thank all the parents, volunteers, staff, old collegians and community members who attended and helped make the night a success.

Year 7 & 8 BBQs

Year 7 and 8 families were again provided with fantastic opportunities to get to know one another over an informal meal in the Quad in Term 1.

Hundreds of people at each event enjoyed the lovely summer weather and some delicious BBQ food under the shade of the trees. After a welcome from the Principal and the Head of Middle School, families had the chance to connect with their child’s Home Class teachers. Parents & Friends representatives provided important information on upcoming events and opportunities to get involved in Concordia’s vibrant College community.
The carefully handwritten minutes of the St John’s Church Council meeting from 23 July 1944 provide the first official reference to the idea of a Lutheran primary school in Highgate. It was resolved ‘to establish a fund for a Christian Day school by voluntary subscription.’

Before this dream could be realized, however, there were several hurdles to negotiate. It was first of all necessary to gain Synod consent, as well as permission by Concordia College for the use of its property. Approval and support by the St John’s congregation was also essential. Other matters for planning and consideration were the design and construction of a school building, and last but not least, the appointment of a suitable head teacher.

When the congregation put a proposal to the 1950 General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Australia in Toowoomba, permission was readily given to build a school on a parcel of land owned by Concordia.

Later that same year, the St John’s Church Council minutes for 26 November 1950 record that the motion to proceed with the project led to 7 votes for and 6 against. Even though several men had refrained from voting and the motion was very narrowly passed, curiously enough, it was minuted as ‘unanimous’.

Deciding on plans for a school building within the financial means of the congregation was also far from straightforward. The designs submitted by a commissioned architect were rejected as far too elaborate, and the years following World War II saw an acute shortage of normal building materials. As a result, the first school building was rather unusual. It consisted of a steel frame with walls of compressed wheat stubble straw coated with cement. Along with a separate toilet block, it was completed mainly by voluntary labour at a cost of around 3000 pounds.

The foundation headmistress for this one teacher school was Miss Theodora Doecke who had attended both Concordia and Adelaide Teachers College. After 17 years as the head teacher of the Lutheran primary
school in Lyndoch, she accepted the call to St John’s. Her salary was 300 pounds a year, with lodging provided.

The school building was completed with only a few days to spare, and was dedicated on 10 February 1952 by Pastor E Graebner. An article in The Australian Lutheran for that month described it as ‘bright, airy, thoroughly up-to-date and well equipped’. It was the first Evangelical Lutheran primary school to be opened in suburban Adelaide.

Most of the first students came from the St John’s church, but there were others from more distant Lutheran congregations. One of the older students in Year 6 was Barbara Zweck (later Bishop) who, together with her sister who attended Concordia, travelled by tram each day from Paradise. Although it was not until 1955 that a school uniform and a badge were adopted, Barbara remembers that her mother dressed her in the brown colours of the Concordia College uniform of the time. Also among the 19 students enrolled in 1952 was a young Peter Schmidt, later well known as the talented and much loved Head of Music at Concordia from 1969 to 2004.

By 1957 there were 46 students, just 24 of them children of St John’s congregation members. Miss Wilma Hoopmann (later Krieg) became a fulltime assistant during 1954, and in 1955 Miss Joan Tischler was appointed as a teacher trainee to assist Miss Doecke. Other assistants were Miss M Rosenblatt in 1956, Miss R Hanckel from 1957 to 1959 and Miss R Gerhardy from 1960-1963.

A 1957 report by the Education Department’s inspector stated that ‘Miss Doecke was conducting the school in an efficient and praiseworthy manner’. In 1963 when she left St John’s, Mr Ernst Heyne became St John’s first headmaster. By 1965 there were 104 students.

If you attended St John’s Lutheran School during the 1950s and 1960s and have photos, textbooks, workbooks, school reports, memorabilia or memories, I would appreciate hearing from you!

Jenni van Wageningen
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Two exciting building programs are underway at Concordia College, with major upgrades to both campuses scheduled for completion in 2016.

Concordia Campus Administration Hub
By the start of the 2016 school year, the rear of the Hamann Wing on Winchester Street had been demolished in preparation for a new Student Services Office, Year 12 common room and Administration offices on the ground floor. Four new classrooms including a secondary drama space will be built upstairs.

The new facility will include a blend of both old and new, with exposed stone walls and wooden floors complemented by both open-plan and booth-style seating areas for students. The project is set for completion at the end of Term 3 and we are looking forward to seeing it take shape.

St John’s Campus Courtyard Canopy
The St John’s Campus was abuzz with activity over summer, as construction began on a new central courtyard and outdoor learning area.

The new courtyard includes an open-plan undercover seating area, as well as new lockers and toilet facilities. The structure comprises a canopy of colourful translucent panels supported by branches extending from tree-like columns surrounded by semi-circular seating at ground level. The floor surface includes rubberised material for added safety and the overall structure reduces the impacts of wind and rain.

On the northern end of the campus, an outdoor learning area outside the Year 2 and 3 classrooms will offer new seating, as well as improved stair and ramp access leading to the playground.

These spaces will be opened during Term 2 and we look forward to enjoying them for many years to come.
The new Centre for Science and Discovery is now the major focus for the College over the next two years.

The new centre is a landmark project that will cater for contemporary teaching and learning methods in both Science and Art. A range of inspiring features built into the design of the facility will demonstrate certain mathematic, artistic and scientific principles, enabling students to learn from the learning environment, as well as within it.

We are looking forward to the opportunities for learning that will stem from this new facility.

Old collegian and scientist Dr Alan Pollnitz (‘82) had this to say about the development of the new Centre for Science and Discovery, which will allow Concordia to continue to inspire students of both Science and Art for many years to come:

“I’m excited about the vibrant new Centre for Science and Discovery at Concordia – a place where the individual sciences can excel, but also where the possibility exists for interaction between physics, chemistry, biology, maths, music, art and nature – where bright new minds will be made brighter and lead to new discoveries for the benefit of all.”

Dr Alan Pollnitz (‘82).

We are grateful to those who generously contribute to the development of the College’s facilities through our Building Fund and Annual Appeal. We sincerely thank generous supporters for gifts and pledges already made to the building of this outstanding new centre, totalling $200,000.

As the year progresses, more information will be distributed regarding various ways of supporting this vital project, including an opportunity for those who contribute over $5000 to be featured on a stunning artistic donor wall or to sponsor the development of a particular room.

For more information about the Centre for Science and Discovery, or to discuss how you can support this important project, please contact Sue Spry, Donor Relations Manager on (08) 8272 0444.
Business Networking

Over the past year Concordia has held a series of breakfasts in The Suaviter which have been attended by parents, board members, old collegians and friends of Concordia. Guests have enjoyed hearing from various speakers, often old collegians, over a delicious breakfast.

The most recent Business Networking Breakfast was held in The Suaviter on Thursday 14 April. At the breakfast an exciting video was launched showing a simulated fly-over of the new Centre for Science and Discovery building.

The guest speakers have included:
- Dr Alan Pollnitz ('82) – Forensic Scientist
- Professor John Fielke ('75) – Professor at University of South Australia
- Rami Rasheed ('07) – Field Drilling Engineer with Santos
- Kerstin Tromans ('07) – General Practitioner at Flinders Medical Centre
- Henry Spry ('07) – Regional Vice President for Engineers Without Borders and an Engineer for Schneider Electric.
- Mark Fortunatow ('74) – CEO of MGM Wireless

If you enjoy networking with fellow business people and hearing from interesting guest speakers, you may like to attend a future Business Networking Breakfast. For more information please contact Sue Spry, Concordia Foundation Executive Officer, on (08) 8272 0444 or email Sue on sspry@concordia.sa.edu.au.

The Chapel Memorial Garden

This beautiful garden is now complete and showcases a metal vine weaving along the inside of the garden wall to allow the attachment of memorial leaves engraved with an individual message. Community members can purchase a leaf for the vine or a plaque for the seating to provide a permanent, tangible reminder of how much a loved one meant to them and the College community. For further information please contact Sue Spry on (08) 8272 0444.
Concordia Old Collegians

From the President

It’s been a busy time for COCA and the Committee since last edition! A number of highly successful reunions have seen strong numbers of old collegians return to Concordia to catch up with their classmates from years gone by, sometimes after many years in different parts of the country or world. It has also been great to witness the ever-increasing energy and professionalism of these events, expertly coordinated by Angela Warrick (COCA Liaison), and supported by Class Representatives and the COCA Committee. Behind the scenes we’ve continued planning for the future of COCA events and old collegian engagement in response to your input, as gathered in the survey distributed last year. We’ve also been working hard on a proposal for a range of relatively minor amendments to the COCA constitution, which will be voted on at the upcoming Annual General Meeting (May 9 2016), to bring some of our operations in line with best practice. You will find further details in this publication, but I extend my invitation also to old collegians of all ages to join us for the 2016 COCA Reunion Weekend which is shaping up to once again be a fantastic weekend, featuring a range of events to suit varied interests and budgets.

I strongly encourage you to stay in touch, keep your contact details up to date and let us know where life has taken you since your time at Concordia College. I know that many old collegians enjoy reading such updates in this magazine and online.

If you have any questions or feedback, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us via the COCA Liaison Angela Warrick at coca@concordia.sa.edu.au, or with me directly at cocapresident@concordia.sa.edu.au

In His service,

Nick Banks
President, Concordia Old Collegians Association

CONCORDIA OLD COLLEGIANs ASSOCIATION INC

Notice of 2016 Annual General Meeting
Monday 9 May at 7.30pm

Notice is given that the 2016 Annual General Meeting of the Concordia Old Collegians Association Inc is to be held in The Suaviter at Concordia College, 24 Winchester St Highgate SA 5063 (enter via gates near the chapel on Cheltenham Street)

The AGM will be followed by a brief presentation from guest speaker Sylvia Andersons, Chairperson of the Concordia College Board, a performance from the COCA Flute Quartet and supper.

Please visit the Old Collegians page on the Concordia College website for more information.
All welcome

Coca Scholarship

Congratulations to Dylan Bosch, son of Sian Lloyd (’79) and Eric Bosch, recipient of the COCA Scholarship for 2016.
Snippets

Our old collegians go on to achieve some amazing things. Here are just a few of the snippets from around our community:

Mason Redman ('15)
Congratulations to Mason Redman ('15) on being selected by Essendon at pick 30 in the AFL draft late last year. Mason was one of just 10 South Australians drafted. With personal character a key factor in the recruitment process these days, his selection as one of the top 30 players nationally speaks volumes. We wish Mason all the best on his future football career.

Stacey Tonkin ('14)
Well done to Stacey Tonkin ('14) who had the honour of singing the Australian National Anthem at the Elder Park twilight concert on Australia Day in front of a crowd of over 40,000 people! Stacey, who is currently studying at the Elder Conservatorium of Music, received VIP treatment on the day after winning a singing competition run by radio station Mix 102.3. Stacey’s superb performance was followed by an F/A-18 Hornet fly-over and a 21 gun salute conducted by the army.

Matthew Bishop ('85)
Congratulations to Matthew Bishop ('85) on his ordination as a Minister of the Lutheran Church of Australia. After working as a civil servant in Canberra, Matthew changed careers and began studying at the Australian Lutheran College. He was recently named Vice Chancellor’s Scholar for 2015 by the University of Divinity and is now the Pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Morely, WA. We wish him and his family God’s richest blessings in their future life and ministry.

Below: Louise Thomas ('80) with her brother and LCA Minister Matthew Bishop.

Cameron Bayly ('08)
Congratulations to Cameron Bayly ('08) who is now the lead rider for Attaque Team Gusto. Cameron again competed in the Herald Sun Tour from 3-7 February after winning King of the Mountain in the same race last year.
Interest Groups

**COCA Big Band**
The Concordia Old Collegians Big Band is an interest group for old collegians who wish to continue performing as part of a large jazz ensemble after graduating from Concordia College. Our first performance for the year was at the Twilight Tea on Friday 18 March, where we played a variety of tunes that really added to the festive atmosphere. We welcome any expressions of interest from old collegians who play a big band instrument or sing. These can be sent to Rachael Brice at rachaelbrice@icloud.com.

**Cricket**
The Concordia Old Collegians Cricket Club has had a successful season, with three regular teams playing on Saturdays in the Adelaide Turf competition. An all-round improvement this season saw the A and B teams contending for finals spots. New young members continue to join and this season we welcomed old collegians Alex Rosa and Jacob Butterick ('15) and Jacob Ellidge ('11). The annual quiz night was a real hit this year, held in The Suaviter at Concordia and hosted by old collegians Sam Bushaway and Ash Goodall. This is a major fundraiser for the club held in February each year and we filled the room with over 100 people! A new initiative this season has been the introduction of new playing shirts, which the College students will also wear, so that the transition from school cricket to old collegians will be simplified.

Many thanks to our sponsors – Concordia College, the Earl of Leicester Hotel, Whistler Wines, Doggy Bliss, and Metro Fresh at Unley. All new players are welcome at trainings next season, or you can contact club President Tim Kupke on 0400 017 580 or timkupke@hotmail.com. Follow our results on our website - www.concordiacricket.com.au.

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Diary Dates 2016

**Monday 9 May, 7.30pm**
COCA Annual General Meeting: The Suaviter, Concordia Campus

**Monday 16 May, 1.15pm**
Harmony in the Chapel: Lunchtime Concert Series
COCA Brown and Gold 70+ Celebration
Concordia College Chapel
Free lunchtime concert followed by afternoon tea in the Chapel foyer.

**Monday 20 June, 1.15pm**
Harmony in the Chapel: Concordia College Chapel

**Friday 24 June, 8.30am**
Reunion Weekend: Back to Concordia morning
Concordia College Chapel

**Saturday 25 June, 7pm**
Celebration Dinner: The Suaviter, Concordia Campus

**Sunday 26 June, 10.30am**
Special Worship Service: Concordia College Chapel

**Sunday 26 June, 12.30pm**
Sunday Lunch: Earl of Leicester Hotel, Parkside

**Saturday 6 August, 7pm**
Eyre Peninsula reunion: Ceduna Foreshore Hotel

**Monday 8 August, 12 noon**
Brown and Gold 60+ Years Anniversary Lunch
The Suaviter, Concordia Campus

**Monday 8 August, 1.15pm**
Harmony in the Chapel: Concordia College Chapel

**Friday 16 September, 7.30pm**
Concordia in Concert: Concordia College Chapel

**Sunday 23 October, 12 noon**
Riverland Barossa Reunion: Berri Hotel

**Tuesday 13 December, 7pm**
Carols Service: Concordia College Chapel

For event details and bookings, please visit www.concordia.sa.edu.au or contact Angela Warrick, COCA Liaison on (08) 8272 0444.

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Class Reunions 2016

**Saturday 19 November, 4.30pm** - Class of 1996 – 20 Year

**Friday 24 June, 7pm** - Class of 1961 – 55 Year Reunion
Damien on Fisher - Living Choice, 123 Fisher Street, Fullarton

**Saturday 25 June, 7pm** - Class of 1956 – 60 Year

**Saturday 25 June, 7pm** - Class of 1966 – 50 Year

**Friday 11 November, 7pm** - Class of 1986 – 30 Year

**Friday 9 December, 6-8pm** - Class of 2006 – 10 Year

**Friday 2 December, 6-8pm** - Class of 2011 – 5 Year

Please download the Celebrations flyer from the Old Collegians page of the College website for further details.
Engagements

Brock Rothe ('07) and Ellen Grear ('07) on 1 October 2015

Monika Jacobson ('11) and Tim Foulkes on 24 January 2016

Adam Smith ('11) and Meredith Broman ('11) on 27 February 2016

Nick Banks ('11) and Alisha Thiel on 6 April 2016

Weddings

Samuel Cooper ('07) and Sancia Cooper (Renwick '09) on 30 November 2014

Elizabeth Carr (Cienciala '07) and Damien Carr on 24 October 2015

Katrina Msapenda (Seifert '02) and Nyiika Msapenda on 31 October 2015

Ryan Tromans ('09) and Emily Rocco on 13 February 2016.

Andrew Waldhuter ('73) and Lyndall Watter on 19 March 2016.
Concordia Old Collegians

Births

Kaylene Haythorpe (Hill ’09) and Saul Haythorpe, a son Ezekiel Justice Haythorpe on 23 January 2016.

Emma Hooley (’09), a daughter Zalia Susan on 24 March 2016

Deaths

Concordia has learnt of the following deaths in our community. We extend our sympathy and understanding to the family and friends of:

Hueske, Ennis (’46) on 22 June 2015

Havelberg, Nathalie Ora (Altus ’42) on 23 December 2015

Knauerhase, Brian (’45) on 23 February 2016

Hoopmann, Dr Eric Paul (’37) on 16 March 2016

Wandel, Adrian (’54) on 16 March 2016

Changed your details?

Moved house? New email address? We are always keen to keep our records up-to-date so that we can help you stay better connected. Notify us of your change of details by contacting COCA Liaison on (08) 8272 0444 or coca@concordia.sa.edu.au

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Love Facebook? Join the conversation on our official Old Collegians Facebook page for up-to-date news and event information. www.facebook.com/ConcordiaOldCollegians

Old Collegians Weekend

‘Back to Concordia’
Morning – All Welcome
Friday 24 June 2016
8.30am – Chapel worship with students
9.00am – College Tour departing from The Chapel
10am – Morning Tea in The Suaviter
Free event
Booking: www.trybooking.com/JLPB

Celebration Dinner
Saturday 25 June 2016, 7-11pm
The Suaviter, Concordia College
Enjoy a delicious catered dinner, complimentary drink on arrival.
BYO drinks
$40 per person
Booking: www.trybooking.com/JLPR
Contact Angela Warrick to book a table for your class group or encourage class mates to book a ticket on a shared table.

Sunday Worship Service
Sunday 26 June 2016, 10.30am
Concordia College Chapel
Worship service in honour of old collegians
All welcome

Sunday Lunch
Sunday 26 June 2016, 12.30pm
Earl of Leicester Hotel, Parkside
Contact: Tim Fischer
tfischer@ozemail.com.au
Partners welcome at all events
Class of 1960 Reunion – Wednesday 25 November 2015, Tanunda
L-R: Mary Clausen (Erdmann), Bev Kellock (Atkins), Marie Rothe (Ziersch), Pauline Schild (Eckerman), Yvonne Dawson (Pfeiffer)

Barossa Reunion Sunday 18 October 2015

Class of 2010 5 Year Reunion – Friday 13 November 2015
Back L-R: Brianna McGee, Claire Howard, Angus Whitby, Henry Davis, Dale Viney, Bradie Syrus
7th Row L-R: Sophie Wauchope, Kate Helmore, Jake Otto-Williams, Clare O’Brien, Brianna Lindley, Rachael Tulloch, Siobhan Barwick, Amy Clark, Heidi Miller, Nicole Hamann
6th Row L-R: Patrick Edwards, Nick Anstey, Sean Goodger, Gregory Reynolds, Alexander Wallace
5th Row L-R: Samuel Zerk, Thomas McSkimming, Tom Pullman, Nick Kennedy, Tristan Firth, Aynsley Yeap
4th Row L-R: Alexander Chu, Jemma Thompson, Freya Lamacraft
3rd Row L-R: Matt Fischer, Grace Williams, Alice Williams, Tareena Martin, Nicholas Edwards, Thomas Roenfeldt, William Russell
2nd Row L-R: Thomas Bubner, Rachel Williamson, Phoebe Peck, Declan White, Christopher Margonis, Scott Lamacraft, Floyd Bakewell
Front L-R: Chad Mann, Alex Geue, George Baker, Jackson Kamm
Class of 2000 15 Year Reunion – Friday 4 December 2015
Back L-R: Sam Russell, Daniel Gibbs, Shaun Clamp, Ken Buchold
3rd Row L-R: Jessica (Winkler) Southwood, Prue Dunn, Daniel Keylock
2nd Row L-R: Claire Nichols, Amanda Wurfel, Emily (Krieg) Lang
Front L-R: Kaylene Kotses, Renee Talbot, Adrian Goudie

Class of 2005 10 Year Reunion – 30 October 2015
Top: Iswinder Singh
Back L-R: Edwin Davis, Natalie Fuss, Angus Dinnison
Middle L-R: Danielle Pedler, Alice Rawinson, Caroline Beven, Georgina Hillier, Claire McNamara, Stephanie Ingham
Front L-R: Richard Hoffmann, Courtney Peirce, Karen Bachynski, Meagan McNicol (holding Jonah McNicol), Lucas McNicol

Class of 1976 40 Year Reunion – 5 February 2016
Back L-R: Tim Stoll, Melvyn Schmidt, Anne Mayer, Ian Becker, Jonathon Prenzler
Middle L-R: Roslyn Zweck (Schuller), Sandra Crawford (Friedenfelds), Michael Noske, Cass Bennett (Gentle)
Front L-R: Rosemarie Schmaal, Janette Schumann (Haynes),Tick Zweck, Melinda Taylor (Pierce), John Zeppel

Class of 2015 Reunion – 16 February 2016
Principal’s Tours 2016

Thursday 19 May
Tuesday 14 June
Thursday 11 August
Tuesday 25 October

Join us for a tour and experience the College on a typical day.

Enjoy meeting the Principal, staff and students over morning tea.

All tours of the College commence at 9.15am in the College Chapel. No booking required.