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Concordia College is a co-educational Christian school which operates under the auspices of the SA District of the Lutheran Church of Australia.
Making a Difference

At the start of legislative sessions in the U.S. Senate a daily prayer is typically offered by the Senate Chaplain. On 18 April 1947, Chaplain Peter Marshall spoke the following words:

_Our Father, we yearn for a better understanding of spiritual things, that we may know surely what Thy will is for us and for our Nation. Give to us clear vision _that we may know where to stand and what to stand for – because unless we stand for something, we shall fall for anything._

At both campuses of Concordia College, the ongoing development of our young people is central to our daily work. This obviously includes academic development, but character development is equally prioritised. We want our students to grow into capable and well-rounded individuals who have a sound basis for decision-making and who are ready to make a positive difference in the world. In other words, we want them to know what they stand for so that they can act in a way that is consistent with their values.

At Concordia, we have five clearly articulated values that we aim to nurture in our students:

- **CARING** – to support each other and to act in a spirit of grace because we recognise God’s love for us.
- **INTEGRITY** – to be consistent with our convictions, being authentic and honest in all we do.
- **PERSONAL EXCELLENCE** – to challenge ourselves and encourage each other to achieve our personal best in all our endeavours.
- **RESPPECT** – to value each other by accepting and celebrating our differences, knowing that this enhances and enriches our community.
- **RESPONSIBILITY** – to take personal responsibility for our learning and our actions, building a sense of social responsibility and committing to make a positive difference in our communities and in the world.

We know that we daily fall short of perfection. However, we also know that, through the grace of God, we can start each day as forgiven and valued people.

In our Spring edition of Concordia Community, we trust that you will see evidence of these values in action.

*Michael Paech* and *Lester Saegenschnitter*

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*Top-Bottom:*

Lester Saegenschnitter and Michael Paech
The Kalahari Experience
Cross Campus caring
Noske-Temme Award recipient, Kirsty Bowles
Global Service

“The people living in the valley have much less than us... However, they were still happy, they were still joyful.”

Kalahari Experience

Each year teams from around the world come together to participate in the Kalahari Experience which sees Concordia students travelling to the desert in South Africa to work with learners at Moshaweng High School. The learners are disadvantaged due to lack of resources, limited facilities and having to sit their exams in English. A primary goal of the trip was to offer an immersion program in English in the areas of Life Science, Mathematics, English and Geography to learners who will be sitting their exams later in the year.

The Concordia team also assists the community with a development program of sustainable projects like the establishment of gardens.

Although their role in the valley was to teach, on their return the team members realised how much they also learned while they were away.

“The people living in the valley have much less than us, they didn’t even have flushing toilets. However, they were still happy, they were still joyful.” Emiliene Whitehead

“A major difference within all the team members would be our appreciation for the simpler things in life, those small things that go unrecognised.” Sophie Theel

Service is a key part of the Concordia College vision and while serving in a culture and context far from home can be challenging, the team members served in an exemplary manner.
Global Service

Red Centre Experience

During the mid-year break, a team of eleven set off for the Northern Territory on the Red Centre Experience. Over ten days they participated in a range of activities including bilingual church services, manual labour at a local church and visits to various locations that enhanced their understanding of Aboriginal culture.

After connecting with the Alice Springs Lutheran Church, the team travelled to Hermannsburg, a Lutheran mission founded in the 1800s. Today Hermannsburg is a thriving community and the team felt privileged to participate in one of their church services as well as hunting for witchetty grubs with members of the Western Aranda choir, who visited Concordia in 2013.

Other activities included spending time at Living Waters Lutheran School, touring Alice Springs Hospital and learning about research into Aboriginal health, visiting Strehlow Research Centre and getting their hands dirty through manual labour tasks at Alice Springs Lutheran Church.

Throughout the trip students experienced many locations, marvelled at incredible sights, provided assistance to the local church and learnt about life in Central Australia.
Camps and Trips

Retreat
As part of their Pastoral Care program, the Year 12 cohort enjoyed an overnight retreat at Nunyara Conference Centre in Belair on 23 and 24 March. Students spent time in teams working on some orienteering tasks in Belair National Park before participating in a number of group discussion sessions. The retreat provided a valuable opportunity to take a brief break from the busy schedule of Year 12 and to strengthen connections between students.

Victor Harbor Camp
The Year 5 classes headed to Victor Harbor in May for an action-packed camp full of aquatic activities and team-building exercises. Students visited the Whale Centre and walked around iconic Granite Island, as well as having a great time body boarding, kayaking and learning about surf safety. While the weather was a little on the cool side, the students kept busy and had so much fun that they didn’t even notice! Through an eco-study of the dunes and a visit from environmental education group Animals Anonymous, students learnt how to care for the coastal environment. The activities were fun, the food was exceptional and the movie on the final night was hilarious. Needless to say, the Year 5s had a fantastic time!
Flinders Ranges Camp

The magnificent Flinders Ranges provided a perfect environment in which our Year 9 students could disconnect from technology, enjoy the beauty of nature, and build lasting friendships.

Based at Argadells Station just outside of Quorn, students had a great time engaging in numerous activities including rock climbing, abseiling and hiking. The not-so-daunting ‘solo experience’ also provided a chance to enjoy some relative solitude during a night away from the busyness of the campsite. Throughout the camp students drew on one another’s strengths to create a community atmosphere, embracing the calculated challenges presented while supporting each other in the process.

Ski Trip

This year 40 students headed to Falls Creek during the mid-year break for the annual Concordia Ski Trip. The snowfall in the lead up to the trip combined with the wonderful staff who helped make the experience fun, and the students’ responsible approach to the activities, all contributed to a great week. Conditions remained stable and the mountain remained accessible for the duration, which was a real blessing. The trip was a success in a number of ways as many students learnt a new winter sport, all students returned safely and lifelong memories were certainly created.
The theme for Book Week 2016 was Australia! Story Country and during the week students from the St John’s Campus were delighted to be visited by two Australian authors, Ruth Starke and Michael Wagner, who gave some insights into the stories they have written.

During the Book Week Assembly, the winners of the ‘Create a Book’ competition were announced and many creative entries were showcased in the Resource Centre, with lunchtime activities also on offer throughout the week.

At the Concordia Campus, the Yangadlitya Resource Centre was decorated with small bottles containing short stories written by the students about their own lives and experiences and a large wall-display featuring some notable Australian books caught the attention of those passing by. Students participated in various activities during the week, including a Book Week quiz.

This year’s theme highlighted the many stories Australia has to offer and provided a chance to celebrate Australian books, authors and stories while helping young people to learn to love reading.
Each year Science Week ignites student interest in a particular topic and this year students from Years 6 to 8 took part in an incredible program that immersed them in the theme of ‘Drones, Droids and Robots’.

During a day of scientific activities, challenges and demonstrations, students worked in groups to design a droid, drone or robot to solve a real-world problem and created a robotic hand out of simple materials before refining their design and using it to compete in various challenges.

Many students were interested to hear from guest presenters who spoke about drone technologies such as first person viewer (FPV) goggles, GPS automated flight programming, racing drones and commercial drones.

The University of South Australia’s Mechatronic Engineering and Robotics Club (MERC) finished the day by running a hands-on session for the Year 8 students, giving them a chance to test a range of interesting gadgets from skill testers and remote controlled puzzles to remote controlled robots.

The event was a huge success and a great way to launch Science Week 2016.
Serving the Community

ANZAC Day

On ANZAC Day, three of Concordia’s Student Leaders represented the College at the Unley RSL Dawn Service. In a moving service, the students were reminded of the bravery and sacrifice of the many Australians who have fought on the battlefield. Harrison Lukasz spoke at the service, reflecting on what ANZAC Day means to him. The Student Leaders also placed a wreath on Concordia’s memorial plaque, remembering in particular the old collegians who faithfully served as members of Australia’s military in times of war.

World’s Greatest Shave

Year 10 student Lachlan Maddaford had his head shaved on Friday 9 September in support of the Leukaemia Foundation’s ‘World’s Greatest Shave’ initiative. Lachlan raised over $2000 and his new look will be a visual reminder of the important ongoing work of cancer researchers who are seeking to develop more effective treatments for blood cancer. His fundraising effort is just one example of how students at Concordia seek to make a difference in the lives of others.

Red Shield Appeal

Concordia has supported the Salvation Army’s Red Shield Appeal for many years and this year four students were invited to attend the official launch breakfast. At the event, Reno Elms from The Salvation Army’s Unley Corps publicly acknowledged the significant contribution made by Concordia’s student volunteers in 2015. This year students raised a total of $3,322.65, which will be used to provide practical support for those in need.
The 2016 Year 12 Formal took place on Friday 13 May at the Stamford Grand, Glenelg. The students enjoyed dressing in their fabulous formal attire and had a fantastic time.
Drama

During Term 2, the Year 12 Drama students performed their group production, *The Book of Everything*. The cast put in an extraordinary effort throughout the rehearsal period, especially given the fact that 15 out of the 17 cast members were also in the April production of ‘Hairspray’ just weeks earlier! The performers worked together beautifully as a group and audiences were moved to tears at the powerful messages explored throughout the play.

Career Mentoring

The inaugural Career Mentoring Evening for Senior School students was held on Wednesday 22 June, with 20 old collegians from a number of different industries attending as career mentors on the night. Students chose two careers of interest before attending 30-minute mentoring sessions. The evening was supported by the Concordia Old Collegians Association and provided students with valuable information about a range of career paths.
Food and Hospitality
The Year 12 Food and Hospitality students have been busy this year, gaining valuable experience in both food preparation and front-of-house service. At a COCA 60+ lunch held on Monday 8 August, one class took on the responsibility of hosting and catering a delicious three course meal for more than 80 old collegians who commenced at Concordia over 60 years ago. The other Year 12 class ran an event called ‘Backyard Bounty’, incorporating seasonal and local fresh produce to plan and cater an exquisite meal for around 50 guests. Some students also grew some of their own ingredients. Catering for functions of this size is no small task, but the Year 12s worked together well and provided excellent dining experiences for their guests to enjoy.

Unley Community Service
Concordia’s Year 12 students have again been involved in serving residents in the Unley area as part of the Community Integration Program. Some of the projects students have been involved with include set-up and pack-down of events, growing seedlings for planting in the community garden, helping to prune trees at Fern Avenue and painting a number of stobie poles around the College to beautify the area.
Challenge Days

On Friday 13 May the Year 8 Home Classes took part in their year level Challenge Day. After donning some creative costumes and presenting some very enthusiastic Home Class chants, students participated in an outdoor cross-country style challenge at the University of Adelaide’s Waite Campus to earn points for their class.

The Year 9 Challenge in Term 3 was a similar event wherein students participated in several activities designed to develop skills and attributes including teamwork, problem solving, bravery, and hand-eye coordination. Students had a great time working together on activities such as continuous table tennis and a game where they had to transfer water from one end of a team line-up to the other without using their hands!

Students had fun and embraced the challenges with enthusiasm and a good sense of humour.

Reconciliation Week

In the lead up to Reconciliation Week, Year 9 students were treated to a performance from popular Indigenous dancer, comedian and actor Sean Choolburra. Sean’s singing, dancing, impersonations and didgeridoo playing enthralled the audience and the students left with huge smiles on their faces. He even managed to get some audience members involved in trying out some of the dance moves.

On Friday 27 May, the Year 8 Student Leadership group attended a service at the Unley Library to mark the launch of Reconciliation Week. The service featured three Indigenous Australian women who performed songs about the hardships experienced by members of the stolen generation and told stories. Through participating, students gained a deeper understanding of Aboriginal culture, history and reconciliation.

Chemistry

The Year 8 classes gathered in the Chapel for a Science lesson with a difference to mark the final instalment in their unit of study on chemical reactions in Term 2. With the Chapel set up as a temporary laboratory, Mr Mead, Mr Carpenter and Mr Nicola took students through a series of demonstrations that had them waiting with interest to see the various reactions. Highlights included relighting a glowing splint using oxygen and the classic foamy ‘elephant’s toothpaste’ that demonstrated the rapid catalysed decomposition of hydrogen peroxide into oxygen and water. Overall it was a memorable end to the unit on Chemistry.
Student Leadership

This year a group of students formed a Year 8 Leadership Group. They met weekly to discuss how to enhance emotional well-being amongst the Year 8 cohort and also led assemblies, devotions and meetings. In September they distributed ‘Stress Less’ bags containing small treats and information about emotional well-being to their peers. Each bag featured a beautiful logo designed by Year 8 student Emma Neill. The students were introduced to the new Middle School Counsellor, Bek Brown, as well as being reminded to look out for those around them.

History

As part of their History course, the Year 9 students viewed a live dramatic monologue early in Term 3 entitled ‘Fightin’ the Kaiser’, which was performed by accomplished actor and guitarist Brett Hunt. Brett played the role of a wounded World War I veteran, using just a few simple props and dramatic devices such as caricature, larrikin humour and song to communicate the reality and tragedy of war. Brett also performed plays for the Year 10 and 11 cohorts, helping students to gain an insight into the topic of Australians at war and an appreciation for the personal impact such conflicts have on Australia’s military personnel and their families.

Da Vinci Decathlon

On Tuesday 31 May, Concordia sent its inaugural team to compete in the da Vinci Decathlon, a national day-long competition where teams of eight work to complete challenging tasks encompassing a range of content areas. The students competed against 20 other South Australian schools, tackling various papers on the theme of ‘Exploration’.

Their efforts were rewarded with first place in the English category. This result reflects the fantastic effort put in by the inaugural team members, who enjoyed significant extension and enrichment through participating.
In Term 3, students in the ELC and Years 4 to 7 welcomed their grandparents and significant friends to the College, providing an inside look at what school life is like at Concordia.

At both campuses the events began with a Chapel devotion before students showed their visitors to their classrooms and worked with them on some fun activities. Guests were also treated to various performances by students and a lovely morning was enjoyed by all. For many, the support of grandparents and special friends is an integral part of life outside of school and the opportunity for students to welcome their significant friends and loved ones to the College creates a unique and memorable experience.
Nature Art Exhibition

A number of beautiful artworks produced by the Early Learning Centre (ELC) children were exhibited in the Hall, inspired by the nature play movement that has been growing in popularity and is an integral part of the learning program in our ELC.

The Art Exhibition included a series of dramatic black and white photo boards featuring nature images taken by the children, colourful calico flower pressings, sculptures made of natural materials, large scale leaf prints and observational sunflower paintings. Parents were able to view and buy the artworks during an evening event which included watching the nature play movie, Project Wild Thing. Funds raised will go towards the purchase of a new rabbit hutch for the ELC garden. It was wonderful to see such a variety of creative works on display, all of which were crafted by our ELC students who love learning outdoors.
Early in Term 2, St John’s Campus students took part in the annual Siassi Walkathon, walking as many laps of the oval as possible in one hour to raise funds to support the partnership between the St John’s Campus community and the Siassi community in Papua New Guinea.

Students wore the colours of the Papua New Guinean flag and had lots of fun, raising almost $5000! It was particularly special to be able to share the 2016 Walkathon with two visiting teachers from Siassi, Ms Gima and Mrs Nalong. They were deeply moved by the opportunity to participate in the professional life of our school, to observe teaching and learning in Australian classrooms, to be immersed in the English language and to connect with our community.

Before returning to PNG, they presented Concordia with a special gift, thanking the school community for their ongoing love and support. Thank you to everyone who supported this year’s Walkathon and to the families that so graciously opened their homes to host Ms Gima and Mrs Nalong.
Olympics

To celebrate the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio, the St John’s Campus hosted its own mini-Olympics event on Wednesday 10 August that included an opening ceremony followed by some fun sporting activities.

Highlights of the opening ceremony included the procession of an Olympic torch and an interview with special guest Mr Mike Dancis, a former Olympic basketball player who represented Australia at the 1964 and 1968 games. Mike is also the grandfather of four St John’s Campus students. We were honoured to have him declare the games officially open.

After the ceremony, the festivities moved to the oval. Each class wore a different nation’s colours as they took part in a series of events including wheelbarrow races, beanbag shot put, tennis ball ‘archery’ (using tennis balls and an Auskick target), volleyball and more. Students had a wonderful time getting into the Olympic spirit and engaging in some friendly competition on the day.

Guide Dog Visit

Our Reception students welcomed a special guest and his four-legged friend to the classroom as part of their Programme of Inquiry unit into the Central Idea that ‘Animals and people interact in different ways in different contexts’.

The students were excited to speak with their guest named Bruce and to meet his Guide Dog, Wallace, who was mostly content to lie down and sleep throughout the lesson. With Wallace at his feet, Bruce answered a wide range of questions from the students who were curious to learn about everything from what Wallace eats to how much he ‘talks’, as well as how he operates as a Guide Dog. Many in the room were also surprised to learn that Guide Dogs can learn the meanings of up to 180 words!

The visit provided students with a unique opportunity to learn firsthand about one way that animals can help people in their daily lives.
MYP Exhibition

Each year, the Year 10 students exhibit their Personal Projects, marking the culmination of their journey through the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme. As always, there were a number of fascinating outcomes on display this year, including a restored motorbike, various furniture items, a short film script, music compositions, books, artworks and more. The projects allow students to undergo an in-depth exploration of a particular topic that they are passionate about.

In a unique example of cross-campus collaboration, Sarah Sheedy chose to produce a children’s book about Type 1 Diabetes. Eloise Howard is a Year 2 student at the St John’s Campus who lives with the condition and Sarah’s book gives an insight into her journey.
PYP Exhibition

The students in Year 6 mark the end of their learning journey through the Primary Years Programme with the Year 6 Exhibition, showcasing their learning to their parents and the wider school community through a series of fascinating exhibits. The Year 6 Exhibition was open for two days and the students did an excellent job of presenting their work on topics such as farming, microplastics, nuclear energy and human rights to those who attended.

In both cases, the exhibitions demonstrated the diversity, dedication and creativity of our students who have applied themselves in order to produce some incredible work.
Young Women in Technology

The Faculty of Engineering, Computer Sciences and Mathematical Sciences (ECMS) at the University of Adelaide ran a one-day Young Women in Technology Experience in June and ten female Concordia students from Year 10 were pleased to attend this year. They enjoyed engaging with current engineering students while participating in a variety of activities run by Engineers Without Borders and the Schools of Petroleum, Chemical and Electrical, and Electronic Engineering. The girls investigated sine wave relationships and the sounds different superimposed waves produced, watched a 3D virtual reality modelling presentation and made their own sunscreen. The event provided an opportunity to engage with university researchers and student ambassadors, to apply and strengthen their interpersonal and problem-solving skills, and to gain an insight into technology-based career paths.

Space Camp

Year 12 student Abby Mather was over the moon earlier this year, following her selection by the Australian Scholarships Group (ASG) as one of two Australian students to attend the 2016 International Space Camp in the USA. Abby travelled to the US for the week-long camp in July, along with a student from Western Australia and a teacher from Tasmania. The camp involved students from 10 countries and provided an exciting opportunity to learn about the science of space travel through hands-on drills, simulated mission scenarios and information sessions with NASA representatives about what it takes to be an astronaut, engineer or technologist.

A keen Physics student, Abby thoroughly enjoyed the camp and is thankful for the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity she had to attend as a student ambassador. Upon her return, an article about Abby appeared in The Advertiser’s Education lift-out and she was interviewed by Network Ten’s Totally Wild. We look forward to hearing where Abby’s studies lead her in the future.
STEM Gliders

Concordia’s Year 10 STEM students explored a range of theoretical concepts relating to flight earlier this year. They then applied their knowledge when designing their own model gliders, before prototyping and testing them in a wind tunnel. Final designs were developed using Computer Aided Design software and the components were produced through laser cutting and 3D printing. In the flight tests that followed, Ben Cook’s glider stayed airborne for an impressive 9 seconds while Mia Retallack’s glider flew the furthest, notching up a remarkable 58m!

Bridge Building

For many years the bridge building unit has been a highlight of Year 7 Design and Technology, as students learn about the principles of engineering design before developing and testing their own load-bearing bridges. This year a new record was set by Jessica Griffiths and Jasmine Milton who created a bridge that held an incredible 120kg!

Individual Projects

At Concordia, Design & Technology integrates traditional construction skills with new technologies. Students have enjoyed their time in the workshop again this year and have demonstrated their commitment to crafting a range of products to a high standard.

Media

This year, Concordia’s Media students have enjoyed a range of real-world learning opportunities. During the AFL season, the Adelaide Football Club utilised Concordia’s television studio to record link segments of the weekly Crows Show. Senior students assisted as camera, teleprompter and sound operators, working with presenters Mark Bickley and Alana Smith, and a professional director. A team from Concordia also gained valuable experience supplying visual elements to an arena video screen as members of the media delivery team at the Cancer Council’s Relay for Life.

In September, eight students earned awards for various entries in the Royal Adelaide Show’s Photography Competition including five firsts, two seconds and two third place awards.
Outstanding Performances

In recent months we have celebrated outstanding performances by students in a range of co-curricular areas, including significant victories on the stage and in the sports arena.

**ABODA Festival**

In August, Concordia celebrated its most successful outing to date at the South Australian School Band and Orchestra Festival run by the Australian Bands and Orchestra Directors’ Association (ABODA). A total of eight groups competed, including a new cross-campus group called the Chamber Strings, with students delivering some stand-out performances and earning an impressive 7 Gold Awards and one Silver Award in various categories.

Our final results were as follows:

- Big Band 1 – Gold Award (Advanced Stage Band Section)
- Big Band 2 – Gold Award (Intermediate Stage Band Section)
- Big Band 3 – Gold Award (Novice Junior Stage Band Section)
- Chamber Strings – Silver Award (Junior String Ensemble Section)
- Concert Band – Gold Award (Advanced Concert Band Section)
- Orchestra – Gold Award and Overall Section Winner (Open Orchestra/String Ensemble Section)
- Percussion Ensemble – Gold Award (Open Percussion Section)
- Wind Ensemble – Gold Award (Intermediate Concert Band Section)
Mixed Hockey

Concordia’s Mixed Hockey team finished the 2016 winter season on the best possible note, winning the state-wide KO competition and earning the title of State Champions in a 2-0 victory at The Pines on Thursday 24 August. The team comprised 10 boys and 7 girls from Years 8 to 12, all of whom should be proud of their efforts. The win was especially rewarding for some of the senior players who have been members of the squad for many years.

Football

The 1st XVIII Football team also celebrated a remarkable end to the 2016 season, winning the Grand Final of the Pool B state-wide KO competition in a decisive win over Murray Bridge. Just over a week later, they backed up the win with a thrilling Grand Final victory in the Southern Zones Wednesday night competition, defeating Unley High School 45 to 41. The ability to win both premierships in the same year is a testament to the commitment, work ethic and team spirit shown by the players throughout the season, which is sure to go down in the archives as one to remember.
There have been a number of great sporting moments in 2016, with students proudly representing Concordia in various sports and competitions throughout the year. Here are just some of the highlights from Terms 2 and 3.

**Cycling**

Four Concordia students took part in the SSSSA Road Cycling Tour earlier this year. Inaugural team members James Webb, James Francis, Matthew Hedger and Reuben Rittso-Nesteroff rode well and Concordia placed third in the overall schools competition. Individually, James Francis placed first in the B grade after winning all stages of the tour, as well as coming third in the U17 category. Matthew Hedger finished second in the B grade and a highlight came when Concordia placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd in one of the road races.

**Pedal Prix**

The 2016 Pedal Prix season saw the introduction of an exciting new trike named Harmony into the Concordia Racing fleet, thanks to the generosity of the Concordia Parents and Friends. In its first appearance the new trike was impressive, finishing second in the secondary category. The final hour of race two provided another highlight, with Concordia taking third place in the secondary category by one lap, following a close battle with St Peter’s College. During the 24 hour season finale, 50 Concordia students were involved across four teams. Each team competed well in what was at times a challenging race. The new trike, Harmony, finished 3rd in Category 3 and 3rd overall for the season after another solid performance. Thanks to all the staff and parents involved for their valuable support of Pedal Prix this year.

**Sailing**

This year, two Concordia Sailing teams represented the College at the Yachting SA Secondary Schools Team Racing Championship in Ceduna, competing in 27 races across three days of competition. The competition was intense, with shouting and jostling on the water creating a great spectacle for onlookers to enjoy. The students involved had a great time developing their skills, tactics and teamwork. Planning is now underway for the 2016-17 season.

**SAPSASA Athletics**

Our cross-campus SAPSASA Athletics team performed well at the SAPSASA Adelaide South East Carnival on Monday 5 September, earning 5 blue ribbons and 18 ribbons in total. The 11 year old and 13 year old boys relay teams both won their 100m events, while Alana Williams, Sam Kirk and Thomas Maloney placed first in their individual events, winning the 13 year old 800m, high jump and long jump respectively. Overall Concordia was a strong contender, placing 5th on the day.
At Concordia we regularly meet for Chapel as a school community. Over the last few months we heard some inspiring messages that have helped us reflect on faith, life, the world around us, and our place in it.

**Operation Christmas Child**

Concordia is again taking part in the Operation Christmas Child project this year. At the Concordia Campus, each Home Class is aiming to fill at least two shoeboxes with gifts and supplies for children living in poverty. Alison Elliss, a representative from Samaritan’s Purse, spoke to the student body in Chapel about the power of a simple gift and the impact it can have on the life of the child who receives it.

**Sisi Sings in Chapel**

Sisi and Toya are two Indonesian students who visited Concordia in Term 3. On Tuesday 16 August, Sisi appeared as a guest vocalist in the Chapel band and blew everyone away with her incredible voice. Both girls also sang beautifully in a moving performance on their final day at the College and they will be remembered fondly by the many friends they made during their time at Concordia.

**Environmental Focus**

A focus on the environment early in Term 3 reminded students that through reflecting on the world around us we can learn more about God. A tree made of recycled materials served as a visual reminder of the responsibility we have as humans to care for and nurture the world in which we live. Each Home Class was invited to create a model of an endangered creature, add their names to it and hang it on the tree.

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*Top-Bottom:*
Ellie Van der Hoek and Jack Purdie delivering shoeboxes to classrooms

*L-R: Hannah Homburg, Nadia Barrow, Nicola Esselbach, Madeline Harrison and Sisi in front*

Recycled tree in Chapel

A panda made by Year 8 Home Class BJCA
Musical Highlights

Right: Jacob Long, winner of the Mike Stewart Memorial Award
Over the last few months our students have enjoyed a wide variety of opportunities to share their talents through public performances.

Concordia in Concert

Concordia in Concert is always a highlight of the College calendar and the 2016 music showcase event, held on Friday 16 September, was no exception. Performances from Concordia’s bands, ensembles, choirs and the College Orchestra showcased the amazing range of musical talent we have at Concordia in front of a packed audience. Some particularly challenging numbers were performed by the String Ensemble and the Percussion Ensemble, with both performances proving to be a real treat for audience members. The 2016 Mike Stewart Memorial Award was given to Jacob Long for his outstanding commitment to Big Band.

Generations in Jazz

On Thursday 5 May, 100 members of Concordia’s Music community journeyed to Mount Gambier for the national ‘Generations in Jazz’ competition. The group was the largest from Concordia ever to attend and included 3 big bands, 3 choirs, ensemble directors, supervising teachers and 2 bus drivers.

Each year, the level of musicianship rises and Concordia is absolutely keeping pace with the large number of competing schools, with Big Band 1 claiming third place this year in Division 2.1.

Vocal Cabaret

An audience of well over 200 enjoyed a variety of performances at the Senior Vocal Cabaret on Thursday 18 June. The newly formed Jazz Quartet provided background music as guests arrived before our Year 10, 11 and 12 Vocal students performed under lights in an intimate cabaret setting. Big Band 1 also played two sets and the music was enjoyed by all.

Junior Music Showcase

The St John’s Campus Music Showcase was held in the Concordia College Chapel for the first time this year, with students performing to an enthusiastic audience on Thursday 1 September. During the showcase, guests enjoyed performances by the Concert Band, Percussion Ensemble, Recorder Ensemble, String Ensemble and three choirs. Young Music students performed at a high standard for their families and friends who enjoyed a great night of music.
Community Events

There are many opportunities to get involved in the Concordia community, including a vibrant program of events for parents and families across all year levels.

Breakfasts

In May, many Concordia mothers and grandmothers gathered with their children for the annual Mother’s Day Breakfast in The Suaviter. Guests enjoyed the opportunity to catch up and to hear from TV personality and past-Concordia parent, Briony Hume. Through reflecting on being a parent, her career as a journalist and her experience working with Sunrise Children’s Association in Nepal, Briony provided a unique and valuable insight into what it means to be a mother.

On Thursday 1 September, the Father’s Day Breakfast was held in The Suaviter and it was great to see a large number of fathers, grandfathers and their children enjoying the event. The Jazz Quartet provided musical entertainment and guests heard an inspiring message from current Concordia PE teacher and elite runner, Clay Watkins, who spoke about the profound impact his father’s consistent love and support has had on his life and sporting career.

Parent Functions

Year level parent functions are always popular and many parents have enjoyed the opportunity to catch up at year level events in recent months including a Greek-themed feast for Year 9 parents and an Indian banquet for Year 10 and 11 parents.

Rio Carnevale Quiz Night

The St John’s Campus Links annual fundraiser took on an Olympic theme this year at the Rio Carnevale Quiz and Games Night. With prizes for best dressed, best decorated table and of course the chance for the winning table to be immortalised on the Champions’ Shield, there was plenty of friendly competition. It was fabulous to have 180 people in attendance and to see people having such a great time supporting the school. Thanks to the sponsors, supporters and volunteers who made the event possible and to those who participated in the games, raffles and silent auctions on the night.
Community Events

**Themis Dinner**

On Wednesday 7 September the annual Themis Dinner was held in The Suaviter. The event was a fantastic networking opportunity for Legal Studies students, old collegians who are studying or practising law and guests from the law fraternity. We were delighted this year to have as our guest speaker Alex Ward, who has over 27 years’ experience as a solicitor and barrister, was President of the Law Council of Australia in 2011 and is currently the Vice President of the Commonwealth Lawyers Association. Thanks to Griffin Lawyers, Flinders University Law School, the University of South Australia School of Law and the Concordia Old Collegians Association for sponsoring the evening.

**Parent Workshops**

A number of workshops have taken place over the winter months designed to assist parents as they raise their children in an ever-changing world. Mark Le Messurier, counsellor, mentor and author of ‘Raising Beaut Kids’ spoke at the St John’s Campus about strategies for dealing with challenging and evolving behavioural patterns. At the Concordia Campus, Paul Dillon from Drug and Alcohol Research and Training Australia (DARTA) spoke about issues relating to drugs and alcohol, providing important information for parents when tackling these often sensitive topics with their children.

**Bands and Bingo**

Over 200 people enjoyed a night of fun and great music at the Bands and Bingo event designed to raise funds for the upcoming Music Tour to Japan. Performances by Big Band 1 (with vocalists Nava Revalk, Scarlett Anthony and Sophie Georgiadis), Big Band 2, Concert Band, Brass Ensemble and world-class performer Adam Page provided some excellent musical entertainment, while the novelty bingo rounds provided plenty of fun for all involved.
Today’s students and their parents receive very detailed reports on every subject, as well as many other aspects of school life. But academic reports from Concordia’s distant past are a far cry from what is the norm today. Not only are some of the subjects unfamiliar and even antiquated, but for many decades, teacher comments provided scant information on achievement and attitude.

Bernhard Tepper was a student at the fledgling Concordia in Murtoa, Victoria. One of his first reports, dating from 1894 when he was 17, lists all his subjects on a single page in German. Most of the one-word comments, however, are in English and are restricted to either ‘good’ or ‘fair.’ The next year’s report reveals that Bernhard had excelled in both Mapping and Ornamental Writing.

Dorothea Pietsch was one of Concordia’s first girl students in 1927. Her Term 2 report, signed by the Director, Dr Graebner, shows pleasing percentage marks for each of her ten subjects, but under the heading of ‘Special Remarks’ she is simply described as ‘A good worker.’

By the 1950s, reports provided more details with percentage scores, the class average and also the overall position of the student in the class. Remarks by the class teachers were often fairly bland and impersonal eg Trevor has completed a good term’s work and one hopes that he will continue to work hard.

Subjects

Many of the subjects long gone from the curriculum reflect what was once valued in a sound school education intended to equip students for further study or enhance their work prospects.

In the 19th century when Concordia was founded, good hand writing was a matter of personal pride. Penmanship was included as a school subject and students spent a great deal of time developing their skills with pen, nib and ink. An example of Bernhard Tepper’s fine ‘copperplate’ writing in his geography book lists proofs that the earth is indeed round!
Elocution is another subject unknown to today’s students. A quote from an article in the Brown and Gold magazine from 1924 points to an essential requirement for the many boys and young men aspiring to become pastors and teachers.

‘We honestly sorrow over the vulgarities and shortcomings of modern speech. We sigh for the time when we might all speak sentences that are purer, more chaste, and as clear as crystal.’

At a time well before microphones and public address systems, voice culture or elocution was important. Lessons by a specialist teacher involved breathing and voice exercises as well as practice in projection, inflection, modulation and pauses. The results of this were evident in recitations and dramatic items at the end of year break up or farewell concert programs.

Although our Heritage Centre has some examples of school reports over the years, I am always pleased to add more to our collection. Copies and scans are also welcome.

Jenni van Wageningen
Archivist
Visitors to the College over the last 9 months have experienced various stages of transformation at both campuses as a result of our building program. We are delighted to now be using these new facilities that will benefit our school community for years to come.

At the Concordia Campus, the new Winchester Street ‘Hub’ development is finished, complete with its striking façade and colourful glass panelling at ground level. Inside the main entrance, a doorway to the right provides centralised access to areas that are frequently used by students and parents, including the Student Services Office and first aid space, the Finance Office and various administrative offices. Several new upstairs rooms will act as temporary Science classrooms while the leading-edge Centre for Science and Discovery is being built on the site of the old Science Centre.

Two new outdoor learning areas at the St John’s Campus were also officially opened by Mr John Proeve, Executive Director of the Lutheran Schools Association, on Friday 26 August. The two areas connect the classroom with the outside world and are already serving the community well.
The Concordia College Foundation supports the College through scholarships, major fundraising activities and strategic partnerships.

Foundation Events

More than 60 generous supporters of the College attended a reception hosted by the Concordia Foundation Board ahead of the annual music showcase, Concordia in Concert. Foundation Chair, Michael Doherty, thanked those in attendance and acknowledged the valuable assistance they provide to our school.

The next in our series of popular Business Networking Breakfasts will be held on Thursday 2 November 2016 in The Suaviter. Our guest speaker will be Kate Thiele, Guide Dogs SA/NT CEO, old collegian and current Telstra South Australian Business Woman of the Year.

If you would like to join us for the Networking Breakfast and to hear Kate speak about ‘why giving back is good for business’, please contact the Foundation Executive Officer, Sue Spry, at sspry@concordia.sa.edu.au

Building Bright Futures

Student engagement with STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) subjects is a key focus for education throughout Australia. The planned new Centre for Science and Discovery at Concordia College is a central component in how Concordia embraces the learning of STEM. Financial assistance for the construction of this centre, which includes a vibrant new Art space, is the major fundraising focus of the Concordia College Foundation for 2016 and 2017.

The Foundation Board members sincerely thank generous supporters for gifts and pledges already made to the building of this outstanding new centre, and encourage others to embrace this opportunity to join them in support of the new Centre for Science and Discovery. Tax deductible one-off contributions, or a pledge to be paid in instalments within five years, will help to ensure we provide a facility where our students are offered the best possible opportunities to learn.

To find out more, please contact the Board members by emailing foundation@concordia.sa.edu.au

L-R : Michael Doherty (Foundation Chair), Sylvia Andersons (Concordia Board Chair), Gemma West (Foundation Vice Chair), Michael Chalmers, David Medlyn and Lester Saegenschnitter (Concordia Campus Principal)
Absent : Derek Harris and David Perrins

Sue Spry – Foundation Executive Officer

Kate Thiele
Throughout a school’s history there are certain individuals who by their faithful contributions over many years come to symbolise and personify the spirit, culture and fabric of the school itself. For Concordia College, Ron Krieg epitomises such a figure - a most kind, loyal and humble man, whose strong faith was always evident through his love and service to those around him.

Ron was born in Brinkworth on 30 August 1927. In his primary years he attended a school at Crystal Brook West with a teaching staff of one, travelling each day with his sisters by horse and sulky. In 1941 a government scholarship enabled Ron to begin his secondary education at Concordia, where he gained a Lutheran teaching diploma in 1944 before working at two other Lutheran schools. He returned to Concordia in 1947, following an invitation to become involved with the Science program and in 1951 began teaching part-time at the College while also studying at the University of Adelaide. Concordia’s fledgling Science department initially consisted of one room with a large cupboard, but by 1953 it had grown to include a lecture theatre, laboratory and storerooms. It was around this time that Ron began teaching full-time (Geography, Science, Algebra, Arithmetic and Latin), while also taking on the leadership of the main boarding house. In later years Ron would enjoy recounting to fellow staff his memories of those days when class sizes were around 60 students!

As well as teaching, Ron was heavily involved in other aspects of College life. Over the years he was Athletics Master, organised cricket practice twice a week and matches on Saturdays, acted as secretary of the Old Boys’ Association and helped with event organisation and fundraising. Along with his colleague David Heinjus, he was also heavily involved in the planning of the Science Block which opened in 1967 and will be replaced in 2017 after serving the College well for so many years.

Outside of school life, Ron was President of the Unley Lutheran Society and married its secretary, Wilma (Hoopmann), in 1955. Ron and Wilma were both Concordia Old Collegians, attended St John’s Lutheran Church Unley and had four children who all went to school at Concordia.

Ron retired from his work as a teacher in 1974, but was persuaded to continue sharing his talents by working part-time as a laboratory and maintenance assistant, continuing at the College until he retired in 1991, some 50 years after coming to Concordia as a student. In the 1991 edition of the Brown and Gold magazine, Julian Pfitzner reflected on Ron’s incredible service to the College and commented that it was fitting that the new laboratory to be built at that time was to be named The Ron Krieg Laboratory. In that same year Ron was presented with the inaugural Service Award from the Board for Lutheran Schools. The award honours those who have demonstrated a loyal commitment to Christian education through exemplary service to Lutheran schools for over 20 years.

A stalwart of Science education at Concordia, Ron is remembered as a favourite teacher by many of his students and a treasured colleague and old collegian by many staff, both past and present. Following his retirement he maintained an active interest in the life of the College, attending events as an old collegian and presenting the Concordia Award, the highest award in the school, at the 2013 Valedictory Service.

Ron passed away on 14 August 2016. An article about Ron from the College archives says, “We will remember his humour, his concern for other people, his concern for the environment and his strong Christian faith.” We will continue to remember him in this way, and we will miss him. Finally, we thank God for Ron and for the blessing he has been to the Concordia College community over so many years. God has Ron in His keeping, we have him in our hearts.
From the President

Since the last edition of Concordia Community, COCA has held a number of well attended reunions and events, expertly coordinated by Angela Warrick (COCA Liaison) and ably supported by members of the COCA Committee. Most notable of these was the annual COCA Reunion Weekend in June which once again saw many old collegians return to Concordia for one or several of a number of events held over the weekend. It was great to meet or reconnect with so many of you over the weekend. Discussions about 2017 events are underway, as we aim to constantly review and improve what we have to offer Concordia’s many old collegians.

One thing that I am particularly excited about is the COCA ‘CBD Series’ which will consist of reunions in a few of Australia’s capital cities where old collegians are most densely populated. If you are living interstate and would be interested in attending one of these events this year (locations TBC) or in the future, please get in touch to let us know so that we can keep you informed.

I draw your attention to the notice in this magazine regarding an Extraordinary General Meeting of COCA at which a number of significant constitutional changes will be voted on by members of COCA. We have been working closely with the Lutheran Schools Association who have been undertaking a review of the constitutions of Lutheran Schools and their auxiliaries (of which COCA is one) and ensuring that they reflect ‘best practice’ and, where practicable, consistency with other such bodies.

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 (coca@concordia.sa.edu.au), or with me directly (cocapresident@concordia.sa.edu.au).

In His service,
Nick Banks
President
Concordia Old Collegians Association

Diary Dates 2016

Sunday 23 October, 12 noon
COCA Riverland Reunion – Berri Hotel, $35 per person.
Bookings: www.trybooking.com/JLQY

Tuesday 13 December, 7pm
Carols Service – Concordia College Chapel

Class Reunions 2016

Friday 11 November, 7-11pm
Class of 1986 – 30 Year
The Suaviter, Concordia College
Join us for a catered dinner in the old chapel.
$35 per person.
Bookings: www.trybooking.com/JLRH

Saturday 19 November, 4.30-7pm
Class of 1996 – 20 Year
The Quad, Concordia College
Old collegians, partners and their children are invited to a gourmet family barbeque.
Enter is $30 for adults and free for children.
Bookings: www.trybooking.com/JLPB

Friday 2 December, 6-8pm
Class of 2011 – 5 Year
The Quad, Concordia College
Join us for drinks, finger food and a tour of the College.
Free event.
Bookings: www.trybooking.com/JLRL

Friday 9 December, 6-8pm
Class of 2006 – 10 Year
The Quad, Concordia College
Join us for drinks, finger food and a tour of the College.
Free event.
Bookings: www.trybooking.com/JLRJ

COCA reunions are a great way to catch up with fellow old collegians and to keep in touch with the College. For more information including booking details, download the Celebrations flyer from the Old Collegians page of the College website. Partners welcome!
Concordia Old Collegians

**L-R:** Andrew Crackett, Sam Slape, Henry Sweet, Judith Kropfeld (German Exchange '08), Jess Miller, Morgan Miller (Weston '09), Simon Miller, Alyssa Coulter ('09), Paige Morgan ('09), Louis English, Alex Miller

**L-R:** Phoebe Ditter, Anna Marshall, Talya Schubert ('11), Meredith Smith (Broman '11), Adam Smith ('11), Nick Banks ('11), Mitchell Smith ('14), Jonathan Broman
Flowers by Sarah Gehling ('11)
Afternoon tea organised by Natasha Leske ('11)

Rami Rasheed ('07) and Zeina El-Aawar

Renata (Rothe '02) and Trevor Sykes
Engagements

Amelia Spry ('09) and Jesse Mylius-Clark on 10 July 2016

Weddings

Joanne Ralston (Fell '93) and James Ralston on 3 January 2016
Sue Kretschmann (Zweck '80) and Greg Kretschmann on 13 February 2016
Morgan Miller (Weston '09) and Simon Miller on 12 March 2016
Rami Rasheed ('07) and Zeina El-Aawar on 27 March 2016
Renata Sykes (Rothe '02) and Trevor Sykes on 11 June 2016
Adam Smith ('11) and Meredith Broman ('11) on 17 September 2016

Births

Joanne Ralston (Fell '93) and James Ralston, a son Mitchell Alexander on 12 February 2016
Lief Wilson ('98) and Lia Wilson, a son Harvey Wilson on 15 June 2016
Vivienne Norman (Wittwer '94) and Chris Norman, a girl Millie Vera Norman on 27 June 2016

Deaths

Concordia has learnt of the following deaths in our community. We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of these old collegians.

Lowe, Adrian Kenneth ('51) on 11 January 2014
Grosser, Trevor Arthur ('51) on 9 March 2016
Marshall, Noel Wilfred ('50) on 10 March 2016
Gill, Reni (Tzenoff '70) on 23 March 2016
Sander, Peter John ('58) on 7 June 2016
Rowe, Georgina Anne ('07) on 17 June 2016
Zweck, Rev Richard Charles ('66) on 11 July 2016
Kruger, Arnold Luther ('47) on 24 July 2016
Krieg, Ronald Bert ('41) on 14 August 2016
Saunders, Leo Ralph ('64) on 20 August 2016
Magain, Necia Ann (Miller '60) on 2 September 2016
Eichner, John Darren ('76) on 21 September 2016
Snippets

We love hearing about the amazing achievements and post-school journeys of our old collegians. Here are just some of the exciting stories we have learnt about recently.

Congratulations to Nadine Williams Foubert ('57) OAM who was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in the Queen’s Birthday 2016 Honours list for services to the print media in South Australia. This prestigious honour follows another national award, the Centenary Medal, which she received from then Prime Minister John Howard in 2002.

In 2012 Paul Otto ('74) founded and was appointed as Country Director of AllKids, a children’s charity initiative that works to improve the educational prospects of Cambodian children living in poverty. Just a few years on, more than 300 children are attending school with support from AllKids. Congratulations to Paul and his team on this fantastic work.

Congratulations to Elspeth Toop ('08) who has recently been appointed as the Vice Consul in the High Commission in New Delhi, commencing in January 2017.

Congratulations to Beza Mickan-White ('11) who is a finalist in the Miss World Australia competition. Beza is hoping to represent Australia in the Miss World ‘Beauty with a Purpose’ project and will raise money for Variety - the Children’s Charity SA as part of her application.

Well done to Michael Tsiavis ('08) who is now working in Sydney for the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions as a Federal Prosecutor. As the Rio Olympics were in progress at the time of the COCA 60+ lunch in August, former Olympian David Schumacher ('45) came wearing his Olympic blazer which he wore at the Melbourne Olympic Games in 1956. David competed as a wrestler in the Men’s Light Freestyle division.

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Interest Groups

COCA has a number of groups that are open to old collegians. If you are interested in starting a new interest group, we can help you. Gather some friends and join in the fun! For more information visit the Old Collegians page of the College website.

COCA Flute Quartet

We are delighted to welcome our newest interest group, the COCA Flute Quartet. To date, the group has performed at two COCA functions and they are looking forward to other opportunities arising in the future. If you are interested in learning more about this group, please contact Hannah Lewis (’13) at hm.lewis@icloud.com

COCA Big Band

The COCA Big Band rehearses regularly on weekday evenings at the College. To express your interest or for more information contact Rachael Brice (’13) at rachaelbrice@icloud.com with your name, instrument and a brief summary of your musical experience.

Volunteering & Career Mentoring

The success of the COCA program relies on the support of volunteers. If you are interested in joining the fun behind the scenes or in volunteering as a career mentor at future mentoring events please contact Angela Warrick, COCA Liaison on 08 8272 0444 or awarrick@concordia.sa.edu.au

Old Collegians Cricket Club

The Concordia Old Collegians Cricket Club offers an opportunity for old collegians to play and socialise in a positive team environment, with teams playing each Saturday in the Adelaide Turf Cricket Association.

The Club had a successful season and showed good improvement during 2015/16. A Grade made the semi-finals and B Grade finished fifth, missing out on the finals by the smallest of margins. The ‘Clubman of the Year’ was awarded to old collegian Troy Pincin (’99) for his active involvement behind the scenes.

This season we are pleased to announce that Andrew Dunn will return as club coach. During the season, trainings are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5.30pm at the Concordia College oval. New players are welcome to attend trainings or to contact the President, Tim Kupke (’99), on 0400 017 580 or timkupke@hotmail.com. Follow our results on our website at www.concordiacricket.com.au

Notice of Extraordinary General Meeting

Notice is given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Concordia Old Collegians Association Inc is to be held in The Suaviter at Concordia College, 24 Winchester Street, Highgate SA 5063, on Monday 21 November 2016 from 7.30pm.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Special Resolution to Amend the Concordia College Old Collegians Association Constitution

To consider and, if thought fit, to approve the following special resolution:

“That the Constitution of Concordia Old Collegians Association Inc. in the form presented to the Extraordinary General Meeting be adopted as the Constitution of the Association in substitution for and to the exclusion of the Association’s existing Constitution.”

A copy of the proposed Constitution, supporting documents and proxy voting information is available on the COCA pages of the Concordia College website, or by email or post following a request to Angela Warrick coca@concordia.sa.edu.au or 08 8272 0444. These documents will also be circulated to all members of COCA (for whom we have email addresses) via email.
Events and Reunions

Annual Reunion Weekend
24-26 June 2016

Back to Concordia Morning Tea

At the beginning of the weekend, old collegians enjoyed an opportunity to catch up and reminisce about their ‘Concordia days’ over morning tea, following an Assembly with current students and a short tour of the College.

Celebration Dinner

Saturday night’s Celebration Dinner was the highlight of the weekend with 110 old collegians meeting in The Suaviter for a superb Indian banquet and musical entertainment from two old collegians. A variety of age groups were represented and guests had a great time, with the classes of 1956 and 1966 celebrating milestone reunions on the night.

The weekend concluded with a worship service in the Chapel on Sunday 26 June which also featured some of Concordia’s primary school students, followed by lunch at the Earl of Leicester Hotel.
Events and Reunions

Brown and Gold 70+ Celebration

On 16 May more than 35 old collegians who left Concordia 70 or more years ago returned to the College to enjoy the first instalment in the ‘Harmony in the Chapel’ concert series for 2016. A celebratory afternoon tea followed the concert and the old collegians had a wonderful time.

Brown and Gold 60+ Lunch

On Monday 8 August more than 80 old collegians who commenced at Concordia at least 60 years ago gathered in The Suaviter for a three course lunch catered by current Year 12 Food and Hospitality students. The recently formed Jazz Quartet provided some wonderful music for guests to enjoy and the lunch was a definite success.

Members of the Class of 1946 – Clarice Thiele (Krieg), Dawn Weiss (Quast), Clay Kruger, Janet Sheffield (Biggins), Margaret Geue (Wundersitz)

Hong Kong – Saturday 2 July 2016
Anthony Hill, Fiona Ellis-Hill (Hill ’03), Lester Saegenschnitter (Principal)

Eyre Peninsula Reunion – Saturday 6 August 2016,
The Ceduna Foreshore Hotel

Back L-R: Sharon Kretschmer (Briese ’77), John Linke (’69), Deb Linke (Thwaites ’69), Leon Bubner (’53), Brenton Bergman (’63), Ian Hall (’59), Tim Fischer (’60), Marcia Jerico (Hayter ’62), John Hoffrichter (’56), Moyston Hetzel (’67), Leala Hoffmann (Schwarz ’65), Alan Pfitzner (’57), Alan Schwarz (’57), Wayne Hoffrichter (’58), Peter Hoffrichter (’59).

Front L-R: Susan Wilkinson (Knight ’63), Joylene Veerhuis (Linke ’65), Sue Spry (Kleinig ’74), Bonnie Coleman-Sleep (’68), Anne Cooper (Hoffrichter ‘68), Phil Gregory (’59), Laura Oates (Bowell ’51)