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## From the Head of College

As I walked through the Quad yesterday afternoon, I could sense a quiet calm coupled with an air of excitement which indicates we are nearing the end of the school year.

A lifetime ago, we were under COVID-19 restrictions with mandatory masks and adhering to social distancing requirements for parents and visitors. It is somewhat unfortunate that the virus continues to circulate in large numbers in the community; however, it is a testament to the resilience of our College that we have achieved so much despite the interruptions.

The College continues to be a shining light in our community, not only in the level of success we have achieved across so many academic, cultural and sporting pursuits but, more

importantly, in how we have achieved this success. Achieving excellence in a spirit of humility is one of our core values at Concordia; this value has been constantly lived out throughout a stellar year of success in the classroom, the concert halls and the sporting fields. I want to thank our students for another wonderful year. Their energy, achievements and humility have defined the year and continue to give us all hope and motivation.

Of course, the end of school occurs during the season of Advent, leading up to the celebration of Christmas. The word Advent originates from the Latin word “Adventus”, which means “coming” or “arrival.” In Advent, we focus on preparing for the coming of Jesus Christ, celebrating His birth in the past and looking ahead to His Second Coming in the future.

For Christians, Advent reminds us of the reality of Jesus Christ and that He has come into the world in the humblest of ways to be present in our lives. The birth of Jesus is worth celebrating because it reveals His human side and exemplifies how we should live our lives in humble service to others.

I want to thank our teachers and support staff for their immense dedication and service throughout the year. I also thank our College Leadership Team, Board, and Sub-Committees for their invaluable guidance and leadership.

Many thanks to our parent body, who continue to support the College by entrusting their children to us and partnering with us in developing young people of vibrant spirit and strong character.

I wish all of our students and their families the very best for the Christmas season and hope our students have a relaxing break.

May 2023 be a wonderful year where they will experience the transformation of the College through the completion of the current building program.

I look forward to my sixth year of service at Concordia College, which will be incredibly exciting.

**Paul Weinert**  
Head of College

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## **From the ELC and Primary School Principal**

Our 2022 school year at the ELC and Primary School campus is soon to finish. The excitement of finishing the year always brings many emotions. There is a sense of tiredness mixed with gratefulness for all that has been accomplished, uncertainty paired with excitement for changes that the new school year will bring and amazement that another year has ended.

We have watched our community change so much over the last year. We’ve welcomed many new students, met new staff and moved into our amazing new learning areas. So much has been achieved.

It has not always been easy. We have been challenged. We've had to rethink timeframes and adapt constantly. As a community we have shown resilience through all that 2022 has presented to us.

In Matthew 7:24-29 we read about the importance of building our lives on the firm foundation of God's love for us, shown in Jesus, who will help us withstand whatever comes our way.

We are thankful that we have had so many wonderful things happen this year and that God's love has been steadfast for our community.

As the year draws to a close, we farewell students who are leaving our community and wish our Year 6 graduating students all the best as they move into their Middle School years.

We farewell Mrs Andrea Gladigau from the School Office and Mrs Sue Drogemuller, Primary School Leader, and thank them for their many years of service to our community. Their significant contribution and commitment to our community has been greatly appreciated.

We wish Miss Ellen Hoopmann God's richest blessings as she marries her fiancé, Tom, on Saturday 17 December. Next year, we will welcome her back as Mrs Ellen Hunter.

We also thank Mrs Kylie Johns (Reception) and Mrs Kate Mueller (Year 4) for completing teaching contracts in this past term.

In conclusion, I would also like to express my sincere thanks to all members of our community (students, staff, parents/carers and friends) for your contribution and support throughout 2022.

I wish you a blessed Christmas and a safe and refreshing holiday break.

**Michael Paech**

Principal - ELC and Primary School

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## **Stage 1 Industry and Entrepreneurial Solutions**

The culmination of our Stage 1 Industry and Entrepreneurial Solutions course involved each student pitching their product to a panel of industry experts. The innovation and skill level demonstrated through creative problem solving using new technologies was extraordinary.

We sincerely thank Ben Branford, Karl Mortimer and Travis Crawford for sharing their knowledge and expertise in providing students with such valuable 'real-world' feedback.

Congratulations to **Kieran 11RBEN** for being awarded the 'most marketable product' award from the judges with his 'Bright Light', and to **Joel 11MSMI** whose 'Tactical Ball Thrower' was awarded the most well-developed idea.

**Shane Beitz**

Head of Design, Technology and Engineering

**Kieran 11RBEN**, winner of the Most Marketable Product award

**Joel 11MSMI**, winner of the Most Well-Developed Idea' award

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## **Year 6 Exhibition**

During Week 6, our Year 6 students celebrated their learning journey through the presentation of their Exhibition.

The Exhibition is a culmination of the students' experiences in the Primary Years Programme (PYP), involving the students in the acquisition and development of knowledge, concepts, skills and attitudes, while also encouraging them to take action.

This year's Exhibition fell under the Transdisciplinary Theme of 'Sharing the Planet', with the students' inquiries focussing on the central idea of *'Human actions and decisions in sharing our planet can impact the world'*.

Students were involved in advocating for a global issue that they were personally connected to and passionate about. This year's focus for global issues was inspired by the UN Global Goals. These Global Goals gave students a relevant context for their inquiries.

The parents and families of the Year 6 students were presented with a variety of thought-provoking exhibits that included a range of creative and interactive art installations as well as engaging and hands-on displays.

With the support of mentors, guest presenters and experts, the students have been guided through their personal inquiries, collaborating to effectively communicate their message.

Through the Exhibition process, the Year 6 students demonstrated the attributes of the International Baccalaureate Learner Profile and worked towards developing skills such as time and resource management, collaboration and communication skills through working with others.

Many thanks to all involved: students, volunteers, parents, teachers and support staff.

**Rachel Muldoon**

Primary School Learning Leader

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## Year 7-10 Swimming Carnival Reminder - Friday 9 December

A reminder that our Year 7-10 Swimming Carnival will be held tomorrow, Friday 9 December.

This compulsory school event opens the House competition for 2023. Students will arrive at school and attend Home Class before boarding hired buses to travel to the Swimming Carnival.

For more information about the day, including participation, what to bring and what to wear, transport arrangements and more, please [refer to the email sent to Year 7-10 parents](#) regarding the Swimming Carnival.

The weather is looking amazing and we are looking forward to a fantastic Swimming Carnival with all.

**Rachel Paterson**

Swimming Carnival Coordinator

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## Year 5 Visual Arts – Reclaim the Void

Our Year 5 students have been involved in a large-scale, cross-cultural art project with schools and community groups across Australia. 'Reclaim the Void' was born from Ngalia elders in Leonora, Western Australia, expressing their pain and grief at “those gaping mining holes left all over our country”. The idea was conceived to symbolically ‘seal’ one of the holes with an artwork expressing the story of country. The artwork will be made from thousands of rag rugs woven with fabric on hoop looms. Our students have worked collaboratively to create 14 rag rugs, which have just been mailed off to Western Australia.

To learn more about this project, visit [www.reclaimthevoid.com](http://www.reclaimthevoid.com).

*"I think this project will help the Ngalia people reconnect with their past and their culture, especially since so much of their land was taken away."* **Eliza 5G**

*"I feel quite honoured to participate in this because it makes me feel as if I'm a part of it and I'm kind of paying my respect."* **Bethany 5G**

**Nancy Wells**

Visual Arts Teacher - ELC and Primary School

5G with the rag rugs they have created for Reclaim the Void

5S with the rag rugs they have created for Reclaim the Void

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## **Celebrate Christmas at St John's Lutheran Church, Unley**

You are invited to celebrate Christmas at St John's Lutheran Church, Unley.

Christmas Eve

- 7pm Children's Service in the Concordia Chapel

Christmas Day

- 8am Holy Communion Service in the Ministry Centre
- 9.30am Holy Communion Service in the Concordia Chapel

New Year's Day

- 9.30am Combined Holy Communion Service in the Ministry Centre

[Download a flyer](#) for more information. All welcome!

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## **Einheit String Quartet at the Oaklands VIEW Club Luncheon**

On Friday 2 December, Concordia's Einheit String Quartet performed a 35-minute set of music for the Oaklands VIEW (Voice, Interests and Education for Women) Club Christmas lunch at the Junction Ball Room in Morphettville.

The 80+ member audience was overwhelming in their praise for the Quartet, which has Aidan (Year 9), Josh (Year 9), Jude (Year 9) and Raphael (Year 9) as its members.

Finishing their set with a moving arrangement of "Amazing Grace", there were literally tears of joy from the ladies in the audience.

This was a delightful opportunity to not just share our music, but to also add value to a worthy community group.

**Mat Noble**

Director of Music

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## **Reception Excursions in Christian Studies**

This term, as part of our inquiry in Christian Studies and our 'Where We Are in Place and Time' unit, we have been investigating churches and working out why these are important places for Christians. We have had beautiful rich experiences, conversations and discussions to answer

the following questions:

- What is a Christian?
- What is a church?
- Why do people go to church?
- What do people do at church?
- What are some of the features and symbols found inside a church building?
- What is the significance of these symbols to Christians?
- How can we care for these special places?

We have been privileged to visit some of our local churches and to talk with people who are passionate about sharing God's love in our community. We are so thankful for all of the wonderful opportunities we have had to explore these special places and to grow a deeper understanding of Christian symbols, rituals and what it means to be part of a worshipping community.

**Kylie Johns and Jen Schultz**  
Reception Teachers

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## **Christmas Hamper Thank You**

We once again acknowledge the amazing generosity of our College community! We have just completed another very successful Christmas hamper drive for Lutheran Care.

Hundreds, if not thousands, of items have been donated over the past two weeks. In addition, over \$800 was collected on the non-uniform day, which will be added to our overall donation.

These items have now been taken to Lutheran Care where a number of our Year 8 students helped to pack the hampers in bags decorated by our Year 7s. Lutheran Care pass on their thanks and appreciation to everyone who has taken part and want to us know that many South Australians will be given a more joy-filled Christmas because of the generosity of many here at Concordia.

We are thankful for the partnership we have with Lutheran Care and look forward to supporting their work for many years to come.

Thank you Concordia.

**Mark Rathjen**  
College Chaplain

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## Pop-up Percussion Ensemble Concert

The Percussion Ensemble finished the off year with a Pop-Up Gig in the courtyard. The sun was shining as the students played the relaxed tune *Girl from Ipanema*. The students played marimba, vibraphone, drum kit and congas, to an appreciative audience. This was a fitting end to a great year of music making.

**Mat Noble**

Director of Music

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## Year 3 German - Essen in Deutschland

As a culmination of our unit of work based on "Essen in Deutschland" (Food in Germany), all Year 3 students had the opportunity to sample a wide range of German foods, including brezeln (pretzels), kaese (German cheese), wurst (German sausage) and beloved gummibaerchen (gummy bears). Students were excited to be able to use their new learnt vocabulary to talk about the different foods and they thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to try some new foods connected to the German culture. It was a rich and engaging learning experience. Guten appetit!

**Jane Graham**

German Teacher

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## Celebrating our 26 Book Challenge

This year we had a record 100 students sign up to take part in the annual Concordia College 26 Book Challenge. The Middle and Senior School challenges were designed by members of our student Book Council. Participating students rose to the challenge of reading 26 books across the academic year from a diverse range of categories. Students said they appreciated a chance to read beyond their usual genre of choice.

On the day of our celebration, students won book vouchers, we enjoyed a variety of sweet delights, including literary-themed cupcakes, and we were treated to a visiting guest author. Our very own Tony Shillitoe (Director of Digital Resources) shared with the group his journey to become an author. Tony has written multiple books and was, in fact, the second Australian author to be given a contract for an adult fantasy series in Australia. Tony encouraged students to write and read as much as possible – there is great power in words! A special thank you to our wonderful library staff for supporting students all year with the challenge, and for hosting such a fun and inspirational event.

**Emma Rieger**

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## Reception German - St Nikolaus Tag Celebration

The sixth of December is a very special day in Germany called “St Nikolaus Tag” and a day acknowledged in German-speaking countries as a very special day in the Christian church calendar each year. As part of our current unit of work, students have been learning about St Nikolaus Tag and its significance.

On Monday this week at the end of the school day, our Reception students carefully placed their shoes at the front of their respective classrooms ready for St Nikolaus. When students arrived at school on Tuesday, they checked their shoes to discover that St Nikolaus had visited overnight with traditional treats for each of them hidden in their shoes to signify this special day. In addition to this, we will be having a little celebration in our German lesson with songs and some traditional St Nikolaus activities next week.

We thoroughly enjoyed celebrating St Nikolaus Tag!

**Jane Graham**

German Teacher

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## Class of 2021 Welcome to the Old Concordians

Last Thursday we welcomed members of the Class of 2021, who came back to Concordia for their first reunion as Old Concordians. It was a great chance to get together again on Concordia grounds on such a beautiful evening!

Sue Spry

Alumni Manager

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## Primary School Uniform Reminders for Week 9

As we prepare for the many final events for 2022, we will be filming all Reception to Year 6 students next Tuesday 13 December.

- Could you please ensure that your child/ren wear their **Summer uniform** next Tuesday as we will be filming choir performances to share at our Closing Service.
- On Wednesday 14 December, all children can wear their **Sports uniform** as we complete

our last day of the term with our students.

- For those attending the Closing Service on Wednesday evening, all students are to wear their **Summer uniform**.

Thank you for your assistance. We are looking forward to an enjoyable end to the term with our extraordinary students.

**Sue Drogemuller**

Primary School Leader

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## **Thank you for supporting our No Show Ball**

On Friday 2 December, we held our first ever 'No Show Ball' - a different take on the traditional Gala Ball, designed to form a fabulous Friday-night-in with friends and family while browsing the auction and raffle, instead of attending a large event.

We were delighted to raise approximately \$10,000 through this online-only event, which will support our building projects.

A huge thank you to all who donated items for the online auction and raffle, including the following sponsors.

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- RSM

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- Unitech Building Services

We look forward to the completion of our current building program in Semester 1, 2023, and thank all who have contributed to supporting our fundraising efforts this year.

A huge thank you to these sponsors of our No Show Ball

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## Join us for our annual Carol Service

A reminder that all members of the College community are warmly invited to celebrate the joy of Christmas at our Carol Service.

- 12 December 2022
- 6.45pm (seated) to 8.15pm
- Free event

Led by Pastor Dale Gosden and our Music students, this will be a joyous occasion. Please note that seating is limited to 500 seats, so please book early to avoid disappointment.

We hope to see you there!

For your information, Concordia College has experienced an increase in COVID-19 cases across the last week. While we remain vigilant, we ask you to please physical distance where possible when joining us at the College and consider wearing a mask when indoors. Thank you and we look forward to seeing many of you in the coming days.

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

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## Ground-breaking SACA Daughters and Dads Cricket returns in 2023

Concordia College will again be part of an exciting platform called Daughters and Dads Cricket in 2023.

Developed by the University of Newcastle, the program is a combination of cricket skills and wellbeing education for Primary School girls 7-12 years and their dads (or father figure).

This nine-week program commences on Sundays at 12:00pm – 1:30pm from Sunday 5 February – Sunday 2 April.

Each session involves a 30-minute theory and 60-minute practical component and has been specifically designed to provide tools to breakdown participation barriers, as well as empowering daughters and their dads to complete the program with a new set of physical and socio-emotional skills.

To find out more about this program, [download a flyer](#) or visit [www.daughtersanddadsrocket.com.au](http://www.daughtersanddadsrocket.com.au). Alternatively, you can contact [hdouglas-hill@saca.com.au](mailto:hdouglas-hill@saca.com.au)

Places are limited, so to secure your place in this program [register here](#).

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## OSHC Update

Hi everyone!

It is hard to believe that there are only a few days left in the 2022 school year! This year has been full of so many fantastic memories and has been an extremely busy year for us at OSHC, as well as the entire College. It has been fantastic to watch the school redevelopment come together this term, and we are so excited for what is still to come next year.

On Friday of Week 4, we had our second ever OSHC camp! We took 10 children and stayed at Semaphore Discovery Park for one night. We enjoyed a big barbeque for dinner, some beach cricket, a relaxing night walk and a play on the Semaphore playground. We were hoping to go fishing on the Saturday morning, but the weather had other plans. This saw us staying undercover and having a pool day at the park. We hope the children enjoyed it as much as we did.

Our Educational Director, Liam, along with a number of the OSHC staff, have been working very hard to organise our biggest Vacation Care of the year for the December/January school holidays. Our program and bookings are now open, and we are seeing a few days with full bookings which is fantastic! Vacation Care is one of our favourite times of the year here at OSHC, and we are looking forward to taking the kids on some amazing excursions over the Summer.

Hopefully we see some nice, warm weather come through in the holidays as we have a few really fun beach and water days planned. We are currently in the process of moving to a temporary space for the duration of the summer holidays! We are very excited about this as it means we are one step closer to getting our brand-new space in 2023!

[Download our Vacation Care program here.](#)

Educator Sam went and picked up an OSHC pet recently from Urrbrae Nature Education. We have had our long necked turtle “Shelly” for a few weeks now and the kids absolutely love her. Unfortunately, we don’t get to keep Shelly, but her time with us will be cherished by both Educators and children forever. Hopefully we can see Shelly again in the future.

I would like to say a big “Thank You” to our Director, Jenny for all the amazing work she has done here at the OSHC in 2022. She has done amazing things in such a short amount of time while working as our Director, and we are all very grateful to have her as our leader. I would also like to extend our thanks to Mr Paech and the College for all their ongoing support throughout the year. We would also like to thank all the families of our OSHC. We are very lucky to have such amazing children and parents/caregivers utilise our OSHC service. 2022 has been a great year and we are eager to begin 2023.

Again, if you have any questions about OSHC or Vacation Care please feel free to [contact us](#).

With thanks☒

**Isaac Noles**☒

Assistant Director OSHC

On behalf of the OSHC Team

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## Year 12 Parent Reception

It was great to celebrate with so many of our Year 12 parents and caregivers at the recent Year 12 Parent Reception. Thanks to all who attended.

Here are a few photos from the night.

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## Seeking Your Support

A petition has been drawn up, calling on the City of Adelaide Council to assist with funding a new two-storey building to replace an existing brick shed at the Park 21 West sporting facility in the Park Lands (between Goodwood Road and Sir Lewis Cohen Avenue), which is used by Concordia College and many other sporting groups.

The existing State Government commitment towards the project will expire in May 2023, and so action is being sought from the City of Adelaide Council to ensure the project can commence before this time. [Click here to read a letter to the City of Adelaide Council](#) by Mark Borgas, Concordia Board Vice-Chairperson, containing more information.

If you would like to sign the petition, it is located on the table in our main Reception at 24 Winchester Street Highgate.

Every signature counts!

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## National Brain Bee Challenge Final and University Headstart Program

### National Brain Bee Challenge Final

**Luke (10JPID)** this week participated in the National Final of the Australian / New Zealand Brain Bee Challenge in Melbourne. Along with the other national competitors, Luke has had weekly coaching sessions in neuroscience from Professors at Curtin and Monash Universities, to prepare for this prestigious competition. Students competed in four challenges held over

two days – a neurophysiology test, a set of neuroanatomy questions involving the identification of structures of the brain, a clinical diagnosis section and a round of live questioning on stage. Students could also attend Australasian Neuroscience Society sessions and meet with scientists, researchers and students involved in the important field of neuroscience.

We congratulate Luke on this incredible achievement – competing on the national stage.

**Emma Rieger**

Enrichment and Extended Learning

## Headstart Program - Adelaide University Graduation

The University of Adelaide's Headstart scholarship program gives high achieving students the opportunity to study at university while still in Year 12 and have these university studies count towards their SACE and ATAR. Two of our students participated this year, Isaiah (12CFIN) and Jaiden (12JLEY). Balancing university study while also undertaking Year 12 is a significant challenge. We congratulate these students on their laser-sharp focus, their brilliant time management and their outstanding performance in first year university subjects. They will be presented with their academic transcript on Thursday evening at a special graduation celebration at the University of Adelaide.

**Emma Rieger**

Enrichment and Extended Learning

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## Year 3 Camp

With perfect weather and a perfect venue, the Year 3 students enjoyed their first school camp experience at Nunyara Conference Centre, Belair! Beyond Limits Outdoor Education led us through a range of team-building games and problem-solving challenges such as the tree climb, billy carts, the giant see-saw, nature play obstacle courses and team number puzzles. The students found the amazing food and cabins with ensuites the height of 'glamping' luxury, handling their first camp overnight very independently. This terrific group made a most enjoyable camp for everyone!

**Sarah Dienes and Libby Reu**

Year 3 Teachers

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## Year 11 Alternative Learning Day

Having completed their Stage 1 exams in Week 7, the Year 11s enjoyed the opportunity to engage in a different kind of learning on Monday of Week 8.

In the morning, 30 Year 11s participated in a hike from Mount Lofty Summit to Mount Lofty Botanic Gardens. Just as their Year 12 journey will be next year, the hike had its easy parts and its challenging parts, but throughout the morning, the students enjoyed the support and encouragement of their peers and teachers – as well as having plenty of fun along the way!

The students were divided into teams, and at the first checkpoint they channeled their creativity into making a Formal accessory using only items found in nature. Once we arrived at the Botanic Gardens, students had an opportunity to enjoy the natural surroundings before coming together to participate in some hotly contested team games – accompanied by much laughter!

It was a very enjoyable morning, and we all appreciated the chance to reconnect with nature and see some less common sights, including a field of highland cows, a very friendly duck that wanted to join in our games, and a family of kangaroos (one with a joey in her pouch) bounding across the lawns at the Botanic Gardens.

In the afternoon, fifteen students completed a barista course at La Crema Coffee Roaster and seven students took part in a car maintenance course run by the RAA. We learnt valuable skills, including how to check the tread of a tyre, how to know what we can check under the car bonnet as well as how to use a jack and change a tyre.

The day was a valuable opportunity to connect with peers and learn new skills in a relaxed environment.

*"It was lovely to be in nature and watch the students relax, take it all in and connect to each other and their environment". - Mrs Finnimore*

*"The Mt Lofty excursion was an enjoyable experience where we were able to connect with one another and build community within the cohort. The hike was a great opportunity to reflect on Year 11, going into our final year of school. We were able to observe our surroundings in nature and even saw a few kangaroos along our journey!" - Alicia (11EBAB)*

**Judy Harris**

Year 11 Leader

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## **Year 8 Spider Plants**

At the beginning of the year, 8LTHO started off with a beautiful spider plant. It sat on the sunny windowsill, leaves filled with potential and ideas. The plant watched over the class, as they went into the unknown. The class took care of it and nurtured the soil within the pot. As the year progressed, this plant blossomed into a lively, majestic plant with leaves branching from end to end. More sprouts grew as the students learnt more and developed into the students they are today. The class undertook many new lessons just as the plants undertook new growth stages. At the end of the year, the original plant had outgrown the pots and many small plants stretched to the floor. So, the class planted them into their own new homes, room for



new improvements and independence. They were planted in Humanities class, as the students looked at sustainable growth. The plant that once sat on the sunny windowsill, now in new grown pots, is a reminder of how far we have come, and what is in store for the future.

**Claire 8LTHO**

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## **Concordia singers perform at Corporate Convention Centre Function**

A small group of singers brought some festive cheer to the Adelaide Convention Centre on Tuesday morning as part of a breakfast for 80 highly valued business clients of the venue. Singing Christmas carols in full voice, accompanied by the brilliant Deanna Whelen, Tansy and Julianna (Year 11), Maddi and Tom (Year 9), Lila (Year 8), and Rebecca and Nick (Year 7) received excellent feedback from many in attendance as they shared their gifts and talents with a corporate community.

**Mat Noble**

Director of Music

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## **Old Concordians' Association 10 Year Reunion**

Old Concordians from the Class of 2012 met at The Ed on Friday 25 November to reconnect, chat about life since leaving Concordia and soak up some very welcome sunshine! Thanks to those who came along to enjoy your 10 Year Reunion.

**Sue Spry**

Alumni Manager

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## **Lost Property Reminder**

A reminder for Middle and Senior School students and parents/caregivers to please check at SSO if you have lost any items recently.

Items that remain unclaimed until Wednesday 14 December will be donated to charity.

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# Primary School Sports Results

Basketball

## Tuesday 29 November

Concordia Cougars defeated St Therese: 28-2. We did well to move the ball around to make sure everyone had a scoring opportunity. Scores were as follows: Leticia B (2), Leo B (4), Mathew L (2), Lewis L (2), Leighton M (4), Elliott W (6), Lola W (8).

Cricket

## Saturday 26 November

Concordia Year 2/3 Master Blaster lost to Pulteney 102-134.

Netball

## Monday 28 November

Concordia Silver lost to St Thomas Stars 1-2. Another close game for the girls and one that they played well together as a team.

Concordia White defeated Annesley 18-4. The most goals we've scored ever! Amazing effort from the girls!

Softball

## Saturday 26 November

Concordia Gold defeated Glen Osmond Primary School 9-7. A great home game win for the team.

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## Student Achievements

Congratulations to **Xavier 2B** on his excellent results in a number of national and international Mathematics competitions. Notably, Xavier received a Silver Award within the Australia Region for his recent entry for the Southeast Asian Mathematical Olympiad 2022, meaning his entry was among the top 20% of participants. Xavier also received a Credit in Year 3 Level in the Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC), which is outstanding as he is currently in Year 2. Meanwhile, Xavier was also awarded a High Distinction from the Australian Music Examinations Board (AMEB) for Grade 1 Piano Comprehensive. Well done, Xavier!

Congratulations to **Victoria 10MSMA**, who, having completed her AMEB Grade 4 Trombone exam, achieved a B+ Credit with merit. Congratulations also to **Harry 8JLOM**, who received an

A with Honours for his Grade 4 AMEB Trombone exam.

Congratulations to **Sterling 10SBAB**, who recently received the Australian Defence Force Long Tan Youth Leadership and Teamwork Award. The ADF Long Tan Youth Leadership and Teamwork Award recognises students who demonstrate leadership and teamwork within both the school and the broader local community. At the same time, the award recognises those who display strong values, such as doing one's best, respect for others and "mateship", characteristics that are integral to Australian society.

Congratulations to **Tahlia 11RGOG** on being the 2022 recipient of the Muriel Matters medallion. The award is named in honour of Muriel Matters (1877-1969), an Australian-born suffragist, lecturer, journalist and educator. The award is given to a student who shows initiative and commitment to the democratic process, and who exhibits selflessness and personal challenge in taking action to make the world a better place. Tahlia's award is well-deserved in recognition of her involvement in public speaking, advocacy and service, both within and outside of the College.

**Xavier 2B** with his AMC Credit certificate

**Sterling 10SBAB** with his ADF Long Tan Youth Leadership and Teamwork Award

**Tahlia 11RGOG** with the Muriel Matters Award and medallion

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### Diary Dates

#### ELC and Primary School

December

Friday 9	Year 6 Graduation Dinner and Year 6 Parent Function, 6pm
Saturday 10	ELC Class Connector End of Year Playdate, Mitcham Reserve (Between Old Belair Road, Norman Walk and Evans Avenue), 10.30am-12.30pm
Monday 12	Carols Service, 7pm in the Chapel   <a href="#">Book online</a>
Wednesday 14	Term 4 ends, 12pm ELC and Primary School Closing Service, 7pm in the Chapel

January

Friday 27 Primary School Stationery Drop-off Day, time TBC

Monday 30 Term 1 2023 commences

## Middle and Senior School

December

Friday 9 Year 7-10 Swimming Carnival

Monday 12 Carols Service, 7pm in the Chapel | [Book online](#)

Wednesday 14 Term 4 ends, 12pm

January

Friday 20 Year 8-11 Textbook Collection Day 1 (see times assigned to surname groups as emailed to parents/caregivers)

Monday 23 Year 8-11 Textbook Collection Day 2 (see times assigned to surname groups as emailed to parents/caregivers)

Monday 30 Term 1 2023 commences

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## The School Shop

### **General trading – no appointment required.**

- Mondays: 8am - 4pm
- Wednesdays: 12.30pm - 4pm
- Thursdays: 12.30pm - 6.15pm (new later finish time)

**The last day of general opening for 2022 is Monday 12 December.**

Public Holidays - Closed

### School Holiday Opening Hours

The School Shop will be open for exchanges, top up purchases and collection of orders during Holiday Opening as below:

- Monday 23 January: 8.00am - 4.00pm
- Wednesday 25 January: 9.00am – 6.15pm
- Friday 27 January: 9.00am - 4.00pm
- Monday 30 January: 8.00am - 4.00pm (Start of Term 1, 2023)
- Wednesday 1 February: 12.30pm - 4.00pm (normal hours resume)

### Email Orders

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

- your child's name and year level
- size

- your contact details

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

#### Naming Uniforms

Iron-on garment labels are available for \$3 per 10 labels. Please ensure you clearly label all uniform items with the student's surname. Position labels on the inside back neck for tops and dresses and on the inside back of the waistband for pants and skirts. If using markers for labelling, please be aware names fade during washing and will need to be checked and relabelled regularly.

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

#### Secondhand Clothing

If you have uniforms you no longer need, they may be donated or sold on consignment in The School Shop ([click to download a secondhand uniforms consignment form](#)).

Please note:

- Blazers and winter skirts/pinafores must be dry cleaned with a receipt attached.
- Jumpers must be washed using a wool wash detergent.
- All other items must be in good condition, stains removed, washed and ironed ready for sale.
- Summer hats must be hand washed.
- Any uniform items in need of repair e.g. broken zips, seams unstitched, missing buttons, etc. must be repaired prior to acceptance for sale. Buttons are sold in The School Shop.
- Garments presented on hangers are preferred.
- Old logo and discontinued styles – uniforms with the old school logo and discontinued styles are no longer saleable in The School Shop but can be dropped off for overseas charity donation.

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#### Public Notices & Events

- **Glen Osmond Baptist Church** is hosting Carols on the Oval from 5-7.30pm on Christmas Eve at the Glen Osmond Primary School Oval. There will be fun activities and festivities at 5pm followed by community Christmas carols at 6pm. [Download a flyer for more information](#).
- **Helen Rice Tennis School** is running school holiday coaching clinics for children aged 3 to 17 years in January. [Download a flyer](#) for more information.
- **The Rotary Club of Unley, the City of Unley and Unley Concert Band** presents 'Carols

at the Rotunda': Unley Soldiers Memorial Gardens, Sunday 11 December from 6pm.

- **The City of Unley** is currently inviting South Australian artists of all ages to create artworks on their personal connection to the City of Unley. A major prize of \$5,000 is on offer to the overall winner. [Visit the City of Unley's website](#) for more information.
- **VACSWIM** classes are running at various locations and times in January. [Visit their website](#) for more information.
- **Young Adelaide Voices**, a unique South Australian Choir School, is in its 35th year and 2023 membership is now open. [Download a flyer](#) and scan the QR code to find out about their open rehearsals occurring in February 2023.

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