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From the Head of College

As we reflect on 2024, it’s heartening to see how much has been accomplished across our Concordia College community. This year has been a testament to our shared dedication to delivering a progressive, future-focused education grounded in our Christian values. Together, we’ve laid the foundation for even greater things in the years to come.

At the Concordia Campus, exciting developments are opening new horizons for our students.

Introducing new courses, such as the Certificate II in Kitchen Operations and Performance Dance, will provide a range of new opportunities for Middle and Senior School students. The timetable alignment across all campuses now supports cross-campus activities and streamlined senior study schedules, ensuring students can access tailored learning opportunities. Meanwhile, innovative Performing Arts and STEM programs will strengthen collaboration and engagement across year levels.

At St John's Campus, the focus on inclusive learning and enrichment will be transformative, with a refocused Co-educator model to provide targeted support to meet the children's unique needs. Cross-campus events like Sports Day and Book Week have deepened connections between students and staff, fostering a sense of belonging. Additionally, strengthening student-led initiatives in Chapel and Assemblies has amplified student voice, creating an environment where young leaders can thrive.

The St Peters Campus has seen its own significant strides. Enrolments have grown, thanks to improved communication and family engagement. Programs like *Friendology* have enhanced student wellbeing, reducing playground incidents and supporting emotional growth. On the creative front, expanded opportunities in Music and Drama have energised the campus, with students performing in broader College-wide events like Concordia in Concert, MADD and Launchpad.

A commitment to foundational learning has yielded remarkable outcomes at our Early Learning Centres. Play-based learning has taken centre stage, encouraging creativity and curiosity. Enhanced collaboration between ELCs and Reception classes prepares our youngest learners for smooth transitions into school life. Staff wellbeing has also been a priority, with flexible policies and dedicated check-ins to support those nurturing our future leaders.

As we celebrate these milestones, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude. To our students: your energy and achievements inspire us daily. To our parents: your partnership is essential to everything we do. To our teachers and staff: your dedication and expertise are the heart of Concordia.

As we approach Christmas, may we take time to celebrate its deeper meaning—a gift of hope and love that calls us to grow in grace and faith. Wishing you all a joyful Christmas season and an exciting start to 2025!

Paul Weinert
Head of College

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Year 6 Primary Years Programme Exhibitions

Last week, our Year 6 students took the spotlight during the much-anticipated PYP Exhibition Presentation Evening. This event marked the culmination of several weeks of hard work and dedication for students, showcasing not only their inquiry skills but also their growth

throughout the Primary Years Programme.

The evening provided students with an opportunity to demonstrate their creativity and critical thinking as well as their ability to communicate their understanding of a variety of significant social, environmental and political topics. From exploring clean energy solutions to advocating for gender equality, each presentation reflected deep research, genuine passion, and a commitment to making a positive impact in the world.

Students spoke eloquently, engaging their audience with compelling displays and well-prepared and informative presentations. Their ability to articulate their learning and answer questions highlighted their confidence and understanding of their chosen topics. Creativity was also on full display, with students incorporating visuals, models and interactive elements to enrich their presentations and engage visitors.

The PYP Exhibition is more than just a showcase; it’s a celebration of learning, collaboration and the development of lifelong skills. It also serves as a milestone event, marking the end of the students' primary education and preparing them for future challenges.

A special thank you to our teachers, mentors, and families who supported the students throughout their Exhibition journey. Your guidance and encouragement were invaluable in helping them achieve such success.

Congratulations to all our students for their exceptional efforts and achievements. You have made our school community proud and inspired us with your passion for making the world a better place!

Rachel Saunders
Primary School Learning Leader - St John's Campus

Nicolle Jakube
Primary School Learning Leader - St Peters Campus

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St Peters Campus Junior Primary Food Design Visit

On Tuesday, 26 November, the St Peters Campus Reception class and Year 2 class had exciting and enriching visits to the Food Technology space at the Middle and Senior School campus. These visits were a wonderful opportunity for our young students to practice the skill of being a 'super introducer,' as they got to know their Year 9 and 10 friends, who supported and cared for them throughout the day.

The visits were filled with fun and learning as the students engaged in various activities. Reception students enjoyed making delicious pizzas and festive Christmas fruit kebabs, which allowed them to explore new foods and cooking techniques. The creativity didn't stop there; the students also made beautiful Christmas crafts, adding a touch of holiday spirit to the experience.

During their visit, the Year 2 students decorated gingerbread houses, producing some amazing creations.

It was heartwarming to witness the interactions between students from both campuses. The Middle School students were exceptional role models, providing guidance and support to the younger ones. Their kindness and patience helped create a positive and encouraging environment.

We are incredibly proud of our students for their bravery and courage in trying new experiences, foods and meeting new friends. These visits not only enhanced their social skills, but they also fostered a sense of community and camaraderie among the students.

Overall, the visits to the Concordia Campus Food Design space were memorable and valuable experiences for everyone involved. We look forward to sharing in many more collaborative events that bring our students together and enrich their learning journeys.

Laura Benger
Reception Teacher

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Visual Arts Carrick Hill Exhibition Excursion

Year 9 Visual Art students visited Bridget Currie's Exhibition *Each One A World* at Carrick Hill recently. As a recent Carrick Hill Artist in Residence, Currie has created a body of work that makes connections to the property, particularly the surrounding natural environment. Her techniques of using printmaking relate to our current Year 9 unit, which is focused on different printmaking techniques, particularly mono-printing and drypoint etching.

For our students, the Carrick Hill Exhibition has shown them ways to think outside of the box when exploring new topics and techniques, especially when venturing into multimedia work. Students have been inspired by how Currie has juxtaposed her mono-printing with a digital wallpaper background and also has created 3D forms which have interactive sound with readings about grasses and the environment.

The Exhibition demonstrated how important it is for students to engage with artworks that they see in real life so that they are encouraged to be more exploratory in their work and to take a more creative direction in their artworks.

Students' interest and understanding is reflected in their written comments in their small group responses to the Exhibition.

"*Overall we enjoyed seeing how the work is put together and how the artists use the environment and can embody that in their artwork.*" **- Georgina, Lily & Chloe**

"We enjoyed seeing the artwork because it was a new perspective of how artists turn the environment around to create abstract prints and art." **- Minnie & Eva**

"Overall, the exhibition was magical and the representation of grasses in the environment was inspiring and empowering." **- Ethan, Baxter, Lachlan**

Terri Moore
Visual Art Teacher

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St John's Campus Year 3 Camp

St John's Campus Year 3 students excitedly spent two days at Nunyara Conference Centre in Belair for their first school camp. Adventure activities and social awareness challenges were organised and taught through the Beyond Limits Outdoor Education program.

According to students, highlights included sleeping in bunk beds, the amazing food, the sky-high tree climb, driving the billy carts and working together to solve the giant seesaw, splash down, shelter build and plank path challenges. Students are already asking where they are heading for their Year 4 Camp in 2025!

Elizabeth Reu and Daniel Halman
Year 3 Teachers

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Year 9 Geography: Solutions in a Suitcase

Year 9 Geography students are currently studying Food Security in their classes, exploring alternative farming methods and protein food sources. The wonderful Mr Whatley brought in his suitcase of Lego for students to build a prototype of an innovative piece of machinery, that could assist in sustainable agricultural practice... in half an hour! The classes came up with some brilliant ideas, including an underwater seaweed submarine harvester, a food-scrap mulcher and a multi-purpose tractor that draws recycled water. A great example of budding STEM minds in-action!

Vanessa Narino-Terry
English and Humanities Teacher

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St Peters Campus Year 3/4 Update

In Week 6, our Year 3/4 students embarked on an exciting two-night camp at Aldinga Beach. It was a wonderful opportunity for hands-on learning, fostering independence and building teamwork skills in a natural setting.

The camp was packed with activities that connected to our unit of inquiry, while encouraging collaboration and exploration.

- **Beach Walk:** Students completed a walk from the campsite to Aldinga beach, soaking in the stunning coastal scenery, and appreciating the unique features of our local environment.
- **Reef and Rock pool Exploration:** With curiosity as their guide, the children explored the marine life inhabiting the rock pools and identified various species.
- **Food Chains and Ecosystems:** Guided discussions and activities helped students explore how plants, animals and their habitats interact, deepening their understanding of food webs and classifications.
- **Team-Building Games:** Through cooperative challenges, students developed their communication and problem-solving skills while strengthening bonds with their peers.
- **Orienteering:** Equipped with maps, the students navigated their way through the Aldinga scrub, combining practical skills with a sense of adventure.

These activities also encouraged students to reflect on the importance of sustainability and responsible interaction with the environment. Students developed deeper appreciation for the natural world and their role in protecting it.

To complement these experiences, our Surf Life Saving sessions last week provided essential water safety skills. Students learned how to stay safe at the beach, recognise hazards, and understand the role of surf lifesavers.

We are incredibly proud of how our Year 3/4 students embraced each challenge with enthusiasm and curiosity. The camp was not only an educational experience but also a chance for the students to grow personally, developing resilience, teamwork and a deeper appreciation for the natural world.

A huge thank you to our dedicated staff and parent volunteers who helped make this camp an unforgettable experience. We look forward to seeing how the lessons learned during this trip will inspire our students in their ongoing learning journeys.

Alexandra Barratt
Year 3/4 Teacher - St Peters Campus

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Novar Music Lessons at St Peters Campus in 2025

Novar Music is offering instrumental lessons for St Peters Campus students in 2025, for those wishing to learn **piano, guitar, singing or music theory**.

Enrolments are now open.

Download a flyer or visit the Novar Music website for more information.

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Disability Inclusion in Year 3

Melissa Ogden, mother of **Xander (3ER)** and Old Concordian (Class of '94), visited the Year 3 students and taught us about inclusivity and her first-hand experiences of living with a disability. Her lively and engaging presentation 'Living As A Deaf Person In A Hearing World' helped us understand what is helpful and unhelpful in communicating with deaf people and taught us about technological inventions that help hearing. She also taught us about resilience, self advocacy and disability inclusion. We really appreciated Melissa telling us her stories and answering all our questions.

Elizabeth Reu and Daniel Halman
Year 3 Teachers

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Staff Update: St John's Campus ELC Director

We are pleased to announce Sarah Davis’s appointment as ELC Director, starting January 2025. Sarah brings extensive experience and a strong commitment to nurturing young children. She joins us from Good Shepherd Lutheran College in the Northern Territory, where she led wellbeing programs, supported colleagues and built strong community connections.

Previously, Sarah worked at Concordia Kindergarten in Murray Bridge as a teacher and Acting Director, forming strong relationships with children and families. With her deep faith and vision for Christ-centred learning, Sarah will be a wonderful addition to our Concordia community.

Please join us in welcoming Sarah and giving thanks for her appointment.

Paul Weinert
Head of College

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Lights Up at Living Choice

On Friday 22 November students from our String Ensemble, Cello Ensemble, Animato Quartet, Clarinet Ensemble and Year 9 Choir visited Living Choice Retirement Village, Fullarton for their Christmas Tree lighting ceremony. What an extraordinary opportunity for our students to give back to our ‘neighbours’, by playing and singing Christmas Carols for them to mark the start of their Christmas season with the lighting of their Christmas tree.

Kellie Rich
Head of Music Performance ELC-12

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Year 1 Mini Exhibition at St John's Campus

After enjoying the Year 6 Exhibition, the Year 1s held their own mini expo for parents and friends last week. This term students have been making lots of discoveries about forces as part of their 'How We Express Ourselves' Unit of Inquiry. The afternoon was full of fun games as the parents played the arcade games or machines that the children had planned and made from recycled materials, demonstrating their understanding of what they had learned.

Sharon Cosh
Year 1 Teacher

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St Peters Junior Primary Stay up Late and Sleepover

Our Reception and Year 1 students celebrated a successful year of learning and friendship by having a Stay Up Late (Reception) and Sleepover (Year 1) at the school last Friday.

Our students came together on our beautiful grounds to enjoy water games, crafts and nature play activities. Students made rafts out of sticks and rubber bands that floated and ran around on the lush lawn for games of splash chase. Some students created characters out of clay and others whizzed and whirled around to music.

Everyone was super hungry and thankful to share a meal of pizza and fruit together and cool off with ice cream and ice blocks. As a part of the event, Year 1 students used an old fashion crank and handle machine to make ice cream. Students declared it "the best they had eaten!"

Little Dreams Tee Pee's helped to create a truly beautiful, fun and safe place for students to sleep. Giggles, reading and whispers were replaced by sleeping as students settled in to their own private Tee Pee's for the night.

A pancake breakfast greeted us in the morning thanks to parents helper and students leaped from their beds to fill their bellies before playing and enjoying each others' company.

I am so proud of the way students speak and treat each other, always with kindness and respect, and this event showcased this behaviour.

A big thanks to our Reception and Year 1 teaching team, who worked very hard to make this event a super memorable one, and to our parent helpers who supported us.

Olivia Livingston
Year 1 Teacher

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Carol Service

Members of the College community are warmly invited to attend our Carol Service.

- **Date: Monday 9 December 2024**
- **Time: 7.00-8.15pm**
- **Location: Concordia College Chapel, 45 Cheltenham Street, Highgate (Concordia Campus)**

Come and celebrate the Advent season as we look to the coming of Christ. This is a wonderful opportunity to give thanks for the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, and for the gifts He has so freely bestowed upon us.

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Languages News

Early in Term 4, Year 9 Chinese and German students participated in excursions to Chinatown and Hahndorf.

Chinese Excursion to Chinatown

Chinese students recently embarked on an exciting excursion to Chinatown, immersing themselves in Chinese culture and language beyond the classroom walls. Equipped with interactive booklets, they explored the vibrant streets lined with authentic Chinese stores, where they identified various cultural items, products and symbols, tasted Chinese snacks and drinks, and selected small gifts for friends or family. Students engaged directly with the local Chinese community, enhancing their understanding of both the language and cultural nuances.

The adventure continued with a traditional yum cha experience at a popular Chinese restaurant, where students sampled a variety of pre-ordered dim sum dishes. From delicate

stir-fries to fragrant buns, the authentic meal inspired lively discussions and even introduced some new favourite foods!

German Excursion to Hahndorf

German students enjoyed the day in Hahndorf, exploring the historical beginnings of the township. Visits to both St Michael's and St Paul's Lutheran churches and the museum in the Hahndorf Academy, as well as a tour of the oldest existing farmlet ‘Roderts Farm’, provided insight into the journey of the first immigrants and daily life in the settlement. A delicious morning tea of German cakes at Otto's Bakery was also a highlight.

Students used the information gained during the excursion to support their final assessment task: a diary entry in German, written from the perspective of a young German settler in Hahndorf.

Languages Club

As a celebration of our final Languages Club for the year, students had fun assembling and decorating traditional ‘Lebkuchenhäuser’ (gingerbread houses). There are many varieties of ‘Lebkuchen’ in German speaking countries, and these are typically enjoyed during the festive season.

Frohe Weihnachten!

The Languages Team

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PE Week 2024

In Week 5 this term the students from the Primary School campuses were involved in PE Week. It is one of the most anticipated events of the year.

During PE Week, students had the opportunity to be involved in activities that promoted health and wellbeing. The activities available included skipping, kite flying, rollerblading, skateboarding and bike riding. There was also a scavenger hunt and a colour run that took place at the St Peters Campus. Some of the senior students also had the opportunity to challenge the staff in a variety of games during the week.

Trevor Burmeister
PE Teacher - St Peters Campus

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Year 8 Drama 'Theatre for Young People'

Students in Year 8 Drama have been studying 'Theatre for Young People' and performed their plays in Week 7. The Year 1s from St John's Campus witnessed four short plays, devised by the Year 8 students and featuring techniques from Adelaide theatre company *Slingsby Theatre*. Students experimented with shadow puppetry, audience interaction and exaggerated acting styles, much to the laughter and excitement of their young audience!

Daniel Lynch
Drama Teacher

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Celebrate Christmas at St John's Lutheran Church Unley

All are warmly invited to our celebrate Christmas at St John’s Lutheran Church. You are most welcome to invite your neighbours, friends and family along as we celebrate the most precious gift of all!

- **Christmas Eve (Tuesday 24 December)** | 7pm Family Service in the Concordia College Chapel
- **Christmas Day (Wednesday 25 December)** | 8am service with Holy Communion in the Ministry Centre followed by a 9.30am service with Holy Communion in the Concordia College Chapel
- **New Years Eve (Tuesday 31 December)** | 7pm service with Holy Communion in the Ministry Centre

View the flyer below for more information or download a flyer to share with others.

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Join us for Christmas at St Peters Lutheran Church, Blackwood

Members of the Concordia community are welcome to attend Christmas services at St Peters Lutheran Church, Blackwood.

- **Christmas Eve (Tuesday 24 December)** | 7.00pm Family Nativity and Carols
- **Christmas Day (Wednesday 25 December)** | 9.00am Holy Communion service

Services will be held in the church auditorium at 71 Cumming Street, Blackwood.

For more information, phone the church on (08) 8278 0888 or visit our website.

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Stage 1 Industry and Entrepreneurial Solutions

Our Stage 1 Industry and Entrepreneurial Solutions students recently concluded the course by pitching their innovative product ideas to a panel of industry experts. The creativity and problem-solving skills displayed were nothing short of inspiring, as students utilised a range of new technologies to develop unique solutions.

We sincerely thank Pepe Velasquez, Rob Wood and Michael Hughes for generously sharing their knowledge and expertise. Their insightful feedback provided students with invaluable, real-world perspectives.

A special congratulations to **Lucas 11EBAB**, with his innovative ‘Hot Wheels Hub’ being recognised as the most marketable product, and to **Aiden 11RGOG**, whose ‘DeskGM’ earned the award for the most well-developed idea. Well done to all participants for their impressive efforts.

Shane Beitz
Head of Design, Technology and Engineering

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Year 5 Celebration of Dance and Visual Arts

Year 5 students were excited to share their creative learning in Dance and Visual Arts this week. Throughout the term, they have explored Laban Effort Actions in Dance - such as flick, glide and float - incorporating these into the choreography of original dances. Connections were then made between these actions and different brushstrokes used to represent movement in Visual Arts. Paintings of their own dances were exhibited in Wirrkuta Trruku (our activity hall) and featured as a backdrop to their dance performances. This was an extraordinary celebration of the students’ creativity and talent!

Nancy Wells
Primary School Arts Teacher

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Catherine Hutchesson (MP for Waite) Environmental Warrior Award

St Peters Campus proudly celebrated two Year 6 students, William and Joshua, joint recipients of the 2024 Catherine Hutchesson Environmental Warrior Award. This honour, presented by the MP for Waite, Catherine Hutchesson, at a whole-school Assembly, recognises the students' extraordinary dedication to environmental care.

William and Joshua were selected for their continuous engagement with environmental issues both within the school and in the broader community. Their passion for learning about the environment and commitment to stewardship have been evident throughout their years of schooling at St Peters Campus.

Nicolle Jakube
Primary School Learning Leader – St Peters Campus

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Glen Woodley Estate Music Performance

On Wednesday 13 November, our Brass Ensemble and Einheit String Quartet headed over to Glen Woodley Estate, Southern Cross Care, to perform for the residents. Each group played for around 15 minutes with a great variety of music and were both extremely well received by the audience. Thank you to the staff and residents of Glen Woodley Estate for welcoming us and giving the students this extraordinary opportunity to perform for you!

Kellie Rich
Head of Music Performance ELC-12

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Enrichment and Extended Learning News

26 Book Celebration

Our avid readers have once again gathered to celebrate the conclusion of another successful 26 Book Challenge, marking our fifth year of this beloved tradition at Concordia. This year, we celebrated a record number of students completing all 26 books, despite some particularly tricky categories. Thanks to our fabulous library staff, who expertly guided students to find books that met the challenge criteria, everyone found a way to participate.

Adding to the festivities, our amazing student Book Council baked delicious treats and transformed the space with literary-themed decorations. A big thank you to Mostly Books at Mitcham for generously donating several books as prizes. Students who participated were also entered into the draw to win signed copies of new release novels by famous Australian authors and book vouchers.

Each year, the 26 Book Challenge grows bigger and better. Next year, we're taking the adventure global—get your passports ready as the 26 Book Challenge will transport us around the world! Let the countdown begin!

Katherine Obst Year 8 Lutheran Schools Public Speaking Competition

Concordia recently hosted the Katherine Obst Year 8 Lutheran Public Speaking competition.

This annual event brings together talented Year 8 speakers from Lutheran secondary schools across South Australia. This year we had students from St Martin's in Mt Gambier participate through a livestream. Eight different schools selected two students each to present three-minutes speeches. The school with the highest combined score was to be crowned winner.

The standard was very high, and students really impressed the adjudicators with entertaining and informative speeches. Congratulations to the two competitors from Encounter College in Victor Harbor who placed first. Well done to **Sophia (8LBRO)** and **Eva (8LTHO)** from Concordia who placed a *very* close second.

Public speaking is such an important skill in life. Let your words shape the world. Please contact Emma Rieger if you would like to extend yourself in this area by participating in the 2025 Rostrum Voice of Youth competition.

Partnering with Flinders University Researchers

Three Digital Technologies classes recently partnered with a PhD student from the College of Science and Engineering at Flinders University. This biomedical engineer is co-developing a suite of computer games designed as rehabilitation tools for young people with cognitive impairments resulting from cancer diagnoses. The partnership gave our students a unique opportunity to see real-world applications of digital technology skills while contributing to vital research. Students played a variety of games and provided detailed feedback to help researchers enhance the games' appearance and relevance for an adolescent audience.

Emma Rieger
Enrichment and Extended Learning

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Flinders University computer games research

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Learning On Kaurna Land

The St John's Campus Year 3 classes inquired into the uses of Kaurna plants along the Indigenous Plant Uses Trail led by Trent Hill at the Adelaide Botanic Gardens. Trent is an Indigenous educator, guide and storyteller, who taught us of the many healing, nutritional and tool-making benefits our local plants provide. Students said the highlights of the experience included learning about the 'helicopter' seed pod toys and Trent's impressive fire-making skills.

We were also excited to view artworks from Dale Chihuly's 'Garden Cycle' Exhibition. In the

Bicentennial Conservatory, we had the opportunity to create our own designs for ‘Glass Critters’ that might be chosen by the artist to be made into actual glass sculptures!

In the afternoon, the Year 3s hiked along Sturt Gorge Recreation Park to experience the environmental changes we observed during the wintry season of Kudlila, when we first visited the park, to now, in the warmer spring season of Wirltuti.

It was wonderful to have our afternoon break at St Peters Campus and say ‘hello’ to the younger Concordia students there, before we made our way back to St John’s Campus.

Elizabeth Reu and Daniel Halman
Year 3 Teachers

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Concordia Board Development Workshop

Concordia's recent Board Development Workshop saw our Board and Executive team gathering to lay the foundational work that will underpin the College's next strategic plan.

The day was facilitated by Governance expert Graeme Huf and has recently been highlighted by Lutheran Education SA, NT and WA (LESNW) as an example of good practice.

You can read more about the Board Development Day in a news article on the LESNW website.

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Fundraiser Book Sale at St John's Campus

A few weeks ago after school one afternoon, Year 1 students Madeline and Holly, supported by Madeline’s grandmother Glenyss, ran a fundraiser book stall. Glenyss donated a large selection of books and many students purchased a bargain or two, for a minimal cost of $1 per book.

A total of $183 was raised, for our wellbeing dog Coco.

Thank you to these two girls for this initiative.

Nolene Thiele
Resource Manager – St John’s Campus

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Kelly Sports Clinic at the St John's Campus ELC

The Kelly Sports Clinic conducted four physical skills sessions with children in the four-year-old program at our ELC. All children had the opportunity to engage in two sessions. Explicit teaching took place around the following skills: balancing, throwing and catching a ball; dribbling and kicking a ball; target aiming and throwing; squeezing strengthening exercises and small hurdle jumping. The gross motor and hand-eye coordination activities contribute to the development of fine motor skills. Some of the experiences challenged children; however, they persisted and were willing to have another turn and repeat the exercise.

Deborah Waters
ELC Teacher

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Middle and Senior School Summer Sports Awards

Concordia congratulates the following recipients of 2024 Summer Sports Awards.

Boys' Sport

Cricket

Year 7	Gabe 7KSPA	Most Valuable Player
Year 7	Jack 7NBRO	Best Team Player
Middle	Harry 8JCAR	Batting Award
Middle	Jackson 9MGAS	Most Valuable Player
1st XI	Henry 10SSCH	Best Team Player
1st XI	Leon 11RAMO	Most Valuable Player

Tennis

Year 7	Noah 7RBRO	Rising Star
Year 7	Hugo 7NBRO	Rising Star
Year 8	Roxley 8SFOR	Best Performed
Year 8	Darcy 8LTHO	Coach's Award - Commitment
Year 9	Archie 9SWHI	Best Performed
Year 9	Mike 9MSMA	Best Performed
Year 10	Jacob 10BWHA	Coach's Award - Commitment
Year 10	Sam 10BWHA	Coach's Award - Commitment

Year 11	Fraser 11ALON	Coach's Award - Leadership

Volleyball

Year 7	Fred 7LSCO	Rising Star
Year 7	Jack 7NBRO	Coach's Award - Commitment and Discipline
Year 7	Nicholas 7SCHE	Coach's Award - Improvement
Year 7	Lucas 7NBRO	Coach's Award - Improvement
Year 7	Henry 7RBRO	Best Team Player
Year 8	Jamie 8LBRO	Most Valuable Player
Year 8	Daniel 8RCRO	Coach's Award - Improvement
Year 9	Baxter 9NSHR	Rising Star
Year 9	Will 9MGAS	Best Team Player
Year 9	Thomas 9MGAS	Most Valuable Player
Year 9	Damien 9NSHR	Coach's Award - Improvement
Year 10	Tom 10VNAR	Coach's Award - Commitment
Year 10	Ben 10BWHA	Coach's Award - Improvement
Year 10	Ethan 10BWHA	Most Valuable Player
Year 11	Ky 11DWHE	Most Valuable Player
Year 11	Tom 11ALON	Best Team Player
Year 11	Alex 11EBAB	Coach's Award - Improvement

Additional Award - Boys' Cricket

Presented to Leon (107), 16 November 2024, Concordia (5/176) defeated Blackfriars Priory School (8/107).

Girls' Sport

Basketball

Senior A	Amber 10VNAR	Coach's Award - Commitment
Senior A	Issy 10BWHA	Most Valuable Player
Senior B	Ella 11DWHE	Best Performed
Senior B	Olivia 10BWHA	Coach's Award - Commitment
Senior B	Lola 10VNAR	Best Team Player
Middle A	Nari 9VMIE	Most Valuable Player
Middle A	Poppy 8LBRO	Best Defensive Player
Middle A	Sanya 9CRID	Best Team Plater
Middle B	Evie 9VMIE	Best Team Player
Middle B	Sienna 8JCAR	Most Valuable Player
Middle B	Annabelle 8RCRO	Rising Star
Middle C	Serin 7NBRO	Most Valuable Player
Middle C	Bethany 7NBRO	Coach's Award - Commitment
Middle C	Piper 7SCHE	Coach's Award - Commitment
Middle C	Ashlynn 7KSPA	Best Performed
Middle C	Ella 7SCHE	Coach's Award - Improvement

Middle C	Elsie 7LBRO	Best Team Player

Cricket

Girls' Cricket	Finella 8RCRO	Batting Award
Girls' Cricket	Liv 8JCAR	Most Valuable Player
Girls' Cricket	Stella 7LSCO	Rising Star

Tennis

Premier League	Phoebe 11ALON	Best Team Player
Premier League	Anna 8SMAR	Coach's Award - Commitment
Premier League	Sophia 8LBRO	Coach's Award - Improvement
Div 2	Olivia 10JDIV	Most Valuable Player
Div 2	Lilah 8JCAR	Coach's Award - Commitment
Div 2	Sophie 10VNAR	Coach's Award - Improvement

Volleyball

Senior A2	Hannah 10VNAR	Most Valuable Player
Senior A2	Hayley 11RGOG	Coach's Award - Consistency
Senior B	Sammi 10SSCH	Most Valuable Player
Senior B	Lola 10VNAR	Best Team Player
Senior C1	Emma 10VNAR	Most Valuable Player
Senior C1	Charlotte 10JDIV	Best Team Player
Senior C2	Annabel 9TFUR	Most Valuable Player
Senior C2	Lily 9TFUR	Best Team Player
Senior C2	Amelia 8LTHO	Coach's Award - Improvement
Senior C3	Rebecca 9RBEN	Coach's Award - Improvement
Senior C3	Georgina 9RBEN	Most Valuable Player
Middle A	Sophie 9RBEN	Most Valuable Player
Middle A	Eva 9VMIE	Coach's Award - Consistency
Middle A	Eva 9TFUR	Best Team Player

Thank you to all who participated in our 2024 summer sports program.

David Serotzki
Boys' Sport Coordinator

Sue Serotzki
Girls' Sport Coordinator

Vittoria Peresano
Year 7 Sport Coordinator

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Student Achievements

Congratulations to the following students on achieving extraordinary results in their Australian Music Examination Board (AMEB) exams:

- **Lani 9CRID** - Associate Diploma of Music (AMus) Oboe
- **Jeshurun 7KSPA** - Grade 8 Violin Repertoire A+ (High Distinction)
- **Annabel 10JDIV** - Grade 4 Piano for Leisure A+ (High Distinction)
- **Ilsa 8JCAR** - Grade 4 Piano for Leisure A (Honours)
- **Anna 8SMAR** - Grade 3 Piano for Leisure A (Honours)
- **Ashlynn 7KSPA** - Grade 2 Piano for Leisure A+ (High Distinction)
- **Charlotte 10JDIV** - Grade 4 Flute Comprehensive A (Honours)
- **Nicholas 9NSHR** - Grade 4 Flute Comprehensive A (Honours)
- **Lilicia 7NBRO** - Grade 3 Flute Comprehensive A (Honours)
- **Kenzie 9NSHR** - Grade 3 Flute Comprehensive B+ (Credit)
- **Charles 6JS** - Grade 4 French Horn Repertoire A+ (High Distinction)
- **Wilson 5RG** - Grade 8 Piano

Congratulations to **Jane 3ER**, who received a High Distinction in the Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC), placing her in the top 3% in South Australia. This is one of the largest mathematics competitions globally, with over 300,000 participants annually from more than 30 countries. It challenges students' problem-solving and critical thinking skills beyond the standard curriculum.

Additionally, in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS), Jane received the following results:

- Science Medal Winner, scoring scored 100% in Science and earning a medal.
- Distinction in English (top 6% in Australia)
- Distinction in Mathematics (top 8% in Australia)

The ICAS is a prestigious series of academic assessments designed to extend and challenge students across various subjects. Each year, over one million students from 20+ countries participate, with medals awarded only to the top-scoring students globally. Well done, Jane!

Jane with her AMC certificate

Jane holding her ICAS certificate

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Diary Dates

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The School Shop

Term Time Opening Hours

General trading – no appointment required.

- Monday: 8am - 4pm
- Wednesday: 12.30pm - 4pm
- Thursday: 12.30pm - 6.15pm
- Friday: 2.30 - 4.30pm (Terms 1 and 4)

  (Closed on Public Holidays)

The School Shop will be closed from Tuesday 10 December and will reopen on Wednesday 22 January 2025.

Exchanges, top-up purchases and collection of orders can be made during Holiday Opening as seen below.

Holiday Opening Hours - January 2025

- Wednesday 22 January: 8.00am - 4.00pm
- Thursday 23 January: 12.30 - 6.15pm
- Friday 24 January: 12.30 – 4.00pm
- Monday 27 January: **Closed** (Public Holiday)
- Tuesday 28 January: 8.30am - 5.30pm
- Wednesday 29 January: 8.00am - 4.00pm
- Thursday 30 January: 12.30 - 6.15pm (Term time hours resume)

Senior School Jumpers - Order Now for 2025

2025 Pre-Order Seniors Jumpers

Students in Years 10–12 will require a grey Seniors Jumper. To assist us with our ordering, please pre-order by **Monday 9 December** for availability in Term 1 2025. No payment or commitment is required until your jumper is available in 2025.

Poly/cotton Seniors Jumpers

Students who are unable to wear the wool/nylon Seniors Jumper are now able to order the poly/cotton alternative. These jumpers are available by special order only. Please place your order or indicate your interest by **Monday 9 December** for availability in Term 1 2025. Size samples are available to try on in The School Shop. No payment is required until your jumper is ready to collect in 2025.

Uniform 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 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. Students in Years 7-12 are emailed to advise when their orders are ready to be collected. For students in ELC-Year 6, email advice is sent to parents/caregivers.

Glass Coffee Cups Now Available

Introducing our sleek new Glass Coffee Cup with a versatile lid—perfect for travelling or doubling as a coaster. Buy yours today for $15.00 - the perfect blend of form and function!

Head to the School Shop (click here for opening times).

ELC Items - In Stock Now

Stock of the following items for ELC students is limited, so please email your order to: schoolshop@concordia.sa.edu.au and we will ensure your request is prioritised.

- Beanies
- Long Sleeve Polo Shirts

PE Polo Shirt

The old style gold and navy PE polo shirts are now discontinued and students are required to have the new navy PE polo shirt.

Umbrellas

The following items are now available in The School Shop:

- Golf umbrellas - $38 each
- Fold-up umbrellas - $28 each

Secondhand Clothing

Stock Wanted – now is the time to clear out the wardrobes!

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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CC Café Term 4 Menu

Our CC Café Term 4 menu is here! Download a copy of the menu to see what is on offer this term.

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Public Notices & Events

- **Minda** is running a big Christmas fundraiser - the Community Christmas Carols and Markets on Saturday 7 December from 12-7pm. The event will feature live music and entertainment, Christmas carols, over 50 market stalls, raffle prizes, food trucks, rides and amusements, face painting, a petting zoo, and a visit from Santa and Mrs Claus. The money raised from this event will help create experiences and memories for people supported by Minda, an organisation which supports people with intellectual disability in South Australia. All are welcome. Download a flyer for more information.
- **Glen Osmond Baptist Church** is hosting a 'Carols on the Oval' event at Glen Osmond Primary School from 5.00-7.30pm on Christmas Eve (Tuesday 24 December). There will be a free sausage sizzle, inflatable games, a petting zoo, ice cream and more from 5pm followed by community Christmas carols from 6pm. Download a flyer for more information.
- The **Rotary Club of Mitcham's bookshop** is having a big half price sale from Sunday 1

December to Tuesday 31 December. Download a flyer for more information, including location and opening hours.

- **Code Camp** is running fun-filled summer holiday programs near Concordia. Download a flyer and use the coupon code to receive $25 off the registration price. This summer, as a little holiday treat, they're also rolling out tons of free activities for Aussie kids—from live online lessons to trivia parties and activity packs. Download a flyer for more information about these activities.
- **Head for the Hills** is running school holiday mountain biking activities, in addition to their ongoing programs. Visit their website for more information about these holiday activities.

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