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From the Director of People and Culture

As a newcomer to the Concordia College community, I have had the unique opportunity to observe and experience the heart of what makes our College so special—its people. From the moment I stepped through the gates, I was struck by the genuine warmth, professionalism and student-centred approach that defines the culture.

One of the most exciting aspects of my early experience has been the chance to work across all three of our campuses. While each campus has its own unique setting and atmosphere,

they are united by a shared commitment to student success, wellbeing and a strong foundation of faith.

What has impressed me most is the unwavering dedication of both teaching and College operations staff. Across every campus, there is a consistent sense of purpose and pride in the work being done. Whether in the classroom, in operational support roles or in leadership, staff are clearly invested in creating a thriving, inclusive environment for every student.

I've felt genuinely welcomed by colleagues from day one. Teachers have kindly invited me into their classrooms, offering a front-row seat to the engaging, student-centred learning experiences they create every day. The level of care and thought they put into their teaching is obvious—and inspiring.

Beyond the classroom, the inclusive and collaborative spirit continues. I was honoured to be invited to sit on a business panel for Year 5 students—an experience that highlighted the school's commitment to real-world learning, entrepreneurship and student voice. I've also had the opportunity to join team meetings, where it's clear that open communication, shared learning and support for one another are deeply valued.

What's clear to me is that this is a school community where every staff member plays an essential role in shaping a positive and dynamic environment for students. The passion for education and the genuine care for each student's development shine through in the everyday work performed throughout the College.

I feel incredibly fortunate to be part of this wonderful team and I am excited about what lies ahead.

Bec Murphy

Director of People and Culture

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Puppet Making in the ELC

This month in the ELC our youngest learners explored puppet making. Creativity and imagination took centre stage as the children designed their puppets using felt, fabric markers and feathers. With the assistance of ELC Director Sarah Davis and her sewing machine, we then sewed the puppets together. This experience encouraged children to explore self-expression, storytelling and fine motor skills.

Claire Oakley

ELC Teacher (Room 1)

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Enrichment and Extended Learning News

At Concordia, the Extension and Enrichment Program offers a diverse range of opportunities, including academic competitions, extracurricular activities and in-class differentiation, to engage and challenge students beyond the standard curriculum.

da Vinci Decathlon success

Recently we had a Year 7 and a Year 9 team represent Concordia at the annual da Vinci Decathlon competition. This challenging academic competition is designed to stimulate the minds of students across 10 different disciplines.

Competing against 23 schools on both days, our students achieved outstanding results. Our Year 7 team placed fourth overall in the state, while our Year 9 team secured seventh place—an exceptional accomplishment in a highly competitive field. Together, our teams earned five top three finishes across the disciplines of Science, Cartography, Art and Poetry, Creative Producers, and an incredible first place in the state for Legacy. Legacy is a section of the competition where students need to demonstrate detailed knowledge of the life of Leonardo da Vinci and the Renaissance period as well as a wide variety of general knowledge. In total, we achieved eight top five results across seven of the 10 disciplines, showcasing the depth and breadth of our students' talent and teamwork.

Congratulations to all our team members for representing our school with distinction.

2025 da Vinci Decathlon teams

Rostrum Voice of Youth – State Finalist

We congratulate **Sophia (9ALAM)** for winning her semi-final and advancing to the State Final of the Rostrum Voice of Youth competition. **Eva (9ALAM)** also competed in the semi-final and delivered two outstanding speeches. Sophia will be one of four State Finalists in the Junior section. This year there were 178 entrants from 36 schools across the Northern Territory, regional South Australia and metropolitan Adelaide. Sophia will compete in the State Final at Old Parliament House in June. Congratulations to Sophia and Eva on their extraordinary achievements.

Emma Rieger

Enrichment and Extended Learning

Sophia (9ALAM) – Rostrum Voice of Youth state finalist

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P&F Quiz Night 2025

Thank you to everyone who came along and made this year's P&F Quiz Night such a memorable event!

A special shout-out to those who truly embraced the fun—the costumes and outfits were fantastic! The energy in the room reminded us that the Quiz Night is really about community and enjoying coming together. This year's event raised around \$25,000, which will go toward funding College projects that will enrich the educational experiences of our students across our three campuses, ELC–Year 12. Over the years, P&F funds have supported a wide range of initiatives, including the St John's Campus playground, a trailer for Music and Performing Arts and a kitchen upgrade at St Peters Campus. Funding submissions will be invited later in the year.

A big thank you to our wonderful organising team, the bar and event crew, and our auctioneer Jarad Henry from LJ Hooker Glenelg | Brighton. Thanks also to Emily Borowicki, Middle School Learning Leader, for doing a fantastic job as MC.

We are also very grateful to all of our live auction, wine wall and raffle donors—your generosity helped make the night such a success.

Thank you again to our live auction donors:

- Robert Watt - Route 9 Distillery
- The Tomalin Family - The Beach House Middleton
- Miaomiao Zhang, Klemich Real Estate
- The Art Gallery of South Australia
- Arthur Stavrou – Standon Lawyers Pty Ltd
- Coonawarra Bush Holiday Park

Darren Klingner
P&F President

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Tania Ingram—Author-in-Residence

We are thrilled to welcome award-winning children's author Tania Ingram as our 2025 Author-in-Residence. Over the course of two weeks, Tania is working closely with all Year 6, 7 and 8 students, sharing her expertise to connect them with the craft of storytelling, empower their creativity, and challenge them to become confident, imaginative writers.

Tania is the acclaimed author of numerous books for children, including several that have been

shortlisted for prestigious literary awards and others that have received notable mentions for their originality and impact. Her writing is known for its warmth, humour and ability to capture the imagination of young readers.

During her residency, Year 6 students are diving into the foundations of storytelling, learning about the importance of a compelling story arc and what drives authentic characters. Year 7 students are exploring the structural and literary elements of picture books, and with Tania's guidance, they are beginning the exciting process of crafting their own. Year 8 students are examining traditional fairy tales and 'twisted tales', drawing on Tania's professional insights to create their own modern interpretations.

Meanwhile, a Year 9 English class is reading Tania's heartfelt novel *The Other Shadow*, and will have the extraordinary opportunity to participate in a Q&A session with the author—deepening their understanding of the writing process and the themes explored in the text.

We are incredibly grateful to provide our students with such extraordinary opportunities to learn from a celebrated author whose work continues to connect, empower and challenge young readers and writers alike.

Hajnalka Molloy

Learning Resources Manager

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Cross-Campus ELC Connections

On a very rainy morning in May, the St John's Campus ELC children came to visit St Peters Campus ELC. The St Peters Campus children eagerly watched for the bus to arrive through the windows as we witnessed the rain falling. Within minutes of the rain clearing, the Concordia bus rolled into the carpark and there were squeals of delight from all children as they were greeted at the fence.

The rain created a picture-perfect setting for our morning of play, exploration and connection in nature.

From 'fishing' in the puddles to building stick houses and making clay balls – this amazing opportunity to establish and extend our cross-campus connections made for a perfect day. The sun even came out by the end of our time together, just in time for us to enjoy our picnic lunch.

We are looking forward to further opportunities for our children to learn and connect together throughout the year.

Sarah Midson

ELC Director — St Peters Campus

Year 11 Child Studies Students Cater for St Peters Campus Year 2/3 Students

Recently, Year 2/3 students from our St Peters Campus at Blackwood had the wonderful opportunity to participate in a hands-on learning experience with the Year 11 Child Studies class at our Concordia Campus, Highgate. The Year 11 students prepared personalised lunchboxes, thoughtfully designed to meet each younger student's dietary requirements. This summative activity was a fantastic success! Both the Year 11 students and the Year 2/3 students thoroughly enjoyed the delicious, nutritious meals.

This project was an important part of the Year 11 curriculum, aligning with their study of The Nature of Childhood and the Socialisation and Development of Children.

This collaborative effort not only enriched the Year 2/3 students' lunchtime, but it also gave Year 11 students valuable real-world experience in child nutrition and meal planning. It was a wonderful example of learning through action and community connection at Concordia College.

Mersina Harpas

Food Design and Child Studies Teacher

Lisa Smith

Year 2 Teacher — St Peters Campus

String Students Shine in Intensive Rehearsal Day at Nunyara

On Tuesday 3 June, students from Years 5–12 in Chamber Strings and String Ensemble took part in a focused day of music-making at the scenic Nunyara Conference Centre. Under the expert direction of ensemble directors Martin Butler and Therese Smith, students engaged in intensive rehearsals aimed at both refining their current repertoire and exploring new works.

The day provided an invaluable opportunity for students to deepen their ensemble skills, develop musical cohesion and enjoy time immersed in their craft. With the support and mentorship of their directors, students made significant progress and returned inspired and better prepared for upcoming performances.

Kellie Rich

Head of Music Performance ELC–12

Year 3 Cleland Wildlife Park Excursion

On Friday of Week 5, our St John's Campus Year 3 students were blessed with an abundance of parent volunteers and perfect weather for exploring the Cleland Wildlife Park. This excursion connected with our current 'How We Organise Ourselves' Central Idea *'Humans create systems to classify and understand the world.'*

From prior learning about using a dichotomous key to classify different types of animals, students were able to apply their classroom learning to real-life examples of reptiles, marsupials, mammals, insects and birds in the Wildlife Park. We also got to meet some of the animals (a bandicoot, lizard and turtle), observing up close the features and adaptations animals have. Students were able to feed the kangaroos, spot the echidnas and watch the sleepy koalas. Thank you to all who supported this valuable learning experience.

Daniel Halman and Tammee Secombe

Year 3 Teachers — St John's Campus

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Stage 2 Drama Presents 'The Thing About Love'

'The thing about love is that it's hard to sustain.'

'It can manifest itself in so many different forms.'

'It's messy. Like, complicated.'

'Sometimes it catches you by surprise...'

'Sometimes that surprise is the best part...'

Families, friends and special acquaintances, you are cordially invited to join us in the Drama Centre to celebrate five weddings a birthday party!

Hot on the heels of our super successful Adelaide Fringe season of our original 2024 production, 'Metropolis Now', the Stage 2 Drama class is back with yet another original offering, 'The Thing About Love.' This brand new one-act romantic comedy follows a group of friends and the twists and turns on their path to finding true love while attending each other's weddings—and a birthday party. This feel-good comedy, filled with relatable characters and all-too-familiar situations, celebrates love in all its wonderful, awkward, heartbreaking, surprising, ridiculous, painful, illogical, terrifying and beautiful glory.

As a Drama teacher, you hope to inspire young people to discover their identity as artists while nurturing their creativity, not just as students of Drama, but as thriving authentic theatre makers. 'The Thing About Love' is the result of this group of students doing just that. Their desire to devise new work reflecting themes and characters important to them has been inspiring to me, not just as their teacher, but also as a playwright. Following discussions about the kinds of stories they wanted to tell, I was prompted to lead them through a process of exploring their perspectives on love and relationships through Drama and storytelling while

honouring their passion for making theatre that pushes the boundaries of 'just another school play.'

We invite you to join us at a table as guests at these five weddings (and a birthday party)—though we cannot be held responsible if you have the sudden urge to break out into the Nutbush! Tickets are on sale now via TryBooking. Guests have the option of bringing their own basket supper (no alcohol) or pre-ordering a cheese platter when purchasing tickets online. Friends of Performing Arts will also have cupcakes, (non-alcoholic) drinks and chips available for purchase at the performances.

Please come and support this extraordinary group of emerging artists in their final major production as Concordia Drama students.

*'The real truth that nobody tells you is that you'll just know it when you feel it'
'Because it's a feeling that only you can know'
'And it will hit you when you least expect it...'*

The Thing About Love

- Dates: Wednesday 11 and Friday 13 June
- Time: 6:30pm
- Tickets: Adults \$15 | Concession \$10
 - Adult + Cheese Platter (for 4-6 people) \$50
 - Concession + Cheese Platter (for 4-6 people) \$45

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

Aldo Longobardi

Drama Coordinator and Stage 2 Drama Teacher

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National Simultaneous Storytime 2025

This year was the 25th anniversary of National Simultaneous Storytime, an annual literature event in Australian libraries.

The story chosen for this event was 'The Truck Cat', a story about Tinka the cat and Yacoub a truck driver, who are constant companions until they are separated. This is a beautiful story about belonging, friendship and home.

At St John's Campus, the story was shared during Junior Primary borrowing times in the library throughout Week 4. Students also participated in an activity related to the book.

Some students brought in toy trucks and cats to add to the display in the library, together with the large cardboard cut-out truck.

A photobooth opportunity for students was organised, where students had their photo taken with a stuffed cat, looking like they were sitting in a truck!

Nolene Thiele

Resource Manager – St John's Campus

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Year 9 Dance takes on Acro!

Circus performer, dancer, and freelance artist Abbie Madden recently delivered an inspiring Acro workshop to our Year 9 Dance students. A proud Adelaide-based performer, Abbie brought a wealth of industry experience to the session, including her ongoing work as Training Coordinator at Access2Arts and tutor at Restless Dance Theatre.

Students thoroughly enjoyed their time with Abbie as they experimented with new performance and partner skills such as shoulder stands, thigh stands and counterbalances. They developed greater independence and confidence while learning the importance of safe dance practices, an essential foundation for anyone aspiring to work in the performing arts industry. Well done, team!

Carla Bigioli

Dance & Drama Teacher – St John's Campus

Dance Teacher – Concordia Campus

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St John's Campus ELC visits Resthaven

On Monday 19 May, the ELC Children from Room 3 caught the bus to visit the residents at Resthaven in Malvern. In the week before the excursion, the children had been practising the songs that they were going to sing and had been making little gifts out of paper and craft supplies to give to the 'Grand-friends'. They did a wonderful job of performing on the day as well as participating in some songs with shakers and tapping sticks, which the residents joined in with. The parachute song was a lot of fun, and then some stories were read together before the children walked back to the ELC. This excursion was part of an inquiry into how we can show love and serve other people.

Sarah Davis

ELC Director — St John's Campus

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Exciting Digital Art Opportunity from the City of Unley

The City of Unley is offering an exciting opportunity for young people interested in digital art. See below for more information.

Digital Arts Program

Interested in learning more about digital arts? If you are a Visual Art student in Years 9–12, join our free student workshop. In this workshop facilitated by professional digital artist Dave Atze you will learn digital art techniques which you will use to create showcase-ready work to be exhibited on screens across Unley.

You might also like to attend our free public forum, which features a panel of professional digital artists and industry experts, who will speak about the programs and methods used for digital arts, as well as the range of pathways in the digital arts field.

For more information, contact Laura De Bono, Community Development Project Officer – Youth at the City of Unley.

[Find Out More](#) (opens an external website in a new window)

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Upcoming Music Concerts

Members of the Concordia community are warmly invited to three upcoming concerts to be held in the College Chapel. Please see details below. We'd love to see you there supporting our talented Music students!

String Soiree

- Date: Friday 6 June
- Time: 5.00pm
- Location: Concordia College Chapel, Concordia Campus
- Featuring: All large and small string groups from St John's Campus and Concordia Campus
- Tickets: Entry is free and no bookings are necessary

Winter Winds

- Date: Thursday 12 June
- Time: 7.00pm
- Location: Concordia College Chapel, Concordia Campus
- Featuring: Rock Bands, Funk Band, Concert Bands and Big Bands involving students from Years 4 to 12.
- Tickets: Entry is free and no bookings are necessary

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Celebrating Our Students' Success in the SAGTA Poster Competition

Last year, 42 students from Years 4, 5, and 6 participated in the SA German Teachers Association (SAGTA) Poster Competition, organised annually to showcase students' creativity in German. This time, the topic was "Niedersachsen" (a state in Germany). **Elizabeth 5EH** won the Middle Primary Competition, and **Irene 6RG** secured third place. **Alexander 6JS** and **Neva 5MP** each received a 'Special Mention'. What an extraordinary achievement! Well done, everyone. Stay tuned for this year's Poster Competition in Term 4, which will be open to all students from St John's Campus this year.

Vicky Miegel

German Teacher

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ELC–Year 6 Pyjama Day and Year 7–12 Non-Uniform Day on Friday 6 June

As part of our current efforts to contribute to the work of The Salvation Army, ELC to Year 12 students at all campuses are invited to participate in a non-uniform day this **Friday 6 June**.

Please see specific details for various year levels below.

ELC to Year 6

- Bring a gold coin donation to wear pyjamas for the day
- ELC to Year 6 families may also like to contribute further to the Concordia Campus fundraising efforts via the link below

Years 7 to 12

- Bring a gold coin donation to wear non-uniform clothes for the day
- Students in Years 7–12 can become a Digital Doorknock and Sleepout 'Team Member', sleepout at home on Saturday 7 June and seek sponsorships (click the link below and then click 'Join Concordia College').
- A number of Middle and Senior School staff and students will also participate in an Ice Bucket Challenge at lunchtime; the closer we get to our \$7,000 goal, the more staff get involved

Please refer to the Non-Uniform Day notice on the College app for a list of non-uniform day clothing requirements.

We look forward to a great day supporting the work of The Salvation Army.

[Donate Online](#) (opens an external website in a new window)

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Languages News—Schiller Prize

Congratulations to **Lucas (12CHEL)**, who has been awarded the Schiller Prize by the South Australian German Teachers Association (SAGTA), for his outstanding achievement in Stage 2 German Continuers in 2024. Lucas achieved (jointly) the second highest result in the state. As he was unable to attend the official award ceremony at the annual German Teachers Conference, Lucas was presented with his award and prize at our Assembly on Friday 23 May.

Gratuliere, Lucas!

Trish Prenzler

Languages Coordinator and SAGTA Vice-President

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Save the Date: City-Bay Fun Run

Join the Concordia College Team for the 2025 City to Bay!

This year, our P&F will be entering a team in the City-Bay Fun Run. Please save the date and join our team!

- **Date: Sunday 21 September 2025**

We'd love to see as many members of our community as possible walk, run, or wheelchair in this year's City to Bay event! Whether you're up for:

- ☐☐☐ 3 km
- ☐☐☐ 6 km
- ☐ 12 km
- ☐ Or even a Half Marathon!

There's a distance for everyone—students, staff, families and friends! Let's make it a fun and memorable day together!

A link will be provided in the coming weeks for Concordia College Team registrations.

Enjoy the following benefits:

- Great community connection opportunity
- Choose your preferred race distance
- Free Mt Franklin water
- Free transport to and from the finish/start lines (available until 2:00pm)
- Participants' medal

- Bragging rights!

All participants are invited to a Concordia community gathering at Wigley Reserve, Glenelg. We will have our own tent and light refreshments.

We hope to see you there!

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National Reconciliation Week 2025

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) calls each one of us to reflect on the history of our nation, with all its beauty and all its pain. It calls us to open our hearts and minds to find a way forward, where truth telling, acknowledgement and respect can be our guide.

Over the past week, Concordia students and staff have engaged in a range of activities to strengthen understanding and appreciation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, histories, and perspectives.

We learnt through classroom activities, Year 7 and 8 student-led cultural games, from Robert Taylor at the City of Unley NRW Event, and through conversations with Kaurna artist Sam Gollan whilst collaborating on painting a mural.

On Friday afternoon, staff and students from Reception to Year 12 gathered for an assembly with special guest singer/songwriter Scott Rathman Jnr, a descendent of the Arrernte people of Central Australia. We appreciated Scott's gentle, passionate approach to sharing his culture with us. The Concordia Rock Band performed "Solid Rock" by Shane Howard as part of Reconciliation Australia's 'Voices for Reconciliation'. Cousins Nari and Maja read the Acknowledgement of Country as a Year 5–7 dance group performed a beautiful dance to an original soundtrack produced by Year 6 students Lia and Miya.

As a community of learners, we continue our commitment to reconciliation, *Bridging Now to Next*.

Nancy Wells

Reconciliation Action Plan Coordinator

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Year 9 Drama Presents 'The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon' by Don Zolidis

On Thursday 19 June at 6:30pm, Year 9 Drama students will perform *The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon* by Don Zolidis. In a madcap and fast-paced show, two narrators and a cast of actors attempt to tell all of the Brothers Grimm fairy tales in one hour!

This semester, students have been exploring physical performance styles and the conventions of Melodrama and will showcase their skills in this public performance. Entry is free, so come along for a laugh!

Daniel Lynch
Drama Teacher

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St Peters Campus Year 1 Update

Exploring the Life Cycle of a Butterfly

Inspired by Mr Weinert's Chapel talk on new life and butterflies, the Year 1 students at St Peters Campus created a vibrant butterfly display and explored the fascinating life cycle of this delicate insect.

Through their learning, students discovered that a cycle is a repeating pattern found in many living things. They reflected on how all creatures grow and change, just like butterflies do—from caterpillars to chrysalises to beautiful winged creatures.

The students also shared thoughtful insights about how our differences make us unique and beautiful, just like butterflies. They discussed how we grow and change from babies to children and eventually adults, and how God lovingly watches over each stage of our journey. They were reminded that God helps us grow into the image of His Son, Jesus.

As part of our 'Sharing the Planet' unit of inquiry, students have been joyfully engaged in learning through play and hands-on exploration. Using puzzles, crafts and seed experiments, they investigated the fascinating world of plants—focusing especially on apple trees.

Through inquiry-based activities, students developed their understanding of how plants grow, what they need to thrive and the important role they play in our environment. Their curiosity and creativity were on full display as they asked questions, made observations, and shared their discoveries with one another.

National Reconciliation Week in Year 1

Reconciliation Week was an invitation for students to boldly ask questions about our First Nations people; wonders we might otherwise feel scared to ask. We looked at maps of all the different Aboriginal tribes throughout Australia and discussed their own unique language and culture shaped by their environment. We asked the question, '*What is Reconciliation Week and why do we need it?*' This curiosity sparked a lesson about colonial England and a land white people once called Terra Nullius. We used Adam Goodes and Ellie Laing's book *Somebody's Land* to understand this history more. We discovered that symbols and not letters were how First Nations people communicated a message if they couldn't tell each other. This realisation sparked a bookmaking lesson full of oral language stories and symbol making in clay.

Olivia Livingston and Nicolle Jakube

Year 1 Teachers — St Peters Campus

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Free SchoolTV Webinar

SchoolTV are offering a one-off free webinar for parents, caregivers, grandparents, educators and school leaders. Please see details below.

- **Date: Thursday 19 June**
- **Time: 7.30pm**
- **Topic: Digital Media Literacy and Safety (Part II)**

More Information about the Webinar from SchoolTV

Join SchoolTV for an exclusive session with two of Australia's leading experts in youth wellbeing and cybersafety, Susan McLean and Dr Michael Carr-Gregg. They will share invaluable insights on how to empower young people to navigate the online world safely and responsibly.

Registrations are essential.

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

[Register Now](#) (opens an external website in a new window)

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St Peters Campus Blackwood Library Excursion

In Week 4, our Reception and Year 1 students set off on a special walking excursion to the Blackwood Library (Tiwu Kumangka). The excursion was a wonderful opportunity for students to connect with stories, their community and the world around them.

Upon arrival, we were welcomed into the children's area of the library, where we enjoyed a lively storytime session. One of the staff, Sallie, captivated the children with two beautiful stories. Following this, the students explored the children's library collection with great excitement. They had the opportunity to browse the shelves, chat about their favourite books, and each borrowed a special book to take home and share with their families.

The walk itself became an important part of our learning experience. The children showed great commitment and enthusiasm, walking safely to and from the library. On our return journey, the walk was transformed into a community scavenger hunt! With their scavenger bags in hand, students kept an eye out for a range of interesting items and landmarks, collecting a treat as they reached each location.

This rich and engaging excursion supported our students' growing independence, sense of belonging and love of stories. We are so proud of the way our young learners embraced the experience with enthusiasm, curiosity, joy and respect.

Laura Bengner

Reception Teacher — St Peters Campus

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Adelaide South East District Sapsasa Cross Country Carnival

On Friday 23 May, the annual Adelaide South East Sapsasa Cross Country Carnival was held on a bright and sunny day at Kensington Oval, bringing together 13 schools from across the district for a fun and energetic event. 15 Concordia students from Years 4, 5 and 6 showcased great determination and endurance as they navigated either the 2km or 3km course. Congratulations to all competitors, especially **Charlie (4ER)** (first place) **Elliot (6JS)** (fourth place) and **Leighton (5AR)** (sixth place), who have all qualified to represent the district at the State Championships. The team would also like to thank Mr Routley for helping with trainings in the lead up to the event.

Mick Phillips

PE Teacher and Sports Coordinator – St John's Campus

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Year 7/8 Knockout Basketball

The Year 7/8 boys' and girls' Knockout Basketball teams travelled to St Francis de Sales, Mount Barker, where they played two games in order to advance to the crossover stage. Both teams faced Tennison Woods in the first game and Modbury in the second game.

The boys lost the first game to a tough Tennison Woods team, but bounced back very well in the second. After a close contest, Modbury just pulled away at the end to win by 10 points.

The boys then played a fifth/sixth playoff against St Francis de Sales. Despite St Francis jumping out to a 12-point halftime lead, Concordia fought back and managed to tie the game in the final minute. With five seconds left on the clock, Concordia secured a rebound and scored a buzzer-beater to win the game by two points.

The girls cruised through their first two games, winning by an average of 25 points. It was a well-rounded offensive effort, with everyone contributing.

The girls advanced to the crossover, where they played last year's Year 7/8 Knockout winners, Sacred Heart. It was an incredibly tough game, but Concordia hung in. Going into the last

quarter, they were down by eight points, but made a big run to bring the game within one point with two minutes left. Unfortunately, Sacred Heart proved too tough and finished as five-point winners. An amazing effort by the girls!

Kristopher Nicola

Supervisor

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Student Achievements

Congratulations to the following students who recently competed at the Adelaide Eisteddfod:

- **Wilson (6JS)** was awarded first place in the Certificate of Performance Piano Solo category
- **Sherry (11RAMO)** won first place in the 18 Years and Under Romantic Solo category
- **Jude (12TMCC)** won first place in the 25 Years and Under Any String Instrument Solo category

Well done on these excellent achievements!

Wilson with his certificate and trophy at the Adelaide Eisteddfod

Sherry with her certificate and trophy at the Adelaide Eisteddfod

Jude with his certificate at the Adelaide Eisteddfod

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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

(Closed on Public Holidays)

Mid-Year Stocktake

The School Shop will be **closed** for stocktake on Friday 27 June and will reopen on Thursday 17 July (see holiday opening hours below).

Mid-Year (July) 2025 School Holiday Opening Hours

- Thursday 17 July: 12.30pm - 6.15pm
- Friday 18 July: 12.30pm - 4.30pm

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.

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 2 Menu

[Download a copy of the CC Café menu for Term 2](#) to see what is on offer.

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Public Notices & Events

- **Young Engineers Australia** are running 'Speedsters: Automobile and Aviation' Robotics and Engineering Camp in the July school holidays, at our St John's Campus. Places are limited. [Download a flyer](#) for more information or [click here to book online](#).
- **Code Camp** is running school holiday programs in the mid-year school holidays. [Download a flyer](#) and use the code to receive a \$25 discount.
- **Sturt Football Club** is hosting The Blue Brick Road—a fun, interactive trail for kids from 1.00pm on Monday 9 June (King's Birthday public holiday) at Unley Oval. There will be

bouncy castles, face painting, fairy floss/popcorn, kick'n'catch footy skills, junior cheer squad, giveaways and a meet and greet with Bluey, the Club mascot. In addition to the Blue Brick Road there will be a festival with food trucks, a DJ and a large screen. On field, Sturt take on Norwood. Special offer for families: use the code BBR25 to access 2 free parent passes. All attendees go in the draw to win a Capri Cinema Double Pass. Kids under 18 enter free. [Click here to register](#).

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