

FACTA NON VERBA

Term 1 – 03.02.2009



In the meantime if you need to speak to the teacher or stage assistant principal or myself please ring the school to make an appointment.

Dear Parents/Caregivers.

Welcome back to everyone and a special welcome to all our new students and their families.

School Hours

Teacher supervision of children is provided from 8.30am to 3.00pm. Concord Out Of School Hours (COOSH) operates a Before and After School Care centre within our grounds for students who need care before 8.30am or after 3.00pm. Please contact COOSH for information on 9701 0921.

Parking

Parking around schools is always a problem. Parking rules have changed so please read all signs carefully. A suggestion is to park in Broughton Street and walk the short distance to school.

Classes for 2009

The enrolment process has been completed and students in Years 1 – 6 have been placed into their 2009 classes today. **Kindergarten children will be placed in classes when the Best Start Assessment Program has been completed.** Every consideration is given to student placement and once set I do not envisage changing students from one class to another.

Your child's teacher from last year, his/her new teacher and the appropriate Assistant Principal have been involved in the placement of your child. Some children may take time to adjust into their new class and your positive support will ensure this happens sooner rather than later. A Meet the Teacher parent information evening will be held on Monday, 16th February.

Staffing for 2009

Relieving Principal

Ms P.Passarello

Assistant Principals

K-2 Ms L. Sharpe, Miss K. Jones (Relieving)

3-6 Mr P. Goldie

Classes & Teachers

KJ	Miss K. Jones
K/1M	Mrs L. McCann
1SG	Mrs L.Sharpe & Mrs J. Govorcin
2V	Mrs G. Vasiliou
2/3K	Mrs W. King
3/4W	Mrs N. Ward
4/5G	Mr P. Goldie
5/6M	Mr S. McGee
5/6S	Mrs H. Senchenko

Support Staff

Italian	Mr D. Crisafulli
ESL/STL	Mr L. Walsh
Library	Mrs. L. Purcell
RFF/Science	Mrs W.Alam
Counsellor	Ms J. Simpson

Administration Staff

Mrs C. McKay
Mrs W. Bulter
Mrs B. Annetta

Teachers' Aides

Mrs C. Giles
Mrs N. Bennett
Mrs C. Chan

General Assistant

Mr I. Phillips

Notes Home

Notes usually go home every second Tuesday with the eldest child at school. However, at this time of year there are many note about contributions, textbooks, other activities, meetings etc so please check every day.

P & C Meeting

The first meeting of the P & C for 2009 will be held in Week 4, Wednesday, 18th February. All are welcome to attend the meeting in the school staff room at 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Monday 16 th February	Meet the Teacher Evening
Wednesday 18 th February	P&C Meeting
Thursday 19 th February	Scripture starts
Friday 20 th February	PSSA starts

Finally, I wish to thank everyone for the warm welcome I have received from the students, staff and parents.

I'm looking forward to getting to know you and working with you all to continue the excellent achievements of Concord PS.

Pina Passarello

Relieving Principal

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

Please remember to inform the office of any changes to your address, home phone number, mobile numbers or any other relevant information that is vital to us contacting you regarding your child/children if needed.

Please place all monies in the blue school post box located outside the office window in an envelope with your child's name and class written on it.

The school uniform shop will be open every Thursday from 2.45pm for the month of February only. From March the shop will be open every second Thursday.

Please note there is a new order form available from the front office.



"You Can Do It!"

On the Staff Development Day last Tuesday all the teachers attended a course on the importance of social-emotional learning in children's lives. It was titled "You Can Do It! Education". We looked at the personal characteristics that lead to achievement, positive relationships and emotional well-being. We discussed the need for children to develop a sound foundation in getting along with others, personal organisation, persistence, confidence (academic and social) and resilience. Throughout the year all teachers will be helping the students to develop positive habits of mind which lead to the development of the five foundations above. There will be more information about what this entails in future communication.

Peter Goldie

Band Program 2009

Welcome

Dear Parents and Students,

Hi, my name is Clarina Wang. I am the new band conductor at Concord Public School, and I am excited to take on the school's band program for this year. I am a graduate of Music Education from Sydney's Conservatorium of Music and my experience for a number of years lies in band conducting, instrumental tuition as well as classroom music. I always find it a joy watching the progress and enthusiasm of students playing and learning music together, especially over a significant period of time!

The band program at Concord Public in 2009 is offered to students in Years 3 to 6. It involves attendance in a weekly band rehearsal (held before school) and a half hour instrumental lesson weekly for each member. These individual instrumental lessons offered as part of the program will be held at the school after school hours. The school's Concert Band will also have the opportunity throughout the year to perform at school functions, and also community events and band festivals outside of school.

Instruments offered for band this year are: Flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, percussion or bass guitar and can be hired through the school.

A feature of this year's band program aims to provide quality instrumental tuition for your child. We have a small number of specialist tutors, each qualified in the area of music education or performance, who will come to the school each week to provide the tuition. Their skills and contribution in making the school band sound fantastic will be greatly valued.

If your child is interested in joining the school Concert Band, please fill out a band application and instrumental tuition form which can be obtained from the school's front office. Further details regarding lessons, instrument hire, and band fees will be outlined in The Band Program Form which will be available at the front office.

I look forward to meeting you and having a great time making great music with all musicians involved, and hope this year will bring much success and reward for parents, teachers and students through the performance opportunities we will have.

Kind Regards,

Clarina Wang

