

FACTA NON VERBA

Term 1 – 17.02.2009



Principal's News

Dear Parents/Caregivers.

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Parent / Teacher Meetings on Monday evening. Class pertinent information was presented by each teacher. Any parents unable to attend please see your child's teacher for any handouts. Special thanks to the staff for their time and preparation to ensure the success of these meetings.

Congratulations to all the students presented with ribbons this week for their fine efforts at the swimming carnival. Thank you to Mrs Senchenko and Ms Dolbel for their coordination of this event.

School Attendance

The Home School Liaison Officer visited the school this week to discuss Attendance issues with the staff. You will hear more from me on this issue throughout the year but just a reminder about parent responsibility towards attendance. Parents need to:

1. Ensure that their child attends school regularly (each school day) and on time at 9am
2. Explain the absences of their child from school promptly (within 7 days).
3. Parents need to sign in any late arrivals. Children are not to be sent to the office on their own if they arrive late to school.

Attendance leaflets were handed out to parents this week. These Departmental documents clearly outline requirements that need to be followed, especially in relation to justified and unjustified absences. Please read these carefully.

The school appreciates your support in this matter.

Parent Contact

A reminder that the school should always be able to contact a parent or guardian during the day. If your phone number/s have changed please give the office

new contact numbers. If working please ensure your emergency contact/s are available during the day.

Parents should not take other students home without prior arrangements being made between the parents. The school requests that you inform the class teacher if changes to the usual pick up arrangements are made.

Allergy Reminder

We have a number of students who have severe allergies resulting in a condition known as anaphylaxis. Anaphylaxis is a severe sudden systemic reaction that can involve various parts of the body. The severity and range of symptoms varies from person to person. For some affected children even the slightest contact with nuts or nut products or other allergic foods can result in a life-threatening reaction. Washing hands before and after eating and not sharing food with other children are also vital. Please discuss these issues with your children.

Gastro

There's a bit of viral gastroenteritis in the community at the moment.

Please find below some tips from NSW Health to help stop the spread of gastro in schools and at home:

*Viral gastroenteritis is highly infectious and is most often spread through direct contact with an infected person

*Symptoms include nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, fever, abdominal pain, headache, and muscle aches

*The most effective way to avoid gastro is to wash your hands thoroughly with soap and running water for 10 seconds before handling and eating food, and always wash your hands after using the toilet

*If you or your family contract gastroenteritis it is very important for you to stay home from school or work

*Dehydration often follows bouts of vomiting and diarrhoea, therefore people with gastro should rest and drink plenty of fluids.

For more information visit the NSW Health website for a fact sheet:

http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/infect/pdf/viral_gastro.pdf

Swimming Carnival 2009

P & C Meeting

The first meeting of the P & C for 2009 will be held on Wednesday, 16th February. All are welcome to attend the meeting in the school staff room at 7:00 p.m.

Label Everything!

Your child's belongings can get easily misplaced at school. Please label all of your child's belongings with their name. Don't forget books, pencil cases, clothing and school bags.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 18 th February	P&C Meeting
Thursday 19 th February	Scripture starts
Friday 20 th February	PSSA starts

Pina Passarello

Relieving Principal

Attached are the results for the carnival held on Friday, 30th January. We were blessed with favourable weather.

Thank you to all the officials (staff and parent volunteers) for your help and assistance. Students were provided with a first class carnival which catered to all swimming levels. The smooth running of events resulted in extended free time swimming.

The pool staff at The Auburn Aquatic Centre was impressed with the behaviour of Concord's students. Students were praised for the way in which they co-operated in packing up and cleaning the seating area. Well done!

Students who were successful in 50m races – freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke, butterfly and individual medley events will form the basis of the **school's Zone Swimming Team**. They will represent the school at **Auburn on Wednesday 4th March**. Please read the information carefully and return permission notes/money promptly.

H. Senchenko

Swimming Co-ordinator

CANTEEN NEWS

As many of you are aware Kerrie Abela who has been running our canteen for many years is no longer with the school as her children have all moved onto High School. A new canteen committee has been formed and we are currently organizing the running of the canteen. The canteen will now be open daily, selling snacks and a canteen price list is included in this issue of the Facta. The canteen will not be providing lunches until further notice. The Canteen Committee is currently reviewing the lunch service previously offered to determine whether such a service can be offered in the future. We do currently have only a small dedicated band of volunteers and require more volunteers to allow for the operation of a lunch service. If you wish to volunteer to help with a lunch service please leave your details with the office. Unfortunately if insufficient volunteers are available we will not be able to provide a lunch service for the children.

Canteen Committee.

My Magic Wish

Once upon a time, there was a magical fairy that granted wishes. One day, the magical fairy lost her wand. The fairy looked everywhere for her magic wand. Then I saw the fairy looking miserable. I said, "What's wrong?" The fairy told me what happened. I looked for the wand with the fairy.

Then, I saw the magic wand but somebody took it. I chased him but he was too fast, so that I couldn't catch up! We went up to a castle and the fairy followed him. After that, he walked out of the door and forgot the magic wand. The fairy and I quietly tiptoed inside and got the magic wand. And we quietly got out of the castle.

Finally, the fairy was smiling at me and gave me three wishes and I was about to say thank you but she wasn't there. I used one wish to give me some seeds to grow some flowers in the garden. I used my second wish to help mum wash the dishes and I used my last wish so I can wake up early so I can see the magical fairy again. I did see the fairy again, granting wishes.

By Sujin Han 2/3K



My Magical Wish

Once upon a time, there lived a boy who was really poor with his mother. His dad died in a car crash weeks ago. That boy is me. I wish me and my mum would live happily and have

money to buy stuff. I am starving because I haven't eaten anything for two days. Mum and I live in Africa and I wish I lived in Australia because it has fresh air and the cities make for happy living.

One night I saw a wizard at the window looking at my stuff. I ran out and said "Can I wish for something with you?" The wizard said "Yes". So I wished that I could go to Australia with 100 dollars with my mum. The wizard said if I sleep quickly, then my mum and I will be in Australia tomorrow when we open our eyes. Tomorrow when I opened my eyes, I was in Australia!!!!

By Alex Xiao 2/3K

