PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT!

What a fantastic night we had on Friday, as the whole community came together to celebrate Carols by Candlelight. It is very hard to know where to start when thanking those people involved. This night is very much driven by our P&C who do a wonderful job. However, it really is a whole community event, with the fantastically talented Lisa and Tony Lockett, Mr Dave Esdale, parents, families, students and teachers coming together to celebrate the event. To everyone involved, thank you!

Carols by Candlelight is and always will be a special event for me personally. It was two years ago that I had been informed that I had an interview for the Corrimal Public School Principal position. I am a strong believer that you can tell a lot about a school by the way in which the community responds to events such as this. So with this in mind, I attended Corrimal Public School’s 2013 Carols as a community member with ulterior motives! As I stood in the background with my daughter, a steak sandwich and a few fluorescent candles, I was impressed by the cheer, festive spirit and smiles on people’s faces.

In 2015 that same feel continues to be abundant. It remains a thrill for me to reflect two years on and realise how lucky I feel to be in the position of Principal at Corrimal Public School.

Student Numbers 2016 - Very Important!

This time of year is always a busy time for schools as we finalise the end of one year and prepare for the next. One of our main focuses is planning for classes and it is again that we find ourselves in a very tricky position. Our numbers, as they stand for next year, will allow us to create seven classes in 2016. Having said that, if we were to have three more students enrol before census date (approximately two weeks into 2016) then our school would be eligible for eight classes.

As you can imagine, students being spread over eight classes is a far better alternative for staff and students as class numbers would decrease. If this were not to occur, we would of course be well positioned to cater for all students.

However, if you know of any families who are looking to enrol their children locally, or may be new to the area, please encourage them to make contact with our school office as soon as possible. I would be more than happy to meet with them, discuss our school and show them what is on offer if they enrol their child at Corrimal Public School.

SCHOOL LEADERS 2016

I want to congratulate our 13 School Leader Nominees for 2016. What a challenge to stand up and speak in front of students, staff and parents. I was so proud of each and every student who put themselves out of their comfort zone for an opportunity to lead our school next year. School leaders will be announced at our 2015 Presentation Day Assembly to be held this Thursday at 12:00pm. All students who have been nominated will now form part of the Leadership Team which will be part of the SRC in 2016. Four lucky candidates will become our leaders of this council and will have a hugely important role as they lead Corrimal Public School into the future.

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Week 10 Term 4

UPCOMING EVENTS

Week 10
- 7/12/15 - Last Kinder Starters
  Playgroup - 9:15am - 11:00am
- 8/12/15 - Year 6 - Jamberoo
- 8/12/15 - P&C Christmas Dinner - Corrimal RSL - 6:00pm
- 10/12/15 - School Presentation Day Assembly - 12:00pm
- 11/12/15 - School Banking
- 11/12/15 - GOLD REWARD DAY
- 11/12/15 - Reports Home

Week 11
- 14/12/15 - Year 6 Farewell
- 15/12/15 - Talent Show
- 16/12/15 - Last Day of 2015!

2016
Week 1 - Term 1
- 27/1/16 - Staff Return
- 28/1/16 - Year 1 - Year 6 Return
- 28/1/16 - NO Assembly
- 28/1/16 to 29/1/16 - Kindergarten Best Start Assessments

Week 2
- 1/2/16 - Kindergarten Begin
- 4/2/16 - School Swimming Carnival at Corrimal Pool
- 4/2/16 - NO Assembly

PLEASE NOTE: These dates are subject to change. The school will endeavour to contact the community should this be the case.

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FINAL P&C for 2015

This Tuesday, 8th December, is our final P&C Meeting of the year and I would like to take this opportunity to thank our P&C for their outstanding achievements in 2015. You should be very proud of what you have been able to achieve for our school not only with the fantastic fundraising, but for the opportunities you provide for our students, staff and community on a regular basis. There is no “meeting” as such, but rather an end of year dinner at Corrimal RSL, beginning at 6:00pm.

Library News

Please look at home for any school library books that have been at home for a while and return them as soon as possible. A stocktake will be done at the end of term and I would appreciate your cooperation in returning your child’s library books over the next few weeks.

Mrs Scard (Teacher/Librarian)

Reports to go home on Friday, 14th December

Reports happen twice per year at all public schools in NSW. Our staff have written extensive reports that cover all Key Learning Areas. These subjects have all been assessed through a range of techniques, with students abilities compared to relevant syllabus outcomes for each Stage of learning.

Remember:
• Teachers plan teaching and learning programs using syllabuses developed by the Board of Studies.
• The syllabuses describe standards that apply across the state for each learning area.
• Your child’s teacher uses their knowledge of syllabuses and knowledge of the children in their class to plan their teaching and learning programs.
• Teachers use their professional judgement, internal and external data gathering about each child’s achievement against the statewide standards to award the grade.
• If your child has achieved a Sound on their report then he/she has achieved what is generally expected. If your child has achieved an Outstanding or High then he/she has achieved more than is generally expected. If your child has achieved a Basic or a Limited, then he or she has not yet achieved what is generally expected compared to other children of a similar age.
AWARDS

BRONZE
Madelyn and Akasha

SILVER
Danny, Charlotte, Madelyn, Sonny, Kiah, Jack and Nakeisha

GOLD
Danny, Shawn, Sonny, Tahj, Kiah, Taya, Abbey, Poppy, Jack, Lacey and Tahlia

DIAMOND
Amelia, Ellie, Nikita, Raina, Hannah, Shekira and Larni

UPCOMING ASSEMBLY ITEMS
Week 10 – PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY

VALUES FOCUS
In Week 10 teachers are looking for students Wearing Their School Hat

VALUES TOKENS
With so much happening last week and over the coming weeks, we will no longer be having our Weekly Assemblies.

Our Values Tokens counts have also stopped for the year and will resume Week 1 of 2016, where students will have the opportunity to work towards their next whole school reward.

We look forward to working together to achieve success in 2016!

CALLING OUT FOR HELP!
Christmas is coming and of course everyone loves receiving pressies! But what about those less fortunate? Our friends at Coast CAFE, Corrimal are gathering pre loved (but in good condition) or unused handbags & packing them with goodies for some local ladies! They are accepting all donations of bags, snacks, women's moisturisers/perfumes, wipes, notebooks/pens, hair bands/brushes, magazines etc. The girls at Coast Cafe will be gifting the finished bags to local women at Christmas! If you know anyone that has had a challenging year and could do with a pick me up, please feel free to nominate them at Coast Cafe.

If anybody has anything they would like to donate or a handbag they don't use please drop them in to the cafe. All donations would be really appreciated! Let's try and help support our local community!
Coast Cafe
Corner of Princes Highway and Railway Street, CORRIMAL
4283 5888

SUMMER READING CLUB @ CORRIMAL LIBRARY
To encourage reading throughout the Christmas holidays we have the Summer Reading Club running from 1/12/15 to 31/1/16 at your local library.
SRC is for all kids aged 0 – 18 years. Just come along to the library, register for the SRC, borrow a book or books and enter the SRC competition for a chance to win a $75 gift voucher.
The more you read the more chances to win.
Don’t forget to check out our website or call the library to find out what great school holiday activities we’re running for January.
Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and we hope to see you at the library.
Corrimal District Library

PHOTOS FROM CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT - MORE PHOTOS AVAILABLE ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

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CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT – SPECIAL THANKS!
Thank you to all the parents and staff and students who helped out with Carols last Friday, and to all the families who joined us in spreading Christmas cheer. It was a fabulous night, kids had a great time and the school and community spirit overflowed!
It was a huge day following Red Day, so I wanted to especially thank the Canteen volunteers who ran Red Day and then continued working that evening. I also wanted to note the number of people involved in making it a great night – from the teachers at the wands and plaster craft stand, to the parents at the BBQ, the Locketts for performing, Dave as MC, school choir (teachers and students) and Santa – whose schedule is understandably busy still made time to visit this great school!! With special thanks to Delina Giles who took on the role of Carols Coordinator this year and put the event together, and a special mention to Lenora who helped with the flyer even though she was on the other side of the world!
This event truly showcased what a great school this is and the wonderful community we’re a part of.

CANTEEN IN 2016, & SPECIAL THANKS ANN MAREE
As our year winds up, I want to take this opportunity to thank Ann Maree for her continued dedication in running the canteen these past few years. In an effort to ensure the canteen stayed open, Ann Maree often did multiple shifts in the canteen during the week and often after a night shift at work! Thanks to her dedication and that of a small team this year, the canteen will be donating their funds to the school library! She will be truly missed next year.
I would also like to thank Elana, who will be taking on a mentoring role in 2016 and supporting the 2016 Canteen committee.

FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP...
Starting Kindergarten in 2016? – Please ask about our specially designed Kindy Uniform Starter Kits that will save you money and provide you with everything that your child will need to wear to start school next year.
Uniform Shop in 2016 – We will be endeavouring to have the uniform shop open for Kindy Starters 28th and 29th January 2016.

KINDY STARTERS PLAYGROUP
12th Oct to Dec 7th
Our last playgroup was today, so we want to thank all the parents and our 2016 Kindy students for coming out each week and joining us. This program focused on activities and topics related to the school experience, aiming to make the transition to “big school” less scary for both parents and child, and has provided the children and grown-ups an opportunity to meet other families, and start building friendships. A special thanks to Jen, Lenora and Michelle who have helped run this program this year.

P & C Committee and Volunteers Dinner
Tuesday 8th December
The final scheduled P&C meeting is on Tuesday, 8th December. There will be no meeting as such, but an open invitation to all who have volunteered and helped the P&C this year including Canteen and Uniform Shop, Stalls, Bunnings BBQ, etc. to join us for a bite.
This is a great way to end such a productive year, so please join us!
Jaffa Café, Corrimal RSL at 6pm on 8th December 2015
RSVP, cpsnsw.pandc@gmail.com
Getting ready for 2016?

Don’t forget to visit Bright Star Kids Online store for your personalised Christmas and School needs!

Help our group raise funds when you buy Labels, Wall Art or anything else at Bright Star Kids!

Nominate our group in the payment area when you checkout at Bright Star Kids:

Corrimal Public School P&C

Shop online: www.brightstarkids.com.au
Waratah March Re-enactment
Memorial Park

Dear Parents & Carers,

Our school will be participating in the Waratah March re-enactment on Tuesday, 8th December 2015 at Corrimal Anzac Cove War Memorial. All students K-5, are expected to attend.

Students will depart Corrimal Public School at 10:00am. The students will march, starting on the corner of Railway Street and Princes Hwy, at 10:30am, and we anticipate students will return to school by 12:00pm to resume their normal school day.

All students are required to wear full school uniform, including school hat.

Please complete the attached permission note below and return it to the front office by Friday, 4th December, 2015.

Regards,
Corrimal Public School Staff

Waratah March Re-enactment
Memorial Park

I give permission for my child, ____________________________, of class ___________ to
Student’s full name

attend the Waratah March Re-enactment at Memorial Park, Corrimal on Tuesday, 8th December 2015.

Signed: ___________________________________________ Date: _____________________
RYAN PARK
MEMBER FOR KEIRA

CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

Collecting toys for more than one hundred local children who will spend Christmas in shelters and refuges. Together, we can spread some festive cheer!

Please drop off new, unwrapped toys to my office: 247 Princes HWY Corrimal 4285 1588

Boys and Girls
Welcome
Come Play
Soccer

Come and be part of our friendly family.

Our AGM
Will be held on Wednesday 9th December 2015 at 7:00 pm

Be part of our committee and make a difference!

Tarrawanna Public School Hall

TARRAWANNA ROVERS JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB
TARRAWANNA PUBLIC SCHOOL
COME JOIN US AND BE PART OF A GREAT TEAM

Tarrawanna Rovers Junior Football club
contact Shelley on 0423 663 672 and
Sam on 0403 087 017

FOOTBALL SOUTH COAST

Girls Development Skills Acquisition Program

FSC invites female footballers aged 7 - 15 in 2016 to join our Girls Development Skills Acquisition Program.

Register by Wednesday 9 December

Benefits of the program:
- Improve your individual skills
- Improve your overall game performance
- Highly qualified coaches
- Train with Girls only
- Program aligned with FFA National Football Curriculum
- Have fun and make new friends

www.footballsouthcoast.com
phone 4285 6929

Kids’ fishing workshop

Kids 8–14 years old are invited to come and learn to fish safely and responsibly. Instructors are experienced volunteers and staff from the Department of Primary Industries.

The day runs from 10 am to 2 pm and involves fishing techniques, bag and size limits, and fish handling for best release techniques.

COST is $40 PER CHILD, and includes:
- rod and reel combination
- shirt = hat = tackle box
- show bag—all to take home!

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL.
Maximum 25 participants.

Locations and Date
Lake Illawarra, Reddall Parade
Wednesday 13th January 2016

Lake Illawarra, Reddall Parade
Wednesday 13th April 2016

To book, e-mail stephen.thurstan@dpi.nsw.gov.au or ring Stephen Thurstan,
02 4220 8484 or 0438 245 190


NSW DPI fishing workshops are run with the assistance of the Fishcare Volunteers and are supported by funds from the Recreational Fishing Trusts
STRENGTHENING SWIMMING SKILLS AND SURF AWARENESS

FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN
12:30pm – 3:30pm
Monday 18 January - Friday 22 January 2016
5 day intensive program for all Primary School children
Children must participate in all 5 days to ensure they cover all of the skills and get maximum benefit from the program.
Taught at the beach by qualified instructors from Bellambi SLSC and swim training at Northern Stars Swim School.
► Build confidence & skills in and around the water.
► Enjoy a safe learning experience in vital Surf education.
► Opportunities to gain scholarships to further improve swimming and surf skills.
► Transport to and from Bellambi Surf Life Saving Club to Northern Stars Swim School.

Free lunch is provided. Places are limited. Booking is essential.

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Bellambi Neighbourhood Centre
49a Cawley Street
9am-3pm Monday-Friday
Registration closes
Friday 8 Jan 2016
For more information contact
Trish on 4285 3055
or Paula 0458 205 002
or contact your local school office.

Ryan Park MP
Member for Keira