As I have said in previous weeks, Education Week is an opportunity for public schools to showcase some of the fantastic things that happen on a regular basis and to invite our school community to come in to our school. This year we are holding a “Grandparent Day - Open Day” where families are encouraged to visit classrooms between 10am and 11am on Thursday, 30th July. Also, from 11am onwards please bring a picnic blanket and we encourage families to join their children for a Year 6 fundraising BBQ.

Last week I spent Monday to Thursday in Coffs Harbour for the PSSA State Touch Football Tournament. I had a wonderful time and was happy (but not surprised) to hear that things were great back at school. As a principal it is so important that you leave the school in capable hands. At Corrimal Public School we are so lucky to have great experience and a number of staff to rely on to ensure our school is functioning as it should. I would like to thank all staff, especially Mrs Strauss who was relieving in my absence, for their hard work and dedication last week and at all times.

I have been given great feedback on our 3-6 Choir and performance at the Choral Festival last week. We are one of the smallest schools involved, yet had the largest Choir, which makes me extremely proud. I would like to congratulate all of our students and staff that were involved in this huge production, especially the very capable Mrs V, who took the lead. Well done to all!

Last Friday, staff decided to have the Whole School Values Reward Afternoon. These rewards come along when students, as a whole school, earn more than 5000 tokens. With this achieved late last term, it was time for that reward. Thank you to all teachers for their organisation. Again, I congratulate our students on this achievement. I look forward to students reaching the next 5000, which I hope will be not too far into the future.

Our 125th Anniversary Committee are doing a wonderful job bringing our celebration together. Today is a big step in the right direction, with invitations going home with each child in regards to the “125th Anniversary Celebration”. Please spread the word as we look to promote this upcoming event at Woona Bulli RSL, and make sure you get in early with your tickets, to ensure you don’t miss out! For more details, please find attached the flyer for the planned festivities. It should be a fantastic weekend for everyone involved!

Our school continues to grow in numbers which is very pleasing. You will notice many new faces in our school since the beginning of Term 3. At the beginning of 2014 we had 135 students. As of today, we have 173 students, which is wonderful. I would like to welcome all of our new students and families to Corrimal Public School. You have made a wonderful choice and I wish you all the best as you settle into Corrimal Public School now and in the coming weeks.

On that note, our Kindergarten enrolments for 2016 are looking quite healthy. I am however, very keen to hear of any potential students who may be enrolling as we look to make plans for the 2016 school year. If you have a child attending our school in 2016 and are yet to make contact with the office, please do so soon. If you know of someone who may be enrolling in our school for 2016, please encourage them to contact the office and I will happily arrange a time to meet and discuss their possible enrolment.

Mr Tim Fisher
Principal

SCHOOL PHOTOS - THIS WEDNESDAY, 29th JULY
School Photos will take place this Wednesday, 29th July 2015. If you would like a Sibling Pack, please contact the School Office.

Please do not send your School Photo money to the office. Money is to be sent with your child on the day of photos and can be handed directly to the photography company.

Please Note: Students are to wear full Summer Uniform for School Photos (Year 6 T-Shirts may be worn).
This Thursday, 30th July, Wollongong City Council (WCC) will be attending Corrimal Public School between 9am and 10am. WCC is looking at how they can work with the local community to develop Corrimal. I encourage any interested parents and community members to join us in the School Library for a productive, informal conversation. For more information, please refer to the attached flyers later in this edition of the Corrimal Connection.

**Library News**

**Book Week** is coming in Week 6! We will be doing some fun activities so stay tuned for more information.

Our **Scholastic Book Fair** last term was a great success! A huge thank you to all the families and students that purchased books and items from the fair. Due to this support we have been able to get $860 worth of free books for our school library.

If any students have been participating in the **NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge**, your online reading records need to be completed by Friday, 21st August. This can be done by logging in on the PRC website using your portal name and password. I will then validate them. If there are any problems, I am able to enter the student’s books if they give me their written list. For K-2, 30 books have to be read to them or by them (5 free choices). For 3-6, 20 books have to be read (5 free choices). The lists are found on [http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au](http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au) and any books read since September last year count.

Parents/caregivers must understand that if students enter the PRC they will receive a certificate and their name and school may be publicised.

Mrs Scard (Teacher/Librarian)

**Woolworths Earn and Learn Is Back!**

Woolworths Earn and Learn is back and it is now easier than ever to earn valuable resources for Corrimal Public School.

From Wednesday 15th July until Tuesday 8th September 2015, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn and Learn Stickers from the checkout operator and place them on an Earn and Learn Sticker Sheet. There’ll be one sticker for every $10 spent. Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box located in the School Office.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Week 3**

- *27/7/15 - 31/7/15 - EDUCATION WEEK*
- *28/7/15 - ICAS Testing - English*
- *29/7/15 - School Photos*
- *30/7/15 - Education Week Open Day*
- *30/7/15 - School Assembly - 2:15pm - 3:00pm*
- *31/7/15 - School Banking*

**Week 4**

- *3/8/15 - District Athletics Day 1*
- *4/8/15 - K-6 Gymnastics*
- *6/8/15 - School Assembly 2:15pm - 3:00pm*
- *7/8/15 - School Banking*
- *7/8/15 - District Athletics Day 2*

**Week 5**

- *11/8/15 - ICAS Testing - Maths*
- *11/8/15 - K-6 Gymnastics*
- *13/8/15 - PSC Leadership Day at CHS - Selected Stage 3 students*
- *13/8/15 - School Assembly 2:15pm - 3:00pm*
- *14/8/15 - School Banking*

**Week 6**

- *17/8/15 - 21/8/15 - BOOK WEEK Sense Lectures*
- *18/8/15 - Year 2, 4 and 6 - Surf Sense Lectures*
- *20/8/15 - School Assembly - 2:15pm - 3:00pm*
- *21/8/15 - School Banking*

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

**BOOK CLUB NEWS**

Recently, students will have come home with a set of Scholastic Book Club Magazines. Each book ordered, the school receives $8 to spend on books & educational resources. If your child would like to purchase something from Book Club, please make sure all orders are returned to school by this Friday, 31st July.

Happy Reading!
MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students for displaying excellence during Week 2:

KINDERGARTEN - LUCAS M, ALEIGHA, AZIZ AND TAHLIA J
AKAMA - HARVEY AND ELLA
BIRRUNG - IMAGEN AND KIAHN
ARINYA - AMELIA AND LAURA
ILLUKA - EVA AND SOPHIE
TULANG - HARRY AND GEMMA

VALUES FOCUS

In Week 3 teachers are looking for students following in instructions.

VALUES TOKENS

In Week 2, students achieved 326 tokens! This has taken our whole school tally to 2143!!

The whole school will receive an additional reward for reaching 5000 tokens very soon!!

Congratulations to the following classes for gaining the most “Values Tokens” in Week 2:

1st - ARINYA - 96
2nd - ILLUKA - 62
3rd - KINDERGARTEN AND AKAMA - 56

VALUES TOKEN DRAW

Congratulations to Dylan, who was our most recent winner. Dylan received a Dragons Hat for his bonus prize!

UPCOMING ASSEMBLY ITEMS

Week 3 - Kindergarten
Week 4 - Senior Choir
Week 5 - Akama
Week 6 - Book Week
Week 7 - Junior Choir
Week 8 - Illuka
Week 9 - Tulang
Week 10 - TBC

BONUS VALUES TOKEN DRAW

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CONGRATULATIONS

AKAMA
FOR BEING BEST CLASS OF THE WEEK 2 ASSEMBLY

BONUS VALUES TOKEN DRAW

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Akama and Birrung News

The students had a fantastic time making pancakes last Friday. The use of a hovercam connected to the interactive whiteboard ensured that all students could see how the ingredients were mixed together and the changes that occurred as they were being cooked. This was a fun and tasty way of learning that materials change when they are heated. This week we are investigating the changes that occur when materials are cooled by making jelly. Please let us know if your child has any food intolerances.

Mrs Giesajts and Miss Mulrooney.

ADDITIONAL SPORTING OPPORTUNITIES

JAK-FIT

We have been thrilled with the response of our community to the JAK-Fit program, that will begin today. We hope all parents and students involved have a great time. If you would still like to be involved, please contact the school office for more details.

GRASSHOPPER SOCCER

Today, a note for Grasshopper Soccer has been sent home with your child. Grasshopper Soccer ran the soccer program at Corrimal Public School late in Term 2 and would like to run an after school program, starting Thursday, 6th August. If you would like your child to be involved, please fill in the form and return to Grasshopper Soccer (not the school). They will then be in touch with further information.
Grandparents Open Day and Picnic Lunch Sausage Sizzle

**When:**

**Thursday 30\(^{th}\) July Wk3**

**Open classroom:** 10am - 11am
**Picnic lunch**
**Sausage sizzle:** 11am - 11.45am

Come along with a picnic blanket and enjoy the day!
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Corrimal Public School

CELEBRATES
125 YEARS!
16th & 17th October 2015

Come and join in the festivities!
Families, former students, staff and the community are all welcome.

FRIDAY 16th
Open Day 9am-1pm
Tour of the school, special assembly, lunch & old school activities

P&C Twilight Fete 4pm-8pm
Rides, food, raffles, live music, and kids activities
Entrance via Wilga Street

SATURDAY 17th
125th Anniversary Celebration from 7pm
Finger food, drinks and a night of reminiscing at Woonona Bulli RSL in the Auditorium room
Tickets for entry $42.50pp
Buy tickets online now or from the school

For more details contact 4284 4231
or visit www.cps125.weebly.com
P&C MEETING – 11th Aug
Our next P&C Meeting is on Tuesday 11th August at 6pm in the School Administration Building (enter via Wilga St driveway). Everyone is welcome!

If you have something you’d like the P&C to consider and you can’t make it in person on the night, we’d still love to hear from you. You can leave a note at the office or email us at cpsnsw.pandc@gmail.com with a brief explanation of your ideas.

P&C membership is open to everyone; parents, caregivers, grandparents, teachers, and members of the whole community interested in the welfare of Corrimal Public School.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!
We are currently seeking another parent to assist with the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program for the remainder of the year. The position only takes a small amount of your time one day a week and some of it can be done at home on your computer. Your help with the program will greatly benefit students as they develop vital saving skills and also help our school with fundraising. If you are interested or require more information please see Kindy mums, Karen B or Renae A. You can also leave your name at the school office or email cpsnsw.pandc@gmail.com

FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP...
Think Warm Thoughts: Now is the time to start checking out your children’s closet to see if they will need some new summer uniform items for this year. Next week a order form for summer items will become available so you can pre-order any items you will need.

Stock Clearance Sale! All of our Grey track pants (from sizes 4-16) are now marked down to $5 each; Hurry now and grab a bargain before stock runs out. Once gone we will not be ordering anymore more.

The uniform shop is open every Tuesday morning (8:45am - 9:15am) and Friday afternoons (2:45pm - 3:15pm). If you are unable to attend at these times you can also place an order (to be delivered to your child’s classroom) using our order form; available to download from the school’s website or grab a copy outside our shop’s entrance.

P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 8th Sept
On 8th September the P&C will be having our Annual General Meeting. By regulation, all 5 positions on the executive committee (president, 2 vice presidents, secretary, and treasurer) become vacant at the AGM. Descriptions of these positions can be found on the school’s website in the P&C Section. Why not consider joining our P&C and making a positive contribution to our school. Our P&C can only function effectively if you (the parents) actively participate.

In order to run for a position and vote at the AGM you must be a financial P&C member. To do so you need to apply for membership, at any time before August 11th and pay a membership fee of $1. Please note if you help in the canteen then you are already considered a financial member. For more information or you wish to join please see Lenora or email us at cpsnsw.pandc@gmail.com

CPS 125th CELEBRATIONS - 16th Oct & 17th
We invite you to join us between 16th & 17th October, 2015 as we remember our school’s long history and acknowledge our recent achievements!

Day one starts with a School Open Day followed by our Twilight Fete. Day two is our evening celebration for former staff, students and the community (Note: Must be 18 or older to attend). Look out for the posters around the school this week promoting our events or visit our official website at www.cps125.weebly.com for more information.

We can always use more help so if you are interested in joining our 125th Committee or volunteering some of your time to help at one of the events please leave your name at the office.
TWILIGHT FETE
Friday 16th October 2015 -4pm-8pm
Join us for a family fun evening on the spacious grounds of Corrimal Public School. Entry is free. All profits from the night will go towards updating our technology within the classrooms.
This year’s fete will be extra special as we celebrate our school’s 125th Anniversary!

EVENT PROMOTION: Look out this week for our 125th Celebration posters displayed around the school. We could use some help putting up posters around the community. The task requires visiting some of the local businesses in Corrimal and surrounding areas and asking if they’ll place a poster in their shop. We can provide you with some copies of the posters and sticky tape. If you can help out please see Lenora or leave your name at the school office.

HELPERS NEEDED!
If you would like to be involved with the school fete, there are plenty of things to be done. Are you interested in being a stall coordinator?? Would you like to help out on a stall on fete day?? We will need everybody’s support, (large or small), on the day. If you are interested in volunteering an hour or two of your time in the following areas :
Fairy Floss Stall        P&C BBQ
Badge Making Stall       Bubbles Stall
Set Up Crew             Cake Stall
Flyer Delivery          Clean Up Crew
Rides Ticket Booth      Raffles/Auction
please email cpsnsw.pandc@gmail.com or leave your name on the signup sheet at the school office.

PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS!
If you have a business how about considering donating your product or services as a prize! Donations will be used for our raffles/chocolate wheel at the Fete. Goods, services, vouchers, and financial contributions made to the fete will be greatly appreciated and acknowledged. Donations can be dropped off at the school administration office. If you would like more information please contact Lenora at cpsnsw.pandc@gmail.com

Fete Photographer(s) Wanted
Looking for some keen photographers (professional or amateur; adult or student) to capture all the events of the day on October 16th. Photos may be used for future promotion, wrap up of the event and help with future fete planning. Please see Lenora or contact cpsnsw.pandc@gmail.com

Thank you to the following businesses who are supporting our Fete
About Faces Photography
Altitude 1148 Restaurant
Anytime Fitness
Bakers Delight
Captain Cook Cruises
Café Angeli
Coles Corrimal
Coles Fairy Meadow
Eaton Gorge Theatre Company
Featherdale Wildlife Park
Hogs Breathe Café Woonona
Illawarra Smallgoods
Jamberoo Action Park
McKeons
National Museum of Australia
Outback Steakhouse
Questacon
Skydive the beach
Soccerman
Specsavers
Stitched
Surf Pit, Corrimal
Taronga Western Plains Zoo/Taronga Zoo
Trainworks
Woolworths Corrimal
Ziem’s Butchers

Show your appreciation to the businesses above, by supporting them.
The Commonwealth Bank School Banking program includes an exciting Rewards Program designed to encourage children to get into the habit of making regular savings. Every time students make a deposit at school they receive a Dollarmites token which can be redeemed for a range of exciting reward items in recognition of their regular savings. Students will have lots of fun saving their tokens for these cool gifts.

Our school actively participates in this program that will teach our children how to save regularly - an important habit to get into! All we need to continue this great program a volunteer parent or caregiver. If you would like to volunteer it only requires 1-2 hours a week to collect and process the student’s deposits.

Involvement in the program will greatly benefit students as they develop vital saving skills and also help our school raise funding at the same time. The first time they bank the school will receive $5 and the School Banking program will match 5% of any additional deposits and donate that to the school too. You will also be on your way to receiving a statement of attainment in financial services after 12 months in the school banking coordinator role.

Please indicate your interest in getting involved with this great program by filling in the tear off section below and returning it to Simone, care of the office.

I would also like to volunteer to assist the program once a week:

Name: ____________________________
Contact number: ____________________________
Email: ____________________________
Available days: ____________________________

Under 8s and Under 9 players required.

Still 6 games to go in season.
Playing on Sunday mornings.
Training at Ocean Park, Woonona on Weds at 4.30pm.
Assistance can be arranged for transport if required.
Great opportunity to give rugby a try at a family orientated club.
Come down on Wed arvo and meet the coaches (dads), and teammates.
Players of other age groups welcome.
No fees, come and try rugby out.

Call Andrew on 0432944543 for information.
You are invited to a Community Conversation at Corrimal Public School

9am-10am THURSDAY 30TH JULY 2015

Come along and have an informal conversation with other parents about your aspirations, concerns and ideas

This conversation is part of several that we are having with community members in the 2518 postcode area. The conversations will help us to better understand your aspirations for your community, your concerns and what you think might make a difference in making your communities stronger.

Together with interested community members we will take what we learn from these conversations and work on projects and strategies to achieve what you want for your community.

We look forward to speaking with you!

To RSVP and for more information please phone 4222 8471 or email TheCollectiveISD@facs.nsw.gov.au

For more information on Ask Illawarra Shoalhaven Community Conversations check out www.facebook.com/askis

Ask Illawarra Shoalhaven is co-ordinated by group of community innovators from the community and public sectors working together to listen to community, understand aspirations and support communities to enable positive change.
1. Pride in high quality design

Wayfinding to improve pedestrian connections

New Town Square

Memorial Park activities and events

Pedestrian friendly main street

Find out more... www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au
Help us shape Corrimal’s future...

The Draft Corrimal Town Centre Plan provides strategic guidance on the future of Corrimal Town Centre for business, residents and community groups.

The Draft Corrimal Town Centre Plan 2015 will be used to guide planning control changes, planning decisions, infrastructure improvements and to build stakeholder and community relationships to ultimately achieve the vision for Corrimal. Share feedback by the 28th of August.

Find out more...
Key actions are summarised on the reverse of this page.

- Visit www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au and follow the Community Engagement links to “Corrimal: Talk of the Town” project webpage
- Visit the Council marquee near the playground in Memorial Park on 15 August 9am-4pm to chat to staff about the draft Plan
- View the draft Plan at Corrimal, Wollongong and Thirroul libraries.

We want you to be involved!