Welcome to the 2016 school year. A special welcome to all the new students and families, and welcome back to all of our returning families. The beginning of the school year is always an exciting time, with students reconnecting with friends, sharing holiday experiences and looking forward to fresh experiences in a new grade. 2016 will certainly be a busy and enjoyable year at Corrimal Public School.

All students remain in their 2015 classes for the time-being. As discussed, our current numbers situation, while very positive, has left us in a tricky situation. With our Kindergarten students beginning today, things look a little clearer and I am hopeful that we will maintain eight classes for the year. We do still have a little bit of time between now and “Census Date” when we officially place our student numbers into the Department Of Education. Our current enrolment stands at 182 and if by Wednesday, 10th February we remain above 180 then our staffing will be very pleasing. This time last year, we started the school year with 162 students and seven classes. Our school is certainly growing, which I believe is very important as with more students, comes additional staff and increased funding for school programs. We anticipate placing students in classes tomorrow, however, should this not occur, please understand that this is because of the current situation that we find ourselves in and we want to ensure we are making the correct decision for all students, their families and our teachers.

I would like to welcome Ms Emma Meddows to Corrimal Public School. Ms Meddows was appointed to Corrimal Public School as our second substantive Assistant Principal. I know she will have a wonderful time at Corrimal Public School. A little later in the newsletter Ms Meddows has written a short message of introduction. I would also like to welcome back the “old” staff who are back for another year at Corrimal Public School. Our first week was certainly flat out, with many staff spending a lot of their weekend at school and home, preparing for what is going to be a very busy year. We are very lucky to have such a hard working and committed staff and I look forward to a successful year as we continue to build on what is already in place.

Teachers will be holding “Parent Information Sessions” in Week 3. Once classes are finalised, notes will go home regarding allocated times for each class. Teachers will also send a list of requirements they would like each of their students to have (pens, pencils, glue sticks, etc). We appreciate your support in purchasing these items to support in class programs.

I look forward to working with you in 2016!

Mr Tim Fisher
Principal

**Nut allergies in kids**

Many students live with allergies. Some allergies are more intense and can have life threatening consequences.

We ask our parent community, where possible, to steer clear of condiments such as peanut butter when making your child’s lunch, as it may put other students at risk.

Your assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated.
In Week 2 teachers are looking for students walking on hard surfaces.

VALUES TOKENS
This Week we will begin focussing on our School Values again. Students can earn individual prizes (A Corrimal Champion pencil), as well as use tokens to go towards a Whole School Reward (achieved once the school tally reaches 5000 tokens). In the coming week, teachers will discuss the first whole school reward – stay tuned!

UPCOMING EVENTS
Week 2
* 1/2/16 - Kindergarten Begins
* 4/2/16 - School Swimming Carnival
* 4/2/16 - CANTEEN CLOSED
* 4/2/16 - NO ASSEMBLY

Week 3
* 8/2/16 - Parent / Teacher Information Sessions this week - Times TBC
* 9/2/16 - P&C Meeting - 3:15pm
* 10/2/16 - Scripture Begins for 2016
* 11/2/16 - School Assembly 2:15pm - 3:00pm
* 13/2/16 - School Banking Begins

Week 4
* 18/2/16 - Captain Induction Assembly 2:00pm - 3:00pm
* 19/2/16 - School Banking

Week 5
* 25/2/16 - School Assembly 2:15pm - 3:00pm
* 26/2/16 - School Banking
* 26/2/16 - District Swimming Carnival

Week 6
* 3/3/16 - School Assembly 2:15pm - 3:00pm
* 4/3/16 - Clean Up Australia Day 2016
* 4/3/16 - School Banking

VALUES FOCUS
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SCHOOL VALUES
The beginning of the school year is always a great time to revisit school values and our Anti-Bullying Steps. Teachers will spend time discussing these with our students to ensure that Corrimal Public School is a safe learning environment where the whole school community works respectfully for the benefit of students. Please spend time with your children to discuss the importance of our School Values and Anti-Bullying Steps:

School Values:
Respect - Respect everyone and everything
Safety - Always be safe
Learning - Do your best

Anti-Bullying Steps:
1. Be Kind
2. Walk away
3. Ignore them
4. Be brave
**RESPECT  SAFETY  LEARNING**

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**KINDERGARTEN MAKE A GREAT START**

Beginning school is an exciting time. This year we have had 28 new faces in our school who are in their first days of their school career. These special students have settled well into their new school and we look forward to working with them in the coming years. Congratulations Kindergarten on taking the huge step into “Big School” and welcome to the beginning of an exciting time of fun, friendship and learning at Corrimal Public School.

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**MS EMMA MEDDOWS**

My name is Emma Meddows. I was extremely fortunate to be selected as your new Assistant Principal at the end of last year. I am excited about having the opportunity to work in a small school after working for many years at Harrington Street PS in Cabramatta which had over 1000 students. I look forward to meeting and working in partnership with the entire Corrimal PS community. Thank you to all of the students, parents, staff and community members who have so warmly welcomed me so far. I hope to get to know each and every one of you by the end of 2016.

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**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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**CANTEEN MEET AND GREET**
Next Tuesday, 9th February at 9am at the canteen we will be holding our first canteen meeting of the year. We will discuss our 2016 committee as well as menu options for the coming year.
Everyone welcome - Join us for a cuppa and a chat!!

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**
Our School Canteen is run by a small, but enthusiastic committee of hard working parents. Their commitment to the students of Corrimal Public School means that students have the opportunity to order their lunch, or buy a little something extra each day (except Tuesdays when the canteen is closed).
The canteen is currently looking for volunteers to fill a number of vacancies in the upcoming roster. Anyone wishing to volunteer, please complete the attached form by Friday, 5th February 2016.
Volunteers are needed from 8:30am - 2:00pm and receive a free lunch and as much tea and coffee as you can drink! But more than that, you should know that by volunteering you will be providing a service to the students of Corrimal Public School that they might otherwise not receive.

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**UNIFORM SHOP**
**BARGAINS UP FOR GRABS**
The uniform shop has lots of second hand items up for sale at the low price of $2!! The items vary in quality, but if you are looking for a bargain, don’t miss out!

**UNIFORM SHOP**
**HOUSE COLOURED T-SHIRTS**
The uniform shop has t-shirts in the colour of our sport houses available for $7.
With our swimming carnival this Thursday, it is a great opportunity for our students to get in the spirit and support their house!

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**CANTEEN VOLUNTEER FORM**
I am available to help in the canteen (please circle):
1. Once a month
2. Twice a month

I am available on the following days (please circle):
1. Monday
2. Tuesday
3. Wednesday
4. Thursday
5. Friday

I would like to work with:
Name: _____________________
Phone Number: ____________________

YOUR PARTICIPATION AND HELP IN RUNNING OUR SCHOOL CANTEEN IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!
Welcome! The Corrimal Public School Parents & Citizens Association (P&C) would like to welcome all the new and returning students and families back to school. For those new to the school the P&C is a school-based organisation consisting of parents, teachers and interested citizens from the community who want to contribute to make the school experience the best possible for our children. We’ve had a great 2015, but we’re going to make 2016 even better!

CONSIDER JOINING THE P&C
The P&C values the rich diversity of skills and experiences that each family brings to the school. We know you are busy and we appreciate any help that families are able to offer. Volunteering even a small amount of your time will benefit the school community, through:

- Meeting other parents or families in the community with whom you can share ideas, concerns and experiences,
- Understanding more about what happens at school,
- Getting to know the teachers and principal better,
- Having a place to more effectively suggest change at your child’s school,
- Sharing your skills with other parents/teachers, and learning new ones.
- Seeing how your help has made positive changes to the school, and so many more reasons!

P&C GENERAL MEETING – FEB 9th
Our first P&C meeting of the year is next week on Tuesday at 3.15pm in the School’s Administration building. Everyone is welcome; you do not have to be a member to attend. Meetings usually run for about 1-2 hrs. Come along, have a say and meet some terrific people. To RSVP, please email us at cpsnsw.pandc@gmail.com or leave a note at the school office.

WORD FROM THE CANTEEN...
The Canteen is looking for volunteers to do shifts this year, even if it’s just once a month. Rosters are just starting to be put together now so please talk to anyone in the canteen. If you have been thinking about signing up – I encourage you to do so. It is a real treat for your child (and yourself!), and you will be working with someone more experienced and sometimes more crazy.

Morning orders – In order for the canteen volunteers to prep for the day (all orders are tallied, so that they know if they need to buy supplies, get ovens prepped, etc.) please ensure orders are put into the canteen as close to 9am as possible.

FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP...
Kindergarten families – We would like to let you know that we are still waiting to receive size 4 sports shirts. The Supplier delivered the wrong size, but we expect to get the correct size in 2 weeks.

The uniform shop hours:
Tuesday morning (8:45am - 9:15am) and
Friday afternoons (2.45pm - 3.15pm).
Order forms are also available from the school’s website.

STUDENT BANKING COMING SOON
Our school participates in the Commonwealth Bank’s School Banking Program which teaches children how to develop good savings habits at an early age and assists in helping our school to raise extra funds for school initiatives. More info in the coming weeks, but look for it to start up again during week 3 or 4.

KINDY STARTERS PLAYGROUP
Throughout the school holidays, I’ve been hearing a lot of great feedback about the Kindy Starters Playgroup. I just wanted to thank those involved last year, and point out that this Playgroup is a great example of what this school’s P&C community has been able to uniquely offer to our students. Well done Jen, Lenora and Michelle, and Well Done Corrimal Public School!
Corrimal Public School
P & C Announcement!

New Meeting Time:
3.15pm. 2nd Tuesday of the month
Starting Tuesday, 9th February

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
Friday 29th January 2016

2016 Swimming Carnival

Dear Parents and Carers,

The annual school swimming carnival will be held at Corrimal Pool. All students turning 8 this year and above are expected to attend the carnival however participation is at the discretion of the child and parent/carer.

Students will be required to complete an assessment of their swimming ability before the commencement of the carnival to the level that you have indicated on the permission slip.

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<td>Compete in several events from 50m – 100m.</td>
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<td>Tread water in shallow end</td>
<td>Non-Swimmer activities supported by Corrimal High School students. These students are required to wear a red wrist band provided by a teacher after their proficiency swim.</td>
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- **Date:** Thursday 4th February (Week 2)
- **Where:** Corrimal Pool
- **Time:** 8:30am – **Make own way to the pool.** Meet your teacher inside to be marked on the roll.
- **Return:** Walk back to school with teachers approximately 1pm.
- **Cost:** Pay on entry to pool - Students: $3.00    Parents: 60c spectator fee
- **Wear:** House Colours and swimming gear!
- **Bring:** Lunch, recess, a hat and plenty of sunscreen and water.

Please return permission slips to the office by Tuesday 2nd February.

Kind Regards,

**Mrs Angie Giesajtis**
Swimming Carnival Coordinator

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**2016 Swimming Carnival**

**Thursday 4th February 2016**

I give permission for my son/daughter ___________________________ of class __________ to attend the Corrimal School Swimming Carnival at Corrimal Pool and to walk back to school.

Please tick appropriate box below (only tick 1 box please)

- [ ] 50m unaided
- [ ] Good swimmer
- [ ] Average swimmer
- [ ] Poor swimmer

Special Medical Requirements: ____________________________

Parent Guardian ___________________ Parent Guardian ___________________ Date ___________

Print ____________________________ Signature ___________________________
Friday 29th January 2016

2016 Swimming Carnival Volunteers

Dear Parents and Carers,

We need you!!! It is not possible for the swimming carnival to run safely or efficiently without your support and assistance. We are looking for volunteers to assist with:

- Marshalling
- Time Keeping
- Recording
- Poolside Spotters

If you are able to assist on the day of the carnival please complete the slip below or see me after school.

Please return slips to the office by Tuesday 2nd February.

Kind Regards

Mrs Angie Giesajtis
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2016 Swimming Carnival Volunteer

I am able to assist at the Swimming Carnival at Corrimal Pool on Thursday 4th February.

Name: ____________________________  Ph: ____________________________

Child’s name ________________________________  Class ________
Physical Culture is modern and dance-based routines for girls and ladies from 3 yrs to 60 yrs! It is an inexpensive activity that helps coordination and fitness. Routines are performed to modern music are fun and are age appropriate. First three lessons are free for new members to try. Preschoolers -8 yrs: Tuesdays 9 yrs - through to senior girls: Mondays. Ladies classes Monday nights. All local venues for classes. Registration and enquiry days are Saturday 6th Feb and Sunday 7th Feb, 12-2pm at Fairy Meadow Demonstration School Hall.

Call Elizabeth Scott 0411 288 291 or visit our website: Mt Ousley Physical Culture Club to make enquiries. mtousleyphysie@bigpond.com
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