The first two weeks of the year have been very busy indeed. We have already had our School Swimming Carnival, Kindergarten students have completed the Best Start Assessment and successfully begun their schooling life, while many new students began at Corrimal and all of our “old” students returned to be placed in their 2016 classes. It never ceases to amaze me how busy schools are. Having said that, I wouldn’t have it any other way, as busy places are exciting places, with students and teachers alike sharing new experiences on their educational journey.

Tuesday (9th February) at 3:15pm will see our first P&C Meeting of the year. This meeting is taking place at a new time and we hope to encourage parents to remain at school after they pick up their children. As a means of making this easier, we have employed the very popular “Jakfit” to work with your children for one hour. This will ensure your children have fun and get fit, while you are able to learn more about the running of our school. The meeting will be held in the Administration building and will be finished by 4:15pm. The P&C is vital to the success of a school and I encourage all parents to think about becoming involved. All you need is enthusiasm and a willingness to help!

Wednesday, 10th February is also an important date for our school. The 10th is Census Date, when we put in our student numbers for 2016. With a little over a day and a current enrolment of 182, I am confident that we will remain above the magic 180 mark. This is wonderful news for our staff and students.

This Thursday will be our first School Assembly for 2016. It will be a great opportunity for our new school captains to learn about running an assembly and for our whole school population to come together. This assembly will also be a “School Swimming Carnival Ribbon Ceremony” and I encourage parents and families to join us from 2:15pm, in the school hall, for what will be an enjoyable afternoon.

Our canteen roster is looking much healthier after some parents put their hand up to help, but we still need more! If you have been thinking you might like to help but haven’t yet let someone know, please do - Many hands make light work!

Finally, I would like to pass on my personal thanks to Mrs Giesajtis who coordinated our school swimming carnival. Events like this don’t just happen and her organisation ensured a smoothly run day that was enjoyed by all. Congratulations to our students for their efforts and behaviour on the day. It was wonderful to see so many students willing to challenge themselves and in the process many achieved more than they could have ever imagined. To our families, both spectators and helpers, thank you for your support and encouragement of our carnival. Your help and enthusiasm certainly helped create the fun and enjoyable atmosphere on the day. Finally, to the wonderful Corrimal Public School staff, thanks must go to you for your flexibility, support and enthusiasm for these extra curricular activities. It takes a whole school to bring together such an event.

Have a fantastic Week 3.

Mr Tim Fisher
Principal

Administration News

* Voluntary Contribution
In the coming weeks an invoice for Voluntary Contribution will be sent home. These funds assist the school in purchasing resources for your child. Please note that this can be paid in installments or in full.

* Attendance
We will also be sending home, to all families, Absentee Booklets to better assist you in informing us of any absences that may occur. Better yet! Sign up for our Skoolbag App and you can complete the online E-form that is easy and paper free! It is a Department of Education requirement that your child/children attend school every day. Short Absence - If your child is going to be absent please inform the school prior to the event, when possible, and as soon as possible after the absence, eg: illness.
Long Term Absence - If your family are organising a holiday there is a special long term absence form to be completed prior to the absence. These forms are available at the office.

* Payments
Payment Envelopes - When paying for activities, excursions, etc, please mark your payment envelopes clearly and place them in the payment box located in the Administration foyer. Additional envelopes are available upon request. For your convenience we are sending home payment envelopes with the Absentee Booklets this week.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Bird and Mrs Griffiths
After a very rainy night and morning we went ahead and had a fantastic day at our Swimming Carnival. Well done to all of our students who participated and attended, particularly those who competed in back to back races. Thank you to the parent helpers who volunteered their time to assist in time keeping, spotting and recording. The day’s events ran efficiently because of your time and effort.

Place ribbons for the carnival will be handed out at this week’s assembly on Thursday afternoon. Age and house champions will be announced at a later assembly once all trophies have been engraved. Students selected for the District Swimming Carnival will receive their notes with their events by the end of this week. The District Carnival will be held on Friday 26th February at Corrimal Pool.

Mrs A. Giesajtis, Swimming Carnival Coordinator

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Week 3**
* 9/2/16 - P&C Meeting - 3:15pm
* 10/2/16 - 12/2/16 - Meet the Teacher Information Sessions - Please see attached note for times
* 11/2/16 - School Assembly 2:15pm - 3:00pm
* 12/2/16 - 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

**Week 7**
* 8/3/16 - P&C Meeting - 3:15pm
* 10/3/16 - School Assembly 2:15pm - 3:00pm
* 11/3/16 - School Banking

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

VALUES FOCUS

In Week 3 teachers are looking for students WALKING ON HARD SURFACES

VALUES TOKENS

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!
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
5. Tell someone

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**Canteen Roster**

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**SCHOOL CAPTAINS**

At the end of 2015, our School Captains for 2016 were announced. These students were democratically elected and will have a huge responsibility in leading the student population of Corrimal Public School. Congratulations to the following students who were elected:

**Boy Captain:** Josh  
**Boy Vice Captain:** Pire  
**Girl Captain:** Brandi  
**Girl Vice Captain:** Eva

**HOUSE CAPTAINS**

Each year students elect two House Captains and two House Vice Captains. These students take a leadership role within their House as the students participate in the School Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics Carnivals. Congratulations to the following students who were elected:

**Bulli**
- **Captains:** Kristal and Max  
- **Vice Captains:** Gilbert and Aden

**Macquarie**
- **Captains:** Brandon and Sophie  
- **Vice Captains:** Josh and Jenna

**Kembla**
- **Captains:** Porsha-Lily and Amber  
- **Vice Captains:** Aditi and Layla

**Keira**
- **Captains:** Corey and Dane  
- **Vice Captains:** Jet and Harry

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**SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM**

Students who were nominated to run for School Captain at the end of the 2015 school year, but were unsuccessful in attaining Captain or Vice Captain will form the School Leadership Team. This team of students will form part of the SRC and will be responsible for many leadership roles throughout 2016. Congratulations to the following students:

**Boys:** Dane, Harry, Max and Corey  
**Girls:** Porsha-Lily, Jenna, Kristal and Sophie

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL**

Each year students elect SRC representatives for their class. These students have an important role, as they represent “the voice” of their class and fellow students, by enhancing their school life through promoting engaging opportunities within the school setting. Congratulations to the following students who were elected:

**Omaroo and Cooinda:** Lacey, Kahui, Alleira and Hunter  
**Akama:** Miley and Harrison G  
**Arinya:** Tahlia and Harrison F  
**Marrung:** Samuel and Mia  
**Birrung:** Keye and Keisha  
**Illuka:** Hannah and Jack  
**Tulang:** Josh and Kobi

**THURSDAY, 18TH FEBRUARY (2:00PM - 3:00PM) WILL MARK OUR OFFICIAL CAPTAIN’S INDUCTION CEREMONY.**

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**BOOK CLUB**

In 2016, Book Club will occur once a term (previously it had been twice a term), so please make sure you don't miss out when the opportunity arises. The Book Club for Term 1 will go out this week and is due back by Friday, 26th February.
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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 As Soon As Possible.

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!

**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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**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!
8th February 2016

Meet the Teacher Sessions 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

All class teachers will be conducting “Meet the Teacher Sessions” in Week 3 of this term. All meetings will be held in the classroom of the teacher, except Year 1/2 classes who will be having a combined meeting in Akama’s classroom and Year 3/4 and Year 4/5 who will be having a combined meeting in Birrung’s classroom.

The aim of these meetings is to give a general overview of the class for the year and is not a time for discussions about individual students. If you require an individual interview please make an appointment with the class teacher for another time.

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Staff members are excited by the opportunity to meet with you to discuss the coming school year. 2016 will no doubt be a busy and exciting year of learning at Corrimal Public School.

Regards

Tim Fisher
Principal
P & C General Meeting – Tuesday 9th February
Our first P&C meeting of the year is this Tuesday at 3.15pm in the School’s Administration building. Everyone is welcome; you do not have to be a member to attend.

This year, we are doing something different with our meeting time. We are now meeting at 3.15pm (after school). We are quite fortunate as the school is providing a fun afternoon of sport, combined with a healthy snack for students!

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.

Meeting Agenda
1. Welcome and formal opening of meeting
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting
4. Business Arising from previous meeting
5. Correspondence
6. Business Arising from Correspondence
7. Reports:
   a. President’s report
   b. Treasurer’s report
   c. Principal’s report
   d. Sub-committee reports (Uniform shop & Canteen)
8. General Business
9. Close

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.

FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP...
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.

TRIVIA NIGHT COMMITTEE
Later this year we will be holding our Trivia Night. Preparations will be beginning soon, so we are asking anyone interested in joining our Trivia Night Committee to help with the planning and running the night to please contact us at: cpsnsw.pandc@gmail.com
COME PLAY RUGBY LEAGUE WITH ONE OF ILLAWARRA’S MOST EXPERIENCED CLUBS!

WHEN: Saturday 13th and 20th of February 2016, 1pm - 3pm
WHERE: Corrimal Leagues Club
54 Railway Street, Corrimal
- Training kicks off on Tuesday, February 23rd from 4pm and is scheduled for every Tuesday and Thursday from 4pm
- All ages welcome between 5 - 17 years of age
- Complimentary BBQ available during both Registration days
- Registration is $100, which includes CRL Insurance, training shirt, club hoodie, drink bottle, wet bag, playing socks, playing shorts, new Cougars footy for mini and mod players, club shirt for international players

For more information please call:
Steve Waddell on 0466 148 839 or
E: secretary@corrimalcougarsjuniors.org
Web: corrimalcougars.com.au/juniors

1st Semester
Competition
Registrations
OPEN

- School Years 2-4
  Tuesday afternoon
- School Years 5-6
  Wednesday Afternoon

Ph: (02) 4284 3878 | bulli@pcycnsw.org.au
Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts is a comprehensive, co-educational high school with a specialist performing arts focus. The school has the twin goals of “academic excellence” and “excellence in the performing arts.”

Approximately 60% of the students enrolled at Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts have gained placement through the audition and workshop process. The school also enrolls students from local primary schools and students who have specifically applied to access the school’s programs.

If you are interested in obtaining an “Audition Application for Year 7 Performing Arts/Visual Arts Enrollment” information pack, please see us at the school office. Applications must be in by Friday, 4th March 2016.
Illawarra Sports High School allows students to combine their education with their love of sport. The Talented Sports and Development Program offers many opportunities that do not exist at other comprehensive high schools.

- Rugby league, Rugby Union, Football (soccer), Netball, Tennis, Basketball, Girls All Codes (RL, RU, Touch, Oztag), Baseball, Surfing.
- Exclusive Sports High only and Elite Level competitions such as GIO Schoolboy Cup
- Fully qualified, high quality, external coaching during school hours
- Access to fully equipped strength and conditioning facility as well as personal training sessions
- Exclusive pathways with the University of Wollongong and TAFE
- Partnership with Physiotherapist
- Academic Mentors to ensure that schoolwork is the main focus
- Sports Leadership Program
- Targeted Academic Program
- Years 7 to 10 Academic Challenge and Excellence Program
- Rail Shuttle for out of area students.

**Students applying for the selective sports program attend the Year 6 Trials Day on Thursday 31st March 2016. 8.30am to 12.30pm**

See primary school or contact ISHS for permission notes and info.