PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

SCHOOL BANKING
Banking has started again! It was great to see so many students bring in their bank books last Friday. If you are wanting to open an account in 2016, more information will be available in next week’s newsletter, about our “Account Opening Day” where a representative of the Commonwealth Bank will be on site to assist you with opening an account.

Date: Thursday, 3rd March
Time: 8:30am - 9:00am

WEEK 4 ALREADY!
It is hard to believe that three weeks have already passed and we are now well and truly into our school year. Week 3 was a huge week, with all “Meet the Teacher” sessions completed, scripture beginning, our first Assembly for the year and the first P&C Meeting of 2016.

CENSUS DATE
GREAT NEWS!
As was reported last week, Census date was on Wednesday, 10th February. This date is a very important date for all schools and I am happy to say that this year we have snuck over the line and have created eight classes - this time last year, we just made it to seven classes! As I have said in the past, larger student numbers brings so much. The increases we have seen in the last two years reflects a wonderful achievement and I congratulate the whole school community. Our 2016 staffing allocation will make a significant difference to our school and most importantly, our students.

P&C NEWS
This time last year our first P&C Meeting had also occurred, with five parents attending the meeting, all were members of the P&C executive. This year, with a new time and the capacity for our parents to attend, knowing that their children were being well cared for, we saw an impressive number of more than 20 parents attend the meeting. Part of our School Management Plan is to improve parent attendance at these meetings, as we want to provide parents with the opportunity to gain more insight into the running of the school. I was so pleased with this response and excited by 2016 and what the year may hold as we look to continue to build our P&C. For those parents who didn’t attend the last meeting, I would encourage you to join us for the next meeting. The meetings are highly productive, yet relaxing and enjoyable. Our next meeting falls on Tuesday, 8th March at 3:15pm and again we will have JAKFit available to provide our students with a great session of fun and exercise. I hope to see you there!

SCHOOL LEADER INDUCTION ASSEMBLY
Thursday afternoon (2:00pm - 3:00pm) will mark our School Leader Induction Assembly. This is an exciting event, with forty four students taking a pledge and receiving a badge to recognise their role for 2016. We hope to see lots of parents and families at this important event.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS
A big thank you to the K/1 parent helpers who have signed up to come in for our reading groups. We still have plenty of room if anyone is available for Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. Any help would be greatly appreciated! Thank you!

SKOOLBAG
Don’t forget to sign up for the Corrimal Public School Skoolbag App. It is the best way to stay in touch with what’s happening at school. Go to the App store, type in Corrimal Public School and follow the prompts...

WEBSITE UPDATE
Don’t forget to check out our website for many more photos. More were just added from the School Swimming Carnival!

Go to: www.corrimal-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

RESPECT SAFETY LEARNING

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MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students for displaying excellence during Week 3:

OMAROO AND COOINDA - JACK, EJAY, EBONY AND PARIS
AKAMA - SONNY AND BETHANY
ARINYA - MALAKIE AND DYLAN
MARRING - EMILY AND FLYNN
BIRRUNG - MICHAEL AND CADENCE
ILLUKA - SARAH AND JACK
TULANG - BRANDI AND RACHEL

VALUES TOKENS

In Week 3, students achieved 2142 tokens!
Students have started to work towards 5000 tokens that will lead to a whole school reward! Well done to all students for your efforts!!

Congratulations to the following classes for gaining the most “Values Tokens” in Week 3:

1st - BIRRUNG - 362
2nd - TULANG - 256
3rd - ARINYA - 167

VALUES FOCUS

In Week 4 teachers are looking for students WEARING A SCHOOL HAT

BONUS VALUES TOKEN DRAW

Congratulations to TAYISSA, who was our most recent winner. TAYISSA received a special award pack for her bonus prize!

CONGRATULATIONS

COOINDA AND OMAROO
FOR BEING BEST CLASS OF THE WEEK 3 ASSEMBLY

UPCOMING ASSEMBLY ITEMS

Week 4 - School Leader Induction
Week 5 - Tulang
Week 6 - Illuka
Week 7 - Birrung
Week 8 - Marring
Week 9 - Arinya
Week 10 - Akama
Week 11 - Cooinda and Omaroo

RESPECT    SAFETY    LEARNING
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
5. Tell someone

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!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Week 4
* 18/2/16 - School Leader 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

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

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 went out last week and is due back by Friday, 26th February.

RESPECT   SAFETY   LEARNING
SAFE PEOPLE, SAFE PLACES

As we settle back into the school year, it is important to reinforce with children the correct action to take if they are placed in a situation where they feel unsafe. Below are some key messages for children to be aware of in ensuring their safety. I would encourage parents to reinforce the ‘Safe People, Safe Places’ messages with their children, including:

- Make sure your parents or another adult you know, knows where you are at all times.

- Always walk straight home or to the place you are walking to. Walk near busier roads and streets, or use paths where there are lots of other people.

- Know where safe places are – a shop, service station, police station, library or school. If you are ever frightened, you should go to one of these places and ask them to call the police.

- Learn about safe adults you can look for and talk to if you need help – police officers, teachers at school, adults you know and trust.

- Don’t talk to people you don’t know and never get into a car with someone you don’t know. If a car stops on the side of the road and you don’t know the person inside, do not stop.

- If you are scared and can use a phone, call 000 and tell them you are scared.

- If someone tries to grab you, yell out, ‘Go away, I don’t know you’. This lets other people know you have been approached by someone you don’t know.

LET’S CLEAN UP TOGETHER!

Our school has registered for Clean Up Australia Day 2016 which will be held on Friday, 4th March. Each class will be given a designated area of our school grounds to remove all rubbish. We encourage students to bring a set of gloves and a recyclable bag to actively participate in our school clean up. Let’s work together to show our support for caring for the environment!

LITTER FREE LUNCH!

For Clean Up Australia Day, students are encouraged to bring all of their food without packaging to support us in caring for the environment. The families at Corrimal Public School do a wonderful job on this for ‘Crunch and Sip’ so let’s think outside the box to reduce the amount of waste brought to school this Friday. For example, buying food in bulk rather than individual packets, storing sandwiches in containers rather than plastic wrap. All of these little things can make a big difference to our environment.

Thank you!

Miss Mulrooney

CHANGE TO STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS IN TERM 4

Each school year, schools are allocated five Staff Development Days. These days are “pupil free” and are provided for staff professional development or school professional development activities. The first three Staff Development Days staff find extremely valuable, as they are an opportunity to plan and prepare for the coming term. However, the final two Staff Development Days, we believe, would be better spent at another time, when the results of the professional development will have the most impact on the staff and therefore directly relate to success for students.

After much discussion, staff have decided that at Week 4 and Week 8 of Term 1 and Term 3 in 2016, we will have an extended staff meeting that will run from 3:30pm - 7:00pm. This professional development will be highly structured and beneficial to all involved. Guest presenters will work with our staff to provide thought provoking content that will directly relate to best practice within each classroom setting.

As a result of this additional training, staff will not be required to complete the final two Staff Development Days of the year (these were already to be “pupil free” days). The school office will be open on these days (Monday, 19th December and Tuesday, 20th December) should parents need to contact the school.

If you would like any further information regarding this change of routine, please contact the school office and I will happily discuss the change.

Tim Fisher
RECORD TURN OUT FOR P&C MEETING
Last Tuesday was our first meeting and what a success with the new 3:15pm time slot! It was the largest attended meeting in years with about 20 people turning up. Discussed was a recap of last year’s Carols Night, our upcoming events in Term 1 & 2, and what our P&C fundraising goal will be for 2016. The latter is to continue to raise funds to update our school computers and also provide funds to help subsidize special programs (such as Life Education). Thank you to all who attended the meeting and we hope to see you all, and others, again next month on Tuesday 8th March at 3:15pm

WORD FROM THE CANTEEN...
We need your help! The Canteen is looking for volunteers to do shifts this year, even if it is just one day a term. 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’ll be working with someone more experienced and sometimes more crazy.

Unbeatable Prices: No need to send your kids in with large monetary notes to use at the canteen; pocket change will do. Our canteen’s menu items are very reasonable and sometimes extremely cheap in price compared to other schools. On average a lunch order (meal, drink and snack) for an older student can range from $5-$7, while younger students it’s $3-$5. What a bargain!!!

UPCOMING EVENTS:
Hot Cross Bun Drive
With Easter just a few weeks away we will once again be having a Hot Cross Buns Drive. These delicious little buns hold memories for many of us during the Easter season. Watch this space for more details in the next few weeks on how you can purchase some hot cross buns.

Easter Baskets Raffle
It was such a success last year we are once again holding an Easter Baskets Raffle to be drawn during the Easter Hat Parade in Week 9. More details about tickets and how you can help to be announced in the next few weeks.

Trivia Night in Term 2
Next term we are looking at hosting a Trivia Night (date tba). Preparations will be beginning soon so we are asking anyone interested in joining our Trivia Night Committee to help with the planning and running of the event. Specific tasks required are making posters, delivering advertising material, collecting donations, MC, and being “runners” on the night. If interested please email cpsnsw.pandc@gmail.com

Bunnings BBQ - May 22
A very successful fundraiser for our P&C over the past few years is our Bunnings Community Barbeque. This year it will be held during Term 2 on Sunday 22nd May at the Wollongong store. All money raised will go to our goal of providing our kids with new school computers. We are currently looking for a head coordinator for this event. No experience is necessary as we can provide all the details you will need to organise the event. If you are interested in taking on this position please email us at cpsnsw.pandc@gmail.com

Corrimal Public School Parents & Citizens Association  email: cpsnsw.pandc@gmail.com  www.corrimal-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/p-c
FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP...

We apologize for the delay to those people waiting on the sports shirts & shorts to arrive. We hope to have our order come soon and will contact you as soon as the items become available. Thank you for your patience. The uniform shop is open every Tuesday morning (8:45am - 9:15am) and Friday afternoons (2:45pm - 3:15pm). Order forms are also available to download from the school’s website.

Cancer Council Sunscreen lotions from last year’s Sun Smart Blitz are still available for purchase in our uniform shop. Products are Australian Made – SPF 30+ Protection with UVA + UVB protection. Proceeds from the sales will go towards P&C fundraising as well as helping fund cancer research, patient support and education.

LOOKING TO PURCHASE OR REFINANCE A NEW HOME, PERSONAL or BUSINESS LOAN??

Our P&C is now working with the Illawarra Credit Union to raise funds for the school through its Partner Benefits Program. Anyone affiliated with Corrimal Public School who takes out a home/personal or business loan with Illawarra Credit Union will be supporting our school. The Illawarra Credit Union will pay a percentage of the home loan balance to the P&C for every year for the life of the loan. So if you, a friend or relative are looking for a loan, head to the Illawarra Credit Union and make sure you/they mention Corrimal Public School P&C referred them!!! For more information about the program visit www.illawarracu.com.au/partner-benefits-club

GET INVOLVED IN THE SCHOOL BANKING PROGRAM

Our school participates in the Commonwealth Bank 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! You can get involved in the School Banking program by opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at your local branch. All you need to bring is your current identification as well as your child’s birth certificate. If you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer and have NetBank, you can open an account online. If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet. School Banking day is every Friday.

Quickbeds is an accommodation search and booking group website owned by The Flight Centre Travel Group. An Australian company supporting Australian grassroots sport.
Open Night 2016

Date: Wednesday 2 March 2016
Time: 5.30pm-7.00 pm
Venue: Corrimal High School Hall
A light supper will be served.
All welcome.

Is your child in Years 4, 5 or 6 and you are considering choices for their high school education?

You are invited to Corrimal High School’s Open Night.

Take a tour of our school, enjoy student performances, get a sneak peak at the only integrated Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics program in the Illawarra and sample the wonderful opportunities available to students at your local high school.

Our notable 2015 HSC achievements include:
- 27 of our students received band 5s and 6s along with offers to study at University in 2016
- An outstanding Visual Arts student major project selected for state wide exhibition in ArtExpress
- Students continuing employment training initiated via school TAFE-VET or school-based apprenticeships/traineeships

Our Special Facilities and Programs include:
- Extension (Selective) programs in Stage 4
- University Aspirations programs (UPP)
- Integrated STEM program
- School farm for horticulture and agriculture
- Extensive sporting programs
- First class technology facilities
- Plans for a multipurpose sports hub
- VET courses in Information, Digital Media and Technology, Construction, Retail, Metals and Engineering and Hospitality

Please contact the school should you require additional information

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Shamrocks Junior Rugby Club

Registration Days 2016
Wednesday 10th February 5pm – 7pm
Wednesday 17th February 5pm – 7pm

Training starts 24th Feb
Free Shamrock beanie for new registrations

Fees - $110 (includes shorts, socks)
Age groups – u7’s – u17’s

New players welcome.
Registrations to be held at Ocean Park Woonona

Contact: Andrew
ph. 0432 944543
Birth certificate required for new players.

All welcome to a very friendly local playgroup
Tuesdays 10am-12pm

At Corrimal Anglican Church:
121 Princes Hwy, Corrimal
Ask Carol Esdale 0401647942