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, please have a look at Page 8 of this edition of the Corrimal Connection, 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 RECAP
Week 4 certainly was a little quieter in comparison to previous weeks. While it may have appeared a “ghost town” at times throughout the week, I assure you that all of our students were in class, focussed and working hard. It is great to have all of these other special events, but it is also nice to see students and teachers focussed on our “Core Business,” which is ensuring the curriculum is being taught and great learning is taking place. Over the past few weeks I have spent a great deal of time around the school, in classes and speaking with teachers, students and parents. The settled, calm feeling across the school is really pleasing and has been acknowledged by many. It certainly is a nice place to be!

CROSSING SAFELY
It has been brought to my attention that a number of parents and students are not using the school crossing, but rather choosing to cross Wilga Street at other points. This decision is dangerous and sets a poor example for our younger children. Children do not have the same skills and knowledge of the roads that we as adults have. I ask parents to please lead by example by using the safest route available when using this exit.

DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL
This Friday, our School Swimming team will compete at the District Swimming Carnival. I wish all our students good luck as they compete against the best swimmers across the North Wollongong area.

2016 CANTEEN ROSTER
Thank you to all those wonderful parents and families who have volunteered to assist in the school canteen. The roster is now available and can be collected at the school office.

WEBSITE UPDATE
Don’t forget to check out our website for many more photos. More were just added from the School Leader Induction Assembly!
Go to: www.corrimal-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

SCHOOL LEADER INDUCTION ASSEMBLY
Our School Leader Induction Ceremony occurred last Thursday. What a wonderful afternoon it was, with 44 badges being distributed to appointed students from Kindergarten all the way to Year 6 who will be fulfilling a range of leadership roles at Corrimal Public School this year. I congratulate you all and look forward to working with you throughout the year.
Further information on the ceremony is a little later in the newsletter, with some great pics of students enjoying this special event.

Administration
This year, receipts will only be returned to students for payments over $10. If you do require one please see me in the office or call me on 4284 4231.
Thank you,
Cheryl Bird
Administration Manager

EXTENDED STAFF MEETING
Last Tuesday saw staff involved in our first “Extended Staff Meeting” of the year. This staff meeting took place between 3:30pm and 7:00pm in Mrs V’s Room. As mentioned in the previous newsletter, staff believe that this is the best use of time for our staff and students (as opposed to using the final two Staff Development Days of the year). I can confirm that it was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon, where staff had the opportunity to share thoughts, build knowledge and spend quality time preparing engaging lessons for their students. Staff enjoyed the opportunity to spend time with their colleagues without thinking when is the bell going to go, or I have to get going as I have playground duty.

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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.

RESPECT          SAFETY          LEARNING

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School Leader Induction Assembly

Corrimal Public School held its Induction Ceremony on Thursday 18th February. It was an opportunity to unveil the student leaders for 2016, comprising of our School Captains, Vice Captains, the School Leadership Team, House Captains and Student Representative Council.

Such an event allows us all as a community to reflect on the values of leadership and the roles our student leaders play within the school. In my address to the students, I made the comment that as a person I always try to leave a place better than when I first arrived. I challenge the leaders of 2016 to have this goal. I am confident that when this school year comes to a close, our leaders will be able to look back on their time and reflect on the role they have played and the positive changes they have been able to create.

The parents of our school captains and vice captains joined us on stage for the Investiture of the Badges. A special moment for both the students and their parents.

For more photos of this special event, check out our school website!

Attendance

It is vital your children attend school everyday. Students who continue to have unexplained absences will be referred to our Home School Liaison Officer.

ATTENDANCE: IT’S NOT OKAY TO BE AWAY

Should you require support in ensuring your son / daughter is attending school, please contact us immediately. We can all work together to make a difference to your child in the future.

Be On Time, Be At School, That’s The Rule

VALUES TOKENS

Our whole school tally stands at 2138!!

Once the tally reaches 5000 tokens, all students will receive an Ice-Block and 30 minutes of extra play time at Recess.

In Week 4, due to our School Leader Induction, there was no tally for our tokens. In Week 5, captains will do a double count, with the results being made available at the School Assembly this Thursday.

SCHOOL FEES

Our voluntary school contribution fees can now be paid at the office - notes will be sent home this week! School fees are completely voluntary, but are highly valuable to the running of our school. This year we are asking for $40 per family. Fees go directly to the purchase of books ($35) and paper ($5). Your support of our school is appreciated and goes directly back to providing a quality education for your child / children.
Week 5 Term 1

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**UPCOMING ASSEMBLY ITEMS**

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

**VALUES FOCUS**

In Week 5 teachers are looking for students WEARING A SCHOOL HAT

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Week 5**

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

**Week 6**

-  2/3/16 - CHS Open Night for Students Years 4-6
-  3/3/16 - School Banking Account Opening Day
-  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 - Regional Swimming Carnival
-  8/3/16 - P&C Meeting - 3:15pm
-  9/3/16 - Start Smart Banking Sessions - Years 1 - 6
- 10/3/16 - Start Smart Banking Sessions - Years 1 - 6
- 10/3/16 - School Assembly 2:15pm - 3:00pm
- 11/3/16 - School Banking

**Week 8**

- 16/3/16 - School Cross Country
- 17/3/16 - School Assembly 2:15pm - 3:00pm
- 18/3/16 - School Banking

**Week 9**

- 24/3/16 - Easter Hat Parade - Time TBC
- 24/3/16 - School Assembly 2:15pm - 3:00pm
- 25/3/16 - Good Friday - Public Holiday - NO SCHOOL

**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.

**VALUES**

**RESPECT**

**SAFETY**

**LEARNING**

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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 on Friday, 4th March. 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

The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey
I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with each student. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school by Friday 26th February. The FAQs and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website above.
P&C MEETING-8th March at 3:15pm

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 8th March** in the Year 6 room in Building Block A. Everyone is welcome. You do not have to be a member to attend.

One again a reminder our meeting is after school at 3:15pm. Our school is providing a fun afternoon of sport combined with a healthy snack for the students whose parents are attending. Come along, have a say and meet some terrific people.

Should you not be able to attend you can still have a say or suggest something for us to consider. Just speak to one of our executive committee members in person or email us at cpsnsw.pandc@gmail.com

FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP...

We apologize for the delay to those people waiting on the sports shirts & shorts to arrive. Our supplier has informed us we will be receiving our order this week. As soon as they arrive we will contact you as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience.

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.

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.

WORD FROM THE CANTEEN....

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 and raise funds for our school.

**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 next week’s newsletter

**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

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**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

SHOP ONLINE: [WWW.BRIGHTSTARKIDS.COM.AU](http://WWW.BRIGHTSTARKIDS.COM.AU)

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

Website: www.corrimal-h.schools.nsw.edu.au
Murray Road Corrimal NSW 2518 - Phone (02) 4285 1199 - Email: corrimal-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
All welcome to a very friendly local playgroup
Tuesdays 10am-12pm

At Corrimal Anglican Church:
121 Princes Hwy, Corrimal

Ask Carol Esdale 0401647942
Corrimal Public School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to deposit money into their Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a Dollarmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.

The rewards available during 2016 are:

- Flying Snake Tail
- Wildlife Writer Set
- Mud Splat Handball
- Outback Pat Bag Tag
- Backtrack Eraser Pen
- Jump and Skip Rope
- Bush Fly Fan
- Wriggly Glow Worm

School Banking day is FRIDAY.

To get you started we will be holding an Account Opening Day at our school:

**Time:** 8.30am

**Date:** Thursday, 3rd March 2016

**Location:** School Playground

If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child please bring along your current driver’s licence or another form of photographic identification.

Alternatively, you can open an account at your local branch. All you need to bring is your current identification as well as your child’s birth certificate. If you an existing Commonwealth Bank customer and have NetBank, you can open an account online.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2016 School Banking program information pack from the school office.
Australian Gifted Support Centre offers a wide range of services to gifted children and adolescents, their parents or caregivers and their teachers.

Events coming to the South Coast

Managing Big Emotions 5-8 year olds
This workshop will focus on the big emotions that gifted children often find hard to manage.
LOCATION: Nowra NSW DATE: 20 March 2016

2016 Camp – Harry Potter
Join the Professors for 2 days of fun and exciting activities based on J K Rowling’s Harry Potter Series. We will have a wide range of activities, workshops, games and exploration time.
WHEN: 7.30pm Friday 15th May, 2016 to 3pm Sunday 15th May 2016
AGES: 6 – 14 year olds LOCATION: Mittagong NSW

Coming soon: (Please send an email to express interest)
- Making & Keeping Friends Moruya NSW May 2016

TO BOOK ANY SOUTH COAST EVENTS:

Events being held in ACT

Managing Big Emotions
This workshop will focus on the big emotions that gifted children often find hard to manage.
DATE: 20 March 2016

High School Study Skills
Prepare for the years assignments and exams. Organisational skills, exam techniques and stress relief for High School students in years 7 - 12 in 2016!
DATE: 2 April 2016

Making and Keeping Friends
This workshop will look at the values of friendship, different levels of friendship and help to develop skills that will help the children interact with others in a happy productive way.
DATE: 30 April 2016

TO BOOK ANY ACT EVENTS:
http://australiangiftedsupport.com/act.programs-and-services/

Assessments and consultations.
The assessments have been designed to identify giftedness and any possible learning differences, or issues, and to highlight strengths in your child. Your child’s situation will then be analysed and a formal written report will be completed.
To organise a Comprehensive Developmental Assessment and/or IQ and achievement test contact us.

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