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Fire at School

Last Tuesday 21 October a small fire was lit in the main building at Corrimal High School.

The fire was quickly noticed and extinguished by a staff member. There was minimal damage caused.

Due to a large amount of smoke generated by the fire, staff quickly evacuated nearby classrooms and the school called the fire brigade to provide support.

First aid was supplied by ambulance staff and support for students and staff was offered by the school counsellor.

Students resumed normal classes after recess.

Police are investigating the incident. The student who lit the fire has been put on a long suspension. This incident was out of character for this particular student. The school will be providing support to the student and parents and I have arranged an interagency meeting with the parents.

As principal I would like to praise the efforts of staff and students for following the practised procedures for evacuations in timely and composed manner.

Mark King
Principal

Year 12 2014 IN2UNI SCHOLARSHIPS
Open until Friday 20 February 2015

The In2Uni Scholarship has been established since 2011 as a means to provide a tangible connection and support for the successful transition of students who have attended In2Uni Schools into tertiary education.

The In2Uni scholarships are to the value of $1000 for students in their first year of an undergraduate degree at the University of Wollongong.

Corrimal High Students should go to: http://www.uow.edu.au/in2uni/in2unischolarship/index.html
Mathematics Competition 2014

On Thursday 7 August we entered 34 students in the 37th annual Australian Mathematics Competition. Of those students who entered we have had some excellent results.

There were hundreds of thousands of students from 40 countries who took part this year and we were able to gain two Credits, 10 Proficiency Awards and 22 Participation awards.

Congratulations to all those who entered. As a student you should make the effort to enter this competition at least once in your high school years. An employer looks favourably upon a prospective employee if they see that they have voluntarily participated in a Mathematics competition as it shows that the person values Mathematics and has commitment above and beyond what is called for.

When I am looking for participants next year at the end of Term 1, remember the challenge - at least one entry while you are a student here for a bargain price of $2.00.

Congratulations to the students who participated this year.

Cows Create Careers
Presentation Day

On Wednesday 22 October a group of students from the Year 9 Agriculture class attended the “Cows Create Careers” presentation day at the City Beach function centre in Wollongong.

The students had been invited as they had cared for two calves from a local dairy farm for three weeks during term two this year. This involved feeding and monitoring their growth and overall health during this time and in the process, gaining an appreciation of the careers available in the dairy industry.

At the venue, the students took part in a number of activities that, as well as being fun drew upon their knowledge of the subject. They overcame their initial reservations to carry out problem solving demonstrations in front of a large crowd of students drawn from over a dozen schools.

The students then enjoyed a well deserved lunch and met their counterparts from other schools. The group are to be congratulated for their excellent behaviour on the bus and train, for their participation in the day as a whole and on their prize of a book on the dairy industry in Australia. Well done to the students who participated.

Mr Borger
Year 9 Agriculture teacher

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Mathematics Competition Award winners 2014 with Mark King (Principal)

Ms S Groves
Head Teacher Mathematics
AIT Workshop 2014

On Friday 24 October 21 Year 9, 10 and 11 students were fortunate enough to attend an animation workshop hosted by the Academy of Information Technology. While there, students got a firsthand tour of some of the facilities offered by AIT as well as receiving information of the multitude of degrees offered in the field of IT and the high demand for individuals in that area of study.

Students got some working knowledge on the background and design elements involved in creating a product for distribution. The planning stage was very in-depth and required students to critically think about all the design aspects required to make a simple board game, after which they then had to test, evaluate, re-design and test again.

Students have already been building skills in a range of Information Technology fields due to their studies at school which includes C++ programming, App development, multimedia production through the use of Blender, 3D printer and Flash and digital media production through Photoshop. After lunch, Corrimal High School students had the chance to extend these skills sets participating in the animation process using Maya and Photoshop.

Our students were amazed to see how much work was involved in making many items they use every day and were excited by the fact that they too could create such awesome projects if they underwent the same degree.

IT is used in every aspect of our lives now from accessing in internet, playing games, purchasing items from shops and almost every aspect of work and it was great to see some eager students to be the next leading specialists in such an enormous field of practical work and application.

Joel Foster

Year 9 Rewards Excursion

Year 9 is a truly amazing year cohort. Students regularly participate in not only enhancing their academic studies but also get involved in many extracurricular activities, for example, running sports events with local primary schools, organising awareness days for cultural diversity and harmony as well as running environmental programs. That’s just some of the projects they are involved in while at school and does not include their out of school commitments to local sports teams and employers.

Due to these outstanding efforts and achievements a special rewards excursion was organised by their Year Adviser with the aim to recognise students with
exemplary behaviour, leadership and overall scholastic success in 2014. But where do you take a group of Year 9 students as a reward? The answer is simple, Hangtime and Bubble Soccer!

On Friday 17th October students made their way (a little slower than expected due to train transport delays) to Eight Fox Avenue Sport Centre to have a session of bubble soccer – a game of soccer with a slight twist, everyone was inside their own air bubble. Students received instructions and were given the ‘rules’ and then got stuck in to it with teams completing each other in 5 minute rounds – although it did seem that students were more interested in bumping into one another than actually playing soccer.

After that, students made their way to Hangtime where a round of trampoline dodgeball got underway and the daring acrobatics of many students were performed. Much of this was caught on film and can be found on the Year 9 website at www.epiccommittee.weebly.com.

Students should be commended for not only their efforts during the year but also their excellent behaviour during the rewards excursion. Well done Year 9!!! Now I must try to come up with another place for the Year 10 reward excursion.

Joel Foster
Year 9 Adviser

QuickSmart Update

Corrimal HS has been very fortunate to be able to offer students in years 7 and 8 the opportunity to undertake the QuickSmart program which is a research-based program from the University of New England. Selected students have been working to improve their automatic recall of mathematical facts since March this year and are making great progress.

Each month 4 students will be acknowledged for their hard work and positive attitudes by being named QuickSmarters of the month.

Congratulations to Tameeka, Billie-Jayne, Joshua and Marakaka who are the October QuickSmarters of the Month.

Kerrie Faulkner
Corrimal High School QuickSmart Coordinator

FREE BREAKFAST PROGRAM

FOR ALL SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN
Held every school day 7.30am-8.30am (not available school holidays)
@ Bellambi Neighbourhood Centre
Kids receive free unlimited cereal, juice, toast etc.
We also pack a free school lunch of sandwiches & a snack
PLEASE COME ALONG TO THIS WONDERFUL PROGRAM
COMING SOON

Are you an eligible Young Carer?
- Do you provide care and support to a family member or friend with an illness, disability, mental health illness, or frail aged or has an alcohol or other drug problem?
- Are you aged 12-25 years?
- Are you currently studying or wishing to return to study or training?
You may be eligible to apply for a young carer bursary.

About the Bursaries
- 150 bursaries will be granted each year.
- The bursaries range from $4,000 to $10,000 for 12 months.
- The money can be spent on whatever helps you with your education or training.

How do you apply for a 2015 bursary?
- Applications open on 11 October and close on 9 November 2014.
- Go to www.youngcarers.net.au to find out more and apply online.

Further information
For further information and to check your eligibility please visit www.youngcarers.net.au or ring 1800 756 238

An Australian Government Initiative

Art & Cartooning Program

Monday 29 December 2014 – Friday 2 January 2015

WOLLONGONG CAMP
Gwynneville Public School
10 Acacia Street,
Gwynneville

Registration:
Book & pay online: www.illustrating-man.com.au

Short Day: $35 per child per day (9.30am - 3.30pm)
All activities listed in the brochure take place within the Short Day.

Long Day: $40 per child per day (8am - 6pm or part thereof)
Long Day is a service we provide for those families that are working or for children that want to do more activities, cartooning, craft or games.

Night Camps: $20 (6pm - 9pm) per night (Tuesday & Friday)

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL
Book & pay for 3 days ONLY
Monday to Wednesday Long Day & we will add your child manually to the Friday list for free here in our office: Payments must be before Friday December 12th 5pm

Receive Friday for FREE!

Surfers! Help out at our 22nd "Hands on Day"

Thirroul Beach "Hands on Day"
rung by the South Coast Branch of the DSA for the Region’s Disabled Participants with the assistance of surfers, local schools and the general public

WHEN? Saturday 6th December 2014, 9am - 1pm. BBQ lunch is free to all registered attendees.
WHERE? Thirroul Beach – sign on the grassed area on the southern end of the Thirroul Pool.
COST: FREE to everyone signed-in due to this year's sponsorship by the Northern Illawarra Tigers AFL Club – "Do the mighty Tigers!"
Other South Coast events this season: Mollymook Sat Nov 15, 2014; Gerringaen Sun March 28, 2015
For more info contact Ian 0421082333, Simon 0418068522 or Dais 0413173999

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WHAT IS THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?
The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the cost of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2014-2015 the rebate gives:

- A $150 credit on electricity bills for eligible applicants who hold an account with an electricity retailer
- A $165 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a residential community (caravan or mobile home park) and receive electricity from the park operator.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE REBATE?
To be eligible you MUST:

- Be a NSW resident; and
- Have been assessed by the Federal Department of Human Services (DHS) as being eligible for the Family Tax Benefit (FTB) A or B at any time during the 2013-2014 financial year, and have received an FTB payment in respect of that eligibility; and
- Be an account holder of an electricity retailer, or a long-term resident of a residential community (caravan or mobile home park), whose name appears on the electricity account for supply to her or his principal place of residence.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO BEFORE I APPLY?
Before you apply, here's a quick checklist. Have you:

- Lodged your tax return for 2013-14 with the Australian Taxation Office or informed the Department of Human Services (DHS) if you are not required to lodge a tax return?
- Received confirmation from DHS as to your eligibility for Family Tax Benefit A or B for 2013-2014?

HOW TO APPLY
- ONLINE – it takes just two minutes to submit an application. Processing starts immediately.
- PAPER – download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post.
Use this form if you receive your electricity from the operator of the residential community where you live.

FOR MORE INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE
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