COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 1

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Multi-Purpose Gym, Big Plans

If any of you have attended a school function for Year 6 or 7 recently you will have been reminded of the importance of the school’s Parents and Citizens group. Currently the officeholders have had all their children leave the school and we are looking at refreshing the membership of this important group. The next meeting is this Monday starting at 7pm.

The school is considering our options for the construction of a multipurpose gym where the school’s basketball courts are located. Normally this would involve intense lobbying by the P&C of the Department of Education and Community to show that the school is viable and that there is a demand from the parents as well as for this resource. Hence, the need for a representative P & C.

There is an option that would involve the sale of school land to effectively self-fund the cost of the construction of the gym. There will be a community meeting earlier next term to discuss with the whole school community the options for the school gym.

Mr Mark King
Principal

Year 9 Survival Camp

On the 10th of March seven students began their journey to Jervis Bay for a three day camp. These students were seven of eight students that handed in their notes for the Boys Swim and Surf Safe Day late last year and were being rewarded with the camp as the day’s activities did not run due to a lack of numbers.

The seven students: Kye Chamberlain, Kias Chalmers-Mulder, Jordan Foster, Tristan Winter-Andrews, Joshua Reed, Brad Meades and Jye Plumb were keen to start the camp which was targeted at developing leadership skills and self-reliance skills.
At the start the students struggled a little with coming to terms with being in charge of their accommodation and taking it took a little bit longer than normal to set up the tents and air mattresses. They soon settled in taking charge of kitchen duties and a range of other skills.

While on camp, the students went on several hikes, including a 12km hike taking them around the local bushland to explore hidden treasures such as Trig Point, Coomies Track and a local shipwreck. Students were lead in exploration of local Aboriginal culture including first-hand bush tucker tasting and learning about significant sites.

Students also got to learn about Australia plant and wildlife, led by the amazing Liz Price, and found out some of the mechanisms that nature uses to survive. Students also participated in many activities including a ‘get off clean up duty’ scavenger hunt which required students to solve a range of cryptic clues and perform a range of tasks to win.

Students definitely showed great development and learning of new skills throughout the camp. This will hopefully be another Year 9 Epic Committee project for the whole of Year 9 later this year.

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**Welfare Team**

Corrimal High School caters for the whole education of your student.

Corrimal High School has a strong Welfare Team to guide and support your child. It consists of counsellors, year advisers and a student adviser to support your child. We pride ourselves on the individual attention given to each student. The team works closely together to co-ordinate its support. A significant feature of our welfare program is the focus on anti-bullying and the boys’ and girls’ talks that are held each term.

Students and parents/carers can be confident that they will get the support they need at our school. No matter what the issue, we will do our best to help you. But we need to know what’s going on. So, please contact us.

See our school website for more information. Go to the menu and see ‘Caring for Students’. Headings include:

- Aboriginal student support
- Special needs support
- Financial assistance
- Supporting families
- Student health
- Student safety
- Saver plus program
- Tech fact pack

Ms S Cutsforth
Girls’ Adviser – Welfare Team
The ‘Secret Garden’

Many of our students need a place that is a sanctuary within a school. They think about walking on fresh grass and sitting under a sunny sky with their friends in a peaceful environment. Sometimes our students need a bit of time out to adjust to the demands of their day.

At CHS, we have a garden for students who require a bit of a sanctuary during the school day. Some students have been selected to access this garden because we are aware that they may need some quiet reflecting time.

Please contact Mr Marr, Mr Georgio or Ms Cutsforth if you feel that you would benefit from access to the ‘Secret Garden’. A list of students has been put up, so staff on playground duty know who has already been identified to take advantage of this tranquil space.

The Welfare Team

Harmony Day and National Day of Action against Violence and Bullying 2014

Corrimal High School is a comprehensive school that caters to a wide variety of students. These students come from a diverse range of cultural backgrounds, all of which, we believe, are important to understand and celebrate. Harmony Day is intended to show togetherness and inclusion in Australia and promote a tolerant and culturally diverse society. The National Day of Action against Violence and Bullying is designed to strengthen the community’s everyday message that bullying and violence at school are not okay at any time.

On Friday the 21st the Year 9 Epic Committee, led by Jordan Foster, Kye Chamberlain, Kias Chalmers-Mulder, Oscar McFarlane and Cody Farrar, devised a way to celebrate and raise awareness of these two very important days. The first was a cupcake sale that incorporated tastes synonymous with several different nations.

350 cupcakes were baked and decorated by Year 9 Adviser Mr Joel Foster and Miss Liz Price on the 20th March 2014 for sale on the 21st March. Students and staff took to these cupcakes with great vigour.

The second way students showed their support was through a mufﬁ day when students needed to wear clothing incorporating the colour orange (Both days’ colour) or wore their own cultural dress to school. Many thanks to all those who were involved and supported events and activities held to raise awareness of these two important days.

Mr J Foster
Year 9 Adviser
Australian Mathematics Competition

Once again the Mathematics department is running the Australian Mathematics Competition this year.

Entries are open now and until the end of first term. All students are encouraged to enter but especially those students in motivation/top classes.

The standard entry fee is $5.50, however, Corrimal High School is subsidising the cost so that each student may enter for a mere $2. All money should be paid to the students' Mathematics teacher.

This is a valuable learning experience and students will receive a certificate and detailed information about their performance in different strands. Employers look favorably on these extra activities that students involve themselves in while attending high school.

Mrs S Groves
Mathematics Head Teacher

News from the Library

The 13-Storey Treehouse

Andy Griffiths is one of our most popular authors. Our new year 7s especially love his latest books: The 13-Storey Treehouse and The 26-Storey Treehouse.

Now here’s your chance in the school holidays to see the play at IPAC, 15 and 16 April. It is recommended for ages 6+.

For a chance to win one of two Treehouse packs containing a family pass (4 people) to see The 13-Storey Treehouse, a gift voucher for your family to walk amongst the trees at Illawarra Fly and the Treehouse book collection, fill out the activity sheet at: merringong.com.au and send it in by Monday April 7. The two most creative entries will win. (Each pack is valued at $215).

Connect: Year 10 Future Finder Evenings

The University of Wollongong (UOW) is hosting the Year 10 Future Finder Evenings to answer any questions you may have.

We'll talk to you about:

- Selecting subjects for Years 11 and 12
- Applying to UOW, and applying to universities in general
- Important information on the HSC
- The ATAR Scaling

This will be your opportunity to speak to UOW staff, current students and academics from all our faculties. A representative from the Board of Studies will also be joining us, so this is a great opportunity to speak directly with them.

Make sure you don’t miss out and book your place.

WHEN: TUESDAY, APRIL 8
WHERE: UNIVERSITY HALL, WOLLONGONG CAMPUS
TIME: 6:30pm to 8:30pm

BOOK ONLINE, or contact

Jane Littrich
Careers Adviser
Trash and Treasure Stall  
Friday 9th May

Help to support the Year 12 fundraising in a fun and exciting way. A Trash and Treasure stall will be held at Friday recess the end of week 2, term 2.

Books, small household items, bric-a-brac, even clothes – all donations will be very much appreciated. Please drop donations off in the library. Items will be sold at 50 cents, $1 and $2.

Ms S Cutsforth and Year 12

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