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Reports

Years 7-11 reports are being issued at the end of this week. Please take the opportunity to discuss your child’s performance with them. The reports reflect the classwork done all this year, and any assignment or assessments completed are also included in the overall report.

Remember to celebrate academic achievement that is continuing at high level, or has improved from last year. If teachers indicate an area for improvement, ensure that you follow the teachers’ suggestions with your child next term to allow for academic growth and classroom interactions at a higher level.

Mr King
Principal

Public Speaking Competition

This year we are again invited to take part in the annual South Coast Public Speaking competition to be held at Holy Spirit College on the evening of August 19. We are planning to enter two students from each year group. If you are interested please see Ms Mahon in the English staffroom at recess or lunch for the relevant information.

Ms Mahon

FACS HSC Youth Scholarship Program 2015

This scholarship assists young people living in social housing, on the NSW Housing Register (waiting list) or living in crisis accommodation to complete their HSC by providing a one off payment of $2000 to be spent on educational related items. The application Form and guidelines can be downloaded from the website www.housing.nsw.gov.au

Applications open on the 16 June 2014 and close at 5:00 pm 25 July 2014. Late applications will not be accepted.

Bad luck for some

Friday 13th has proved lucky to the CHS Senior Girls Volleyball team. After both Boys and Girls teams successfully won through the knockout phase of the South Coast Regional Volleyball knockout, we travelled to Nowra for the Regional Finals. The Girls team continued their winning ways, winning both their matches in 2 games. Special congratulations go to Angela Tiere, who was named the Most Valuable Player for the competition, in recognition for her excellent on-court organisational skills. The Girls have won through to the State Finals. Despite defeating Albion Park, the Boys were knocked out after 2 hard fought games against Bowral HS.
Special Education excursion to IMAX Theatre

Last Tuesday, students and teachers from the Special Education Unit started early for the long journey to Darling Harbour. After a long train trip, followed by a long walk to Darling Harbour, we had morning tea on the shores over-looking the harbour - fabulous!

We watched the ‘Antarctica’ movie at IMAX, sending many stomachs crazy with the sweeping photography. The underwater photography was amazing, as was the stunning scenery. The film also showed some fascinating footage of penguins underwater, shooting up to seemingly fly out of the water and onto the ice.

We then headed to the food court and all had the opportunity to purchase food and drink – with many practising social skills of standing in line, ordering food and counting out correct money. These are terrific life skills that are important for all students to learn.

The Antarctica theme was repeated throughout Darling Harbour, with an Ice Castle, Ice Rink and some snowmen. Students took the opportunity to get some snow balls and throw them at unsuspecting teachers. Names are with-held!

“When we left I was tired so I slept on the train on the way up to Sydney. I liked buying my own drink.”
Chloe
“The student’s behaviour was exceptional!” said Ms Hay.

Snowball mischief!

Year 8 Motivation Class – Special Interest Project

As usual, the quality and diversity of this particular project stunned us all. The selection of topics revealed a level of sophistication among our year 8 students of which we should be very proud. Homelessness, Homophobia, Domestic Violence and Asylum Seekers were among the wide-ranging topics. Some students produced up to four drafts before the completed work. Congratulations Year 8 on your dedication and hard work.

The evaluation forms submitted were glowing in their praise and can best be summed up by one parent, “As usual……fantastic.”

Ms K Limon
Teacher Librarian

1st Keeley Baines and Rhiannon Dawson
2nd Akira Montero
3rd Chloe Overall and Billie Valentin

Most Creative Project
Reyna Weitkuhn

Most Informative
Samantha Velcek

Best Display
Tatum Etherden

Best Use Of Technology
Chloe Overall and Billie Valentin

Most Unusual Project
Fletcher McFarlane
Best Dressed Person in Character
Benjamin Rudolf and Jake Gardiner

Honourable Mention
Zac Robinson

People’s Choice
1. Chloe Overall and Billie Valentin - Homelessness
2. Fletcher McFarlane - Sea Turtles
3. Akira Montero - Homophobia

QuickSmart Parent Visit

In 2014 Corrimal HS has implemented a numeracy support program called QuickSmart. The program was developed at the University of New England (UNE) in Armidale, New South Wales and is used in school across Australia. QuickSmart aims to help children who may be having some trouble with their maths. Twenty students from years 7 and 8 were identified as suitable for the program, which helps them get better at their number skills so that their classroom work becomes easier and more successful.

The QuickSmart program has been operating since mid-march at Corrimal HS. The students have been working with a QuickSmart tutor for half an hour, three times a week to improve their automatic recall of multiplication tables. These number facts are crucial for enabling students to succeed in meeting outcomes associated with high school Mathematics topics such as Percentages, Fraction, Rates and Ratios, Measurement, Statistics and Probability. Already, we are observing improvement in both knowledge and speed. Teachers and support staff have commented on the related confidence and ability being demonstrated back in the Mathematics classroom.

On Monday 16th June, parents of our ‘QuickSmarters’ were able to observe the activities being used during the sessions. Not only did the parents become familiar with the methods used to develop fast recall of facts, but they were impressed with the progress that their children have been making. Also, they were able to discuss methods that all parents can undertake to support their children.

Here are some hints:

- Use flashcards and memory cards.
- Place a chart of table facts in a prominent position, such as the back of the toilet door.
- Play board and card games that employ number facts.
- Play apps and online games based on tables such as: http://www.mathsisfun.com/games/multiplication-game.html
- Where possible encourage your child to complete homework without a calculator.

Kerrie Faulkner
Corrimal HS QuickSmart Coordinator

Know Your Rights

Year 11 students were fortunate enough to spend an hour with two lawyers, one from the Illawarra Legal centre (Phillip Dicalfis) and the other from Wollongong Legal Aid (Mat Turner). These two men spoke to year 11 about the risks involved in borrowing money, signing contracts, rights at work and rental issues. The presentation was very informative and students were encouraged to contact Wollongong Legal aid should they have any legal questions at all.

Mrs Littrich

Bluescope Steel Cadetships

Applications open 1st July close 31 Aug 2014.
Go to www.bluescopesteel.com/cadets
CADET INFORMATION DAY PROGRAM:

Information Days for Year 10, 11 and 12.
The following Programs are planned for 2014: Monday 30th June, Tuesday 1st, Wednesday 2nd, Thursday 3rd, Friday 4th of July Monday 7th, Tuesday 8th of July. Well worth the effort if you are serious about getting a Cadetship.

Interested students need to book for these sessions at Australia’s Industry World (contact Lynne Radburn on 4275 7023, or email: tours@aiw.org.au).
Looking for more career information?

Students and parents can register for career updates through the school career website. Go to [http://www.corrimalhighcareers.com/](http://www.corrimalhighcareers.com/) to sign up today!

Mrs Littrich

**TAFE Trade Readiness Program**

Last week Year 10 students Nick Henderson, Mitch Carney and Kye Farr travelled to Bomaderry to participate in a 5 day TAFE program designed to assist students in determining whether they are trade ready. There were 4 days of practical / theory and the fifth day for evaluation. Nick studied Carpentry and Mitch and Kye participated in the Automotive Course. Year 11 student Chris Pymont attended the Wollongong course of Auto Body Repair/Spray Painting. Well done to these boys for showing such interest and commitment and for taking up this great opportunity.

**Boys Vocal Workshops**

The Arts Initiatives Boys Vocal Workshop is an exciting singing workshop specifically designed for boys. It is aimed at engaging male students in singing in schools. During the four-hour workshop, attending students and teachers will have the opportunity to work with conductor Peter Lehner on vocal warm-ups, vocal techniques, ensemble singing and exciting repertoire.

**To be held at Woonona**

Friday 22 August


**Elevate**

Three outstanding Year 11 Leaders are taking part in the Elevate Young Leaders Forum which is being run at Wollongong Uni. Students Emel Ozer, Rachel Lockart and Jack Chalmers-Mulder are Year 11 Student Representative Council members. Last Thursday they joined students from over 60 high schools. They were involved in activities, discussions and team challenges and were amazed by the journeys of other young leaders before them.

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The Outreach Unit at TAFE NSW Wollongong Campus will be conducting courses for people who want to develop skills for employment or future study.

Courses include those specifically for women and cover vocational skills in:

1. Certificate II - Skills for Work and Training (Introduction to Retail)

These courses are exempt from the TAFE Administration fee. Please ring Jennie Vulatha on 4229 0149 for further information.

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**KIDS DISCO**

@ BELLAMBI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

**THURSDAY 26TH JUNE 2014**

3.30pm–5pm Primary School Children Only

5.30pm–7pm High School Children Only

**COME ALONG & HAVE SOME FUN!**

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE, DRINKS, ACTIVITIES ETC

Please note: Parents/carers must sign primary school children into the disco at Bellambi Neighbourhood Centre Reception at the commencement of the disco.