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Spring Holidays

The upcoming holidays start on Monday 22 September 2014 and continue up to and including Monday 6 October 2014. Students return to school Tuesday 7 October 2014.

Year 12 Farewell

The last formal day for year 12 will be Friday 19 September. A Farewell Graduation Ceremony will be held in our School Hall. The ceremony commences at 9.30 am.

The HSC examinations start on Monday 13 October and go through to Wednesday 5 November. The teachers and staff of Corrimal wish the students well in their final preparation for the exams.

Students and their parents are reminded that any inappropriate or negative behaviour prior to the Year 12 formal can result in the students not being allowed to sit the examinations, or attend the formal.

There are no longer any “muck-up” day activities that can be accepted by the school and any antisocial behaviour will reported to the police.

Mark King
Principal

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.

August QuickSmarters of the Month

Tanayah Burchell 7Y
Jaiden Chambers 7G
Cain Shepherd 7B
Samarah Winter 7G

Congratulations Tanayah, Jaiden, Cain and Samarah.

Kerrie Faulkner
Corrimal High School QuickSmart Coordinator
September 11 – Special Interest Projects Display

A reminder to all parents, carers and friends of 7B that the library will be hosting an open day from 11.30am-1.30pm to display the Special Interest Projects. Please circle Thursday September 11 on your calendar. We are looking forward to seeing as many visitors as possible.

Christmas Present Suggestions

The Book Week winners were announced in August and these books would all make great Christmas presents.

The full list is available by googling “CBC Winners 2014”. However, the outright winner in each category is listed below.

Older Readers
- “Wildlife” - Fiona Wood

Younger Readers
- “City of Orphans: A Very Unusual Pursuit” - Catherine Jinks

Early Childhood
- “The Swap” - Jan Omerod

Picture Books
- “Rules of Summer” - Shaun Tan

Information Books
- “Jeremy” - Christopher Faille.

Ms K Limon
Teacher/Librarian

Corrimal High now has a Facebook page. To access please use the following link: https://www.facebook.com/corrimalhs

South Coast Public Speaking Competition

Tuesday August 19 saw the annual South Coast Public Speaking Competition take place at Holy Spirit College.

This year we had eight students entered. They were Jackson Luke, Taylah Woolmer, Maggie Eisdale, Mackenzie Baker, Noah Rzeminski, Jack Chalmers-Mulder, Hannah Giddings and Natalie Fensom. The students were outstanding. They had all written very thoughtful and mature speeches and had memorised them and delivered them many times. I was delighted at the end of the night to hear that two of our students, Noah and Jackson, placed third in their divisions. This competition draws on a large number of students from as far afield as Campbelltown, Nowra and the Southern Highlands.

There were over 200 students in attendance so to be amongst this group and to win awards is an outstanding effort. Even more pleasing was at the end of the night the chief judge singled out two of our students, Jack and Noah, for special praise. After many consecutive years, this was the last appearance for Jack and Noah as the competition does not extend to Year 12. Special congratulations must go to Jack and Noah for their consistent effort in representing the school in this competition for year after year. It has been pleasing to see them grow into exceptional and confident speakers.

Our students worked so hard and were so eager to represent our school. I was incredibly proud of their effort, their dedication and their commitment and they really are leaders of the future. Thankyou to Ms Wood and Ms Appolini for helping to coach the students and for Ms Appoloni for also attending on the night. Big thanks to the lovely family members who came along and supported their students. Start preparing for next year because we plan an even bigger effort. Next year we hope to enter 12 students in the competition. I encourage you all to consider being involved.

Ms Mahon
A Tale of a Visit

On the 29th of August Mr Monty Boori Pryor took time from his busy schedule to pay a visit to the staff and students of Corrimal High School. Over the one hour session, Boori spent time with students from Year 7 telling tales and jokes to his audience.

It wasn’t all stories and fun though. Boori delivered an important message to the students. It was a message that Boori himself wished he had learnt much earlier. The award winning author wanted all to know that writing and literacy are some of the most powerful tools that people have. The tool is used not only to entertain but also to pass along messages to the audience – messages of reconciliation, recognition and creativity.

Boori helped students to understand that the writing process can be a long road but is worth the wait and our writing should be used to tell our own stories and to help others learn and grow through what we know and have experienced. We encourage you to be creative and tell us your stories.

Bullying and Harassment

We would like to remind the school community that Corrimal High School has a zero-tolerance approach to bullying and harassment. It is the responsibility of all of us to take steps to prevent bullying. Please have a look at our school website for all our policies as well as related links.

Go to: Caring for Students – Student Safety: Bullying and Harassment. There are a number of links on how to address and counteract bullying, including cyber bullying.

Welfare Team
Term 3 Agriculture

This term has seen a busy period in the agriculture plot. Everyone was sad to see the return of the Holstein-Friesian calves back to their owner's farm. The pair, one male, one female had been generously loaned to the school for three weeks as a part of the Caring for Calves Create Careers program. Over the three weeks the calves were looked after by the Year 9 agriculture class who carried out various husbandry tasks to ensure the wellbeing of them with Mr Borger. They provided a valuable learning resource for all agriculture classes and enticed visits from many others to the agriculture plot.

Year 10 have been working very hard with Mr Allen, renovating the chicken house, which previously had significant holes covered by temporary patchwork. This has involved the removal of all the old and rusted wiring, replacement of some framework and rewiring the house. The group were set back by a few weeks of rain but have commenced work once again and the progress is looking fantastic with the house nearly complete. Keep up the good work guys, we eagerly await the finished result.

This term we also welcomed two newly born sets of twin lambs, a male and a female in each set. A couple of classes were lucky enough to witness the birth of the second set with mixed reactions towards this amazing experience. The Year 11 Agriculture class has worked closely with the lambs gaining valuable knowledge and hands on experience in husbandry techniques such as handling, tail docking and vaccination. The group has also built on their skills in poultry husbandry, carrying out a variety of tasks including most recently dusting the chickens for the prevention of external parasites.

As a part of the preliminary course assessment the Year 11 class went on an excursion with Mr Laidler and Mr Crichton to perform a farm case study. The two farms visited displayed different levels of technology. One of the farms continued the traditional bi-daily milking routine walking the cows up to the milking shed and manually attaching the milking cups to each udder and waiting for the milking to cease. The other farm used robotic milking units in which cows voluntarily enter the units enticed by concentrated feed and are recognised by electronic tag. Tasks including teat cleaning and application of teat cups are sensed by laser, milk flow from each udder quarter is measured and teat cups removed from individual teats at different times. Milk is analysed by the unit for quantity and quality and any problems occurring result in a text message being sent by the system to the farmer!!! It is really quite incredible to think about the advances being made in agricultural enterprises such as dairy. Despite the adverse weather conditions, the day was thoroughly enjoyed by all with a lot learnt from both venues.

Mr R Crichton
10 Science 1 Solar Car Racing Team

Term 3 has seen 10 Science 1 taking part in the 2014 Australian Power Institute’s STELR Solar Car Challenge.

API supplied kits containing the chassis, gear boxes and solar panels needed to build the cars. Students built car bodies and attached them to the chassis. They need to ensure the electrical components were connected correctly and controlled the car.

10S1 also investigated different methods of improving the car’s performance. They then devise methods of increasing speed, for example by changing gear box ratios, changing wheel diameters and tyre treads and by reducing wind resistance.

Race day was Friday 8th August on the school’s basketball court. API representative Mr Tom Powers came to adjudicate and to select the design award. After winning 3 races, there was little doubt that the team of Maddison Osborne, Mackenzie McMullen and Jacqui Woolmer had the fastest car.

Mr Powers then selected the car of Rhiannon Thomas, Natalie Lower and Chelsie Snedden as the winner of the design award, their adjustable solar panels allowing their car to be driven in any direction.

Mr Heng said that he had run this program many times and this was the first time every team was able to deliver working cars that could complete the race. Mr Powers also commented that this was the most successful race that he had seen.

Well done 10S1
Mr A Heng
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