COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 4 2015

TERM 4 WEEK 6 (B)

Wednesday 12.11.15  
Year 7-10 Exam Week  
Flagstaff  
Lady Elliott Island

Thursday 13.11.15  
Year 7-10 Exam Week

Tuesday 17.11.15  
Support Unit Transition  
Shine for Girls

TERM 4 WEEK 7 (A)

Tuesday 17.11.15  
Support Unit Transition  
Shine for Girls

Wednesday 18.11.15  
Premiers Sporting Challenge  
Leadership Camp  
Berry Sport and Recreation  
Camp 9:00am – 4:00pm  
Year 6 – Transition Peer  
Support  
Young Womens Forum

Thursday 19.11.15  
Premiers Sporting Challenge  
Leadership Camp  
Vaccinations Round 2  
Flagstaff

Friday 20.11.15  
Premiers Sporting Challenge  
Leadership Camp

TERM 4 WEEK 8 (B)

Monday 23.11.15  
Year 8 Bubble Soccer

Tuesday 24.11.15  
Support Unit Transition  
Shine for Girls

Wednesday 25.11.15  
Year 6 – Transition/Peer  
Support

Thursday 26.11.15  
Year 12 SLR Hike

Friday 27.11.15  
Year 12 SLR Hike

Prestigious Award for Corrimal High School Student

On Friday 6 November Hannah Giddings of Year 12 was presented with a Victor Chang Award at Figtree High School. The award is given to Year 11 students who have excelled in the study of Science at their school. The awards are presented by the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute in the memory of the pioneering heart surgeon and humanitarian who died in tragic circumstances in 1994.

Hannah received the award from Ms Ann Chang and Professor Jamie Vandenburg who gave an inspiring speech to the current Year 12 students. This year a record number of females received the award and this is perceived as a shift in attitudes to women engaging with traditionally male dominated performance in Science and Mathematics.

Additionally to the award, Hannah will spend a day at the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute at St Vincent’s Hospital in Sydney observing the types of ground-breaking medical research carried out there. Congratulations Hannah we are very proud of you.
HSC Creative Arts Success

ARTEXPRESS is an annual series of exhibitions of exemplary artworks created by New South Wales visual arts students for the Higher School Certificate examination. Bodies of work nominated for ARTEXPRESS represent all the expressive forms described in the Visual Arts syllabus - drawing, graphic design, painting, printmaking, photo media, designed objects, textiles and fibre, sculpture, documented forms, ceramics, time-based forms and collection of works.

Congratulations to Rachel Lockart (Year 12) for having her HSC body of work nominated for ArtExpress with her titled body of work “Mansions of Mumbai”. Many hours of work and dedication are evident in this thought provoking piece. Corrimal High School wishes you well in the final selection process.

Staff in the Spotlight

Name: Mr Martin Luskan
Faculty: Special Education
Position: Classroom Teacher

Where did you go to school?
Holy Spirit College from 2000-2005


Time at Corrimal High: Started 2014, but I have been teaching for 6 years.

Past schools (where you have taught)
Keira High, 2009-2014. 3 Years in PDHPE and 2 Years in Special Education.

Have you worked in other jobs?
I started my working career at McDonalds Northgate 14-18 years old. When I turned 18 I got a job at Caltex Service Station in North Wollongong 18-23 years old.

Favourite subject when you attended school?
Due to my sporty background PDHPE was always my favourite subject in the junior and senior years.

What do you like about teaching?
Making a difference in students’ lives, building good rapport with the students, being a role model, challenging myself to become a better teacher.

What are your interests outside school?
Saturday sports (cricket and soccer), golf (in my free time).
What is your favourite book?
The Hobbit JRR Tolkien.

Band: Metallica/Muse

Movie: Lord of the Rings (trilogy)

What has been the highlight of your life in the last 12 months? I got married this year.

Anything else interesting that you would like to share about yourself? I love IT (gaming, new technology) but I am not a nerd 😁.

The best thing about Corrimal High is...... It has supported me in achieving my professional goals. The teaching staff are awesome, and personally how enthusiastic, professional and supportive my colleagues are in the support unit. It is a well-oiled machine.

Year 7 – Special Interest Projects

On Thursday 29 October, 7 Blue presented their special interest projects. This project represents work undertaken throughout a term when their lessons take place once a week in the library. The project culminates in their display based on their research. Its aim is set our students up as life-long learners by embedding in their quality learning, the critical skills of: research, editing, drafting, time management and communication skills.

Ethan Hughes, our school captain, also a judge on the day, commented that when he undertook the project in year 7 and 8, it “…taught him a lot of skills for the rest of his school life.”

The breadth of topics chosen was both impressive and diverse, from surfing to domestic violence; music, fashion and art. There are awards for different categories that students have as part of their brief in preparing their project. The overall winners in the first three places demonstrate all these qualities to an exceptional standard.

In first place, Vicky Phu’s topic was 'Child Labour', second place, Macy Fensom with ‘Female Rights’ and in third, Jayden Stokes with ‘Nuclear Disarmament’.

The Most Creative was awarded to: Nikita Wiffen for her own philosophy about art.

The Most Informative to: Alliyah Sybel for her passion for the piano.

The Best Use of Technology to: Riley Donnellan and Braedan Robertson for designing their own surfing website to reflect their love of surfing.

The Most Unusual to: Jayden Stokes for his through-provoking research on Nuclear Disarmament.

The Best Display to: Esteban Rodriguez Ognjanov and Kai Esdale for their extraordinary robotic display, which they constructed long with Michael Sewell from 7 Green.

The Best Dressed to: Macey Fensom for her creative use of makeup to demonstrate an aspect of domestic violence.

Honourable Mention to: Macey Fensom for excellent insights into the learning process and Michael Sewell for his valuable contribution to the robotic construction.

Special thanks of course go to our team of judges: Ms Gyles, Ethan Hughes, Wes Girardot, Maddison Osborne, Rhiannon Thomas, Kye Chamberlain, Oscar McFarlane, Laynie Kill, Shahnne Hocking and Savannah McDonagh as well as to Ms Sullivan for leading the discussion of awards and the announcements.

Thank you too enormously to the parents who shared this special experience with 7 Blue and to the teachers who were able to view these outstanding projects. The special interest projects demonstrated quality learning of a high order. Congratulations to each student in the class.

Ms S Cutsforth
Teacher/Librarian
Technology Department

STEM Education at Corrimal High

Corrimal High school has been successful in applying for a grant from the NSW Government to integrate Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics into one classroom.

This STEM class will utilise 3 different teachers to teach specific subject content to year 8 students in 2016. Students will challenge their analytical and creative thinking with challenges incorporating 3d Printing, CAD CAM with a STEM focus.

Engineering Studies visit to University of Wollongong

Engineering students visited University of Wollongong for an intensive workshop in the materials laboratories. Students gained a “hands on” university level experience solidify concepts that they learnt previously in the classroom. Some of the activities included programming and coding a robot, materials testing and Electrical Engineering experiments.

Year 12 Science

The HSC Biology class has been investigating the biochemistry of homeostasis, which help to maintain metabolism and allow organisms to control their internal environments.

Mr S Defina
HT TAS

Mr A Heng
Science Teacher
A HUGE congratulations to Thomas Potts of Year 8 who has been selected for the elite West Ham Football squad to travel to England for 10 days. We are very proud of you Thomas! Read about it below.....

**West Ham Local Trials and West Ham Oceania Trials 2015 by Thomas**

The first trial was a local two day trial at Fairy Meadow with multiple coaches coming to watch and teach. After a couple of weeks, I was invited to travel to the Gold Coast for a further four day trial and stayed in a mansion style dorm with other players. We trained twice a day for three days and on the fourth day we played a trial game. I played against 15 and 16 year olds at Right Centre position for 60 minutes in 30 degree blazing heat and did my very best in preventing the opposition from scoring. I got some positive feedback from my coach saying I have great potential.

On the 30 October I received the news that I have been selected on the West Ham squad to travel England for 10 days.
City of Wollongong Giving Tree 2015

MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO A YOUNG CHILD’S CHRISTMAS!

City of Wollongong Giving Tree supports two Wollongong agencies, St Vincent de Paul Society and Anglicare. The Giving Tree Appeal plays an essential part in helping the agencies to make Christmas a special day for all children.

Unwrapped gifts or gift cards for children 0-16 years can be received until 18 December at:
- Council’s Customer Service Area & Council Libraries
- Central Leagues Club
- Figtree Grove and Warrawong Plaza Customer Service Centre Desks
- Illawarra Information Centre
- ic Central (Wollongong Floor Atrium, UOW Innovation Campus)
- Novotel Northbeach
- Port Kembla Golf Club
- WAVE FM Warrawong
- Wests Illawarra
- Wollongong Central Customer Service Centre Desk (Level 1 Crowd)

Alternatively, cash donations can be made through Wollongong City Council.

THANK YOU
City of Wollongong Giving Tree Appeal 2015

For further information phone 4227 7111 or email events@wollongong.nsw.gov.au

Surfers!
Help out at our 23rd

Thirroul Beach "Hands on Day"
run 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 5th December 2015, 9am – 1pm. BBQ lunch is free to all registered attendees.
WHERE? Thirroul Beach – 9am sign-in on the grassed area on the southern end of the Thirroul Ocean Pool.
COST? $10 for participants, free to all volunteers, family members and supporters

Other South Coast events this season:
Mollymook Sat Nov 21, 2015; Gerringong Sat March 27, 2016
Don’t forget the National Event at Callaway Sat 27th Feb 2016

For more info contact Ian on 0423 801 221, Sandra on 0405 606 031 or Jim on 0439 739 999
**All participants receive a swimming medal at the day**

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