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Welcome

Welcome to all new members of our Corrimal High School community, especially the Year 7 students and their parents who are starting their association with our school. You have chosen well and the dedicated teachers and staff at Corrimal High will ensure that your child gets the best possible educational outcomes. To the rest of our students and parents, welcome back.

Swimming Carnival

The swimming carnival this year is for Year 7 students and competitors only. This means if your child has not returned a permission note to attend the carnival, they have lessons at school as normal.

I remind all parents that students are expected to attend school every day, unless they have a valid legal reason for their non-attendance. The swimming carnival is not a reason for students to take the day off school. Normal classes will be on for students not at the carnival.

Uniform

All students in NSW government school are expected to follow the school's uniform policy. For Corrimal High School this means wearing with pride our school uniform (or sports uniform if students have a PDHPE practical lesson or on a Wednesday sports day). There is also a Work Health and Safety requirement that students wear black leather covered shoes for their protection. Please support the school and your students by ensuring that they come to school suitably dressed in school uniform, including correct shoes.

Mark King
Principal

Newsletter Year 7 Camp

On Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th December, twenty six year 7 students attended the end of year camp at Cataract Scout Park. After the short bus ride over the escarpment the students were placed into their dorm rooms, met the camp guides and participated in some icebreaker activities. After lunch the students were split into two groups and participated in ‘The Giant Swing’ and ‘Challenge Valley’. Challenge Valley is an army styled obstacle course with 15 different elements ranging from rope climbing, suspended ladders, water holes and mud pits along a 1.5km track. The students pushed themselves to the limit and worked well as a team so all of them could complete the course. That night the students enjoyed the ‘Night Waterslide’ where students were able to cool off after an exhausting day.
On day two the students were up early in anticipation of another day jam-packed full of excitement. They split off into their groups and participated in ‘Abseiling’ and the ‘Flying Fox’. A number of students overcame their fear of heights and participated in the activities with the support of their peers, which was fantastic to see. At the conclusion of the activities it was time to have lunch, clean up and head back to school. The students said goodbye to the camp guides and made their way back on the bus. I was extremely proud of the students' positive behaviour, encouragement of their peers and their manners and respect for the teachers and camp guides. They should all be proud of what they achieved and they were commended by the organisers for their maturity and being positive role models for Corrimal High School. Thank you to Mr Abbott, Ms Craig and Ms Parker for taking the time to attend and for all your assistance over the two days. I look forward to the opportunity to take this fantastic group of students on further camps over the coming years.

Mr Tier

Newsletter February 2014
School Swimming Carnival

The school swimming carnival will be held on Tuesday 10 February 2015 at Corrimal Pool. Attendance is compulsory for Year 7 and competitors only for Years 8-12. Year 9/10 PASS and 11/12 SLR are also expected to attend as part of their assessment schedule for 2015. Students have been given permission notes which need to be handed in before the day. $3 is payable on the day for pool entry.

Students WHO ARE NOT ATTENDING the swimming carnival and are in Years 8-12 will be expected to attend school on this day as normal lessons will occur.

The swimming carnival caters for all levels of swimmers with competitive and non-competitive events scheduled into the program. Non swimmers can enjoy structured events in the shallow end and our more competitive swimmers can participate in the traditional events that may see them represent the school at the Zone carnival on 20 February.

The theme for this year’s carnival is BE BRIGHT, so come dressed in your brightest clothes for a chance to win a prize. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Term 1 Recreational Sport

Below is a list of sports that students will be participating in during Term 1. Students have already chosen and will commence in Week 1.

Ten Pin Bowling, Darts, Big Band, Bike Riding, Swimming, Beach Activities, Surfing, Fishing, Walking, School Basketball, School Volleyball, Relaxation, Paddle Tennis, School Soccer and Ultimate Frisbee

Year 7 will be participating in their own sport program during sport in Term 1 which will prepare them for grade sport in Terms 2/3.

A reminder that all sport permission notes are to be handed in. If a student fails to return their sport note they will be unable to leave school grounds for sport.

Students unable to participate in sport are required to bring in a note explaining the nature as to why they are unable to participate. For prolonged conditions, please provide a doctor’s certificate detailing the estimated time the student will be unable to participate for. Where possible we will look at providing an alternative activity for the student to participate in or they may assist in the running of a particular activity. Please note that students will only be allowed to sign out of a sport afternoon once per term by a parent/guardian unless a doctor’s certificate is produced.

Full sports uniform is to be worn to school each Wednesday, including appropriate footwear. Please bring a hat, sunscreen and extra water.

Mrs Arthur
Sports Coordinator
Library News

With perfect timing to celebrate reading at our school and a welcome back to a new school year and the wonderful world of reading that our library offers you, the Senior Australian of the Year 2015 is Jackie French, a champion of books. She believes, like we do in the library, that a book can change a child's life, give them the power to dream and to change the world for the better. "A book can change the world," she said. "Every book a child reads creates new neurons in that child's brain," she told the crowd on the lawns of Parliament House on Sunday as she received her award. "If you want intelligent children give them a book. If you want more intelligent children give them more books." Overcoming dyslexia herself, French believes in the transformational power of storytelling in the lives of young Australians. Like Jackie French, we too are passionate about the power of reading. So this year, if you are not already, make sure that reading is a part of your day, every day.

Ms Cutsforth
Teacher Librarian

Football South Coast and our junior football (Soccer)

Clubs will be holding their registration days this coming Saturday and on Saturday 7 February.

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Australian Army Cadets
Recruiting in Wollongong

The Australian Army Cadets provides young Australians with the opportunity to learn, develop & practice many interesting, fun and valuable skills – especially leadership. It is the only government sponsored youth group in Australia. Currently there are 25,000 young Australians enjoying their involvement in tri-service cadet units throughout the country so we must be doing something right! Become part of a unique, exciting and challenging organization that will drive you to exceed your best. Why not join us and become a new member of the 26 Army Cadet Unit (ACU) at Wollongong? 26 ACU has a long and distinguished history of service, having been founded in 1985. Join us, make your mark, rise to the challenges and have a great time doing it!

Unit name – 26 Army Cadet Unit, Wollongong
Parades – Thursday nights weekly (6pm to 9.30pm) during school term and 4 weekend bivouacs per year.
Info Night – Thurs 5th & 12th February 2015, 6pm at Wollongong Army Depot, 91 Gipps St Gwynneville NSW.
Age – minimum – Must be turning 13yo the year of joining and not older than 17yo.
Gender – we accept both male and female recruits
Contact No. – 4228 3698
Email – 26acu@cadetnet.gov.au
Website – www.armycadets.gov.au

Any interested students should come along to the Info Night with their parents and see what cadets is all about. We only have 2 recruit intakes per year and the next wouldn't be until July – 15 so if students are interested they should come along now.

Aaron Pickering
CAPT (AAC)
Officer Commanding
26 ACU
What are Students Saying about TSFX Programs?


“I found the quality of the notes in this lecture, and every lecture that I attended at TSFX, to be absolutely superb.” Student – Baulkham Hills High School

“This lecture was brilliant, providing a deep understanding of the HSC syllabus, as well as a great insight into the exam, including marking guidelines from a senior marker.” Student – Manly Selective Campus

“This was an absolutely amazing course to take! I’m so glad I did it.” Student – Richmond High

“Totally worth it.” Student Details Withheld