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Missing: iPod Touch

A student from the Support Unit has misplaced an iPod Touch. If anyone has found the iPod, could you please return it to the Support Unit. The iPod is of great value to this student as his favourite music is listened to each day.

School Plan 2015-2017

Last year the Corrimal High School strategic directions for the new school plan was jointly developed by the school and the community.

The plan is a reflection of the consultation and discussion that has taken place with staff, students and parents during the last six months.

If you would like to join or continue the discussion, contribute ideas or suggestions, the next meeting for further endorsement and refinement of the draft plan is set for Monday 30 March 2015 at 7.00pm in the library.

Mark King
Principal

QuickSmart Parents - Year 7 and 8

Please accept a personal invitation from the QuickSmart team, who will be available to speak to you about the program at the Parent teacher night next Monday.

Please look for Ms Faulkner, Ms Gyles or Ms Groves and ask about what the program involves and we will be happy to discuss it with you.

Ms Groves
Head Teacher Mathematics
Lady Elliot Island Excursion Vacancies

Year 9/10 Students as part of the Marine & Aquaculture Technology Elective have the opportunity to attend a field trip to Lady Elliot Island in Queensland from 9-12 November this year. Students will take a Virgin Airlines flight from Sydney to Hervey Bay, then from Hervey Bay a short flight to Lady Elliot Island. Students will stay in Eco-cabins for three nights and return to Sydney on 12 November. While at the island students will participate in field studies on coral reef ecology. This will include snorkelling activities, glass bottom boat trips and reef walks. The island has an education centre which will also be utilised. We have a booking for 16 students and two supervising teachers. Places are limited by DEC policies on supervision of students for water activities. Places on the excursion will therefore be on a first come first served basis.

The total cost for the field trip is $1216 per student. This includes all flights, two meals a day while on the island and all field studies and accommodation.

There are three places remaining to be filled in this excursion. If your student is interested in attending this excursion please see Mr Laidler in the Science staff room.

We will require a deposit of $180 to be made before the end of term in order to secure flights as soon as practicable.

A second payment of $85 is also required in order to secure accommodation.

These deposit payments are unfortunately non-refundable. However, if a student is unable to go another student may take their place and the deposit payment can be transferred.

Subsequent payments will be as follows:

- $240 on or before 29 May
- $240 on or before 31 July
- $240 on or before 30 September
- $231 final payment on or before 5 November

If you have further questions on the field trip please call Mr Laidler at the school on 42851199.

Sport Report

South Coast Regional Swimming

Congratulations to Connor of Year 11 who competed at the recent South Coast Regional Swimming Championships at Dapto Pool. Connor competed in a number of AWD events and has been selected to represent the South Coast at the upcoming NSW CHS Swimming Championships at Homebush. We are so proud of you Connor!

2015 School Cross Country

The annual School Cross Country Carnival will be held during the sport afternoon on Wednesday 25 March. The course will be around the school fields and surrounding areas and all students will take part. Students will attend normal classes from Periods 1-3 and then take part after lunch in the cross country course. Students have started preparing for the run through PDHPE lessons and are reminded that appropriate footwear is to be worn.

Grade Sport Terms 2 and 3

Students will get the opportunity during Terms 2 and 3 to participate in the Illawarra Zone Grade Sport Competition. Such sports on offer include football, netball, basketball, darts; lawn bowls, Oz tag, and Frisbee just to name a few. Students will compete at a central venue each week against Keira HS, Figtree HS, Woonona HS and Bulli HS. Students will select their grade sport in Week 10 of this term. School based sport will also be offered during Terms 2 and 3.

Thanks

In the past few weeks we have had many school sporting teams compete at various events. From futsal to cricket to volleyball and basketball, we thank the teachers who coach the teams and the parents who assist with transport and costs. I would also like to acknowledge the staff at school who cover extra classes so that teachers can coach and manage these teams.

Volleyball News

Well done to the Open Boys Volleyball team on defeating Albion Park High 3 sets - 0. The boys played one player short and despite being penalised...
for this throughout the match, displayed an awesome effort. We look forward to the next round.

Students at Regional Trials

Well done to all our students who have recently trialled for a Regional sporting team. I have had some encouraging feedback from the relevant coaches who have said how talented our students are. It is wonderful to receive such fantastic feedback on how our students conduct themselves at these events.

Rethink Sugary Drink

You wouldn’t eat 16 teaspoons of sugar – so why drink it?”

That’s the question asked by the Rethink Sugary Drink campaign, driven by the Cancer Council, Diabetes Australia and the Heart Foundation.

These health organisations are concerned about Australia’s over-consumption of sugary drinks and its association with increased energy intake and, in turn, weight gain and obesity.

Please remind your child that energy drinks are banned at school and water is the best choice for a drink. Students should be rehydrating at school with water and carrying a refillable water bottle.

SUGAR OVERLOAD


Mrs Arthur
Sports Organiser

Davidson Shield Cricket

The senior boys travelled to North Dalton Park to play Bulli High School. Corrimal toiled hard with the ball in the first 20 overs of the match and were rewarded with a low run chase of 142 runs. Corrimal started the run chase with a good opening partnership of 35 runs. The wickets gradually fell throughout the innings. The match finished in nail biting circumstances with Corrimal victorious with one wicket remaining. This victory has been a long time coming. The boys will be playing round 2 next week against Keira High School.

U 15’s Rugby League

A very youthful and energetic under 15’s team travelled to Croome Sporting Complex to play 2 games against Figtree High School and Keira High School. The first game was very competitive and the boys went down by only six points. Battered and bruised the team shaped up for the second game against Keira High School. Unfortunately Keira got out to an early lead and held that throughout the match, winning comfortably against Corrimal. The boys showed a lot of positives and should be proud of themselves for playing against older students.

Mr Luskan
Sports Coach Cricket/Rugby League
Open Girls Basketball

On Friday 13 March, Corrimal High School competed in the Northern Illawarra Zone Open Girls Basketball Knockout. This was very exciting as Corrimal has not featured a team in this competition in a number of years and I would like to thank and congratulate the team on their efforts and commitment to play.

The girls played against Smiths Hill, Woonona, Wollongong Performing Arts and Figtree, with each of these teams having a number of Illawarra and State representative players. Our girls played extremely well and were led by Grace who managed to shoot at least ten 3-point shots (which is not easy!) and played almost every minute of every game. The girls were unfortunately knocked out early in the day, but that did not stop them competing and doing our school proud. The other members of the team were Gloria, Eboni, Lia, Maddison, Tatum, Tayla and Ashley. I look forward to taking a junior team in the coming weeks and an open team again next year. Well done girls.

Miss Craig

Library News – student2student – Smith Family Reading Program

Literacy Makes a Difference in People’s Lives

Reading is an important, valuable part of life. If you enjoy reading and read well, you probably do not realise the great advantage that this skill gives you in your school work and everyday life. However, there are many students who have difficulty with reading. As a result, it is harder for them to do well at school, leaving them with fewer choices and opportunities for the future.

The Smith Family would like to extend the opportunity to ten students at our school to take part in a buddy reading program that takes place over the phone, three times a week for twenty minutes each week. The program runs from June until October. The training is provided during school time. At the end of the program, participants are awarded a certificate in recognition of their involvement. See Ms Cutsforth for a form by Friday 20 March. The names need to be in by Monday 23 March.

Ms Cutsforth
Teacher Librarian

Year 10 Party Safe, Live Safe

It is difficult growing up. You need to attend school, possibly take on part-time employment, complete all homework and assessment tasks and somehow manage to have a safe social life. But unfortunate circumstances can still happen and life can become very difficult. As such, it is crucial for us to know what to do and who we can talk to about it. It is also just as important for us to know how to avoid and minimise risky behaviour that might allow our circumstance to change from good to bad.

With this in mind, Corrimal High School believes it is highly important to educate students in these matters to assist with social development and awareness. As part of the Year 10 overarching curriculum, Year 10 students participated in a Party Safe, Live Safe program specially designed for their age group, which linked to the Leadership Camp in February this year.

On Monday 9 March, students travelled to Bellambi Surf Club and were able to develop their personal understanding on their transition from a social youngster to a young adult. Students participated in peer development activities to encourage wider understanding of other, listened to drug and alcohol and sexual health information, used ‘inebriated’ goggles and a pregnancy suit to get a hands-on experience of the effects of both and went through training in healthy eating and physical training.
This event was organised in the hopes of educating our young adults in not only how to minimise risky behaviour but also to help them to develop their understanding and knowledge about ways to party and live safe and how to assist friends in order to make safe decisions and encourage less aware students to do so as well.

Mr Foster
Year 10 Adviser
Respect Responsibility Safety