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Vaccinations

The second vaccination clinic for 2015 will be held on Tuesday 5 May, for those students who brought in a signed form. During the day, Year 7 students will be receiving dose 2 of HPV and a single dose of Varicella vaccine. Any Year 7 student who was absent during the first vaccination clinic and missed dose 1 of HPV can start their schedule from this second clinic.

Year 8 catch-up vaccinations will be offered to those students who commenced but did not complete their 3 dose course of HPV in the school-based program during 2014. Years 11 and 12 MMR ‘catch up’ will also be offered at this clinic.

If there are any queries regarding the school vaccination clinic, please contact Mrs Kennedy (Supervisor of Girls Corrimal HS). Any general queries or additional information regarding specific vaccination schedules for individual students should be directed to the Illawarra Public Health Unit.

Mrs Kennedy
Girls Supervisor

Parents! We Want You!

The school’s P&C association currently has not been able to have meetings due to lack of a quorum, (i.e. five parents or more at our meetings). The next meeting of the P&C is this Monday night 4 May starting at 7pm. The P&C executive and I would like parents to attend so we have a meeting.

As the school moves to the Department of Education Local School Local Decisions model it is important to have a range of parents providing advice to the school as to how our extra resources are to be spent and to provide feedback to the school’s executive. This is one of the activities that the P&C at this school is involved in.

Local Schools, Local Decisions is an education reform that gives NSW public schools more authority to make local decisions about how best to meet the needs of their students.

The Department of Education is giving teachers and principals more authority to adapt what they do and how they do it. This means giving schools greater freedom to make decisions about how to use the money we spend on public education.

Mark King
Principal
**Naplan**

Notes regarding the 2015 NAPLAN have been sent home with your child. All students in Years 7 and 9 are expected to participate in NAPLAN. The dates for NAPLAN are 12, 13 and 14 May. If you have any questions or concerns about NAPLAN, please contact the school and we will be happy to talk with you. There is also information available on the Board of Studies website: [http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support.html](http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support.html)

NAPLAN is not a pass/fail test. It aims to illustrate the progress of students across the country. It is important that students do not feel anxious about NAPLAN. If your child is feeling anxious, please contact the school and we can provide assistance. Please encourage your child to do their best, just as they would on any school day.

Ms Gyles  
Year 7 Adviser

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**Congratulations Jack**

On Wednesday the 22 April, Rostrum NSW held a regional final of the Rostrum Voice Of Youth Public Speaking competition and I am very pleased to say Corrimal had a strong entrant.

Jack Chalmers-Mulder represented our school in the senior section of the event which was held at Smiths Hill High School. Jack presented an engaging and thoughtful speech on the issue of ‘Friend or Foe’ and using his extensive general knowledge he discussed the nature of humanity and what makes some people evil. It was very entertaining and although not the winning speech, I know that Jack very much impressed the judges. And most importantly, Jack was yet again an exceptional ambassador for our school.

All students should remember to visit me in the English staffroom if they have an interest in public speaking as there will be further opportunities.

Ms Mahon

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**IT in Action – Wet ‘n’ Wild Excursion**

Computer technology is inherent in all work places and found in all facets of our lives, but do we really notice it in the real world? We see our updates on social media, we talk over the phone and we send hundreds of text messages over a week but what about the technology that is behind the scenes?

On the 2 April 2015, Year 9 through to Year 12 Information Technology and Computer classes left on a bus to travel no more than one and a half hours to arrive at what some might consider the best IT excursion EVER. They arrived just at the opening of the gates at Sydney’s new Wet ‘n’ Wild to learn about IT while riding some awesome new rides at a brand new theme park. Students got to see firsthand just how much IT and other technologies are used and heavily relied upon in an area that most think relies on nothing more than screws, bolts, fittings and water.

While this excursion doubled as a reward excursion for students in computer classes and students who had just finished their Year 12 half yearly examinations, I believe students got a new appreciation for the technology that is created and integrated to give them such enjoyment in their everyday lives.

Mr Foster
Managing depression

One in four kids over 12 displays symptoms of depression at some time during their high school life.

Would you know what to look for and how to help?
Don’t be afraid, ask your child how they are feeling and keep communicating with them.

Find out more:

Red Shield Youth Project

On the 24 April 2015, I was elected and sent with three other Year 11 students (Laynie Kill, Stacey Williams and James Podmore, accompanied by Ms Littrich) to the Wollongong Salvation Army Church, to talk about the upcoming Red Shield Appeal on the 30 and 31 May 2015. It was an informative and interesting day with the Salvation Army, learning about the sad effects of youth homelessness and what the Salvation Army can do about it with the Red Shield Appeal. We participated in games, discussions and plans for the Red Shield Appeal event. It was a privilege to be there and it was an amazing day. It was a rewarding experience we will never forget.

Chad Shepherd Year 11

Careers Expo

It’s almost time to visit the 2015 Illawarra Coal Regional Career Expo.

The Career Expo has been annually organised for nearly 40 years by the Illawarra Careers Advisers Network and is again held at the Illawarra Credit Union Sports and Hockey Stadium at Waples Road, Unanderra. High school students from across the region will be attending sessions between Tuesday 12 and Wednesday 13 May. Fifty students from Corrimal High (Years 10-12) have the opportunity to attend. Members of the public are also invited to attend the Parent Session on Tuesday 12 May between 3:30 and 5:30pm.

The Expo is a great opportunity for students to seek out hundreds of career options and speak to the variety of training providers all in one place. Students wishing to attend need to hand their notes and $5 to the front office by Monday 4 May.

Mrs Littrich / Mr Mathiesen

News from the Library

COMIC GONG 2015

Comic Gong 2015 will run from 10am until 4pm, Saturday 16 May.

Comic Gong activities include comic workshops, cosplay competitions, caricature artists, face painting and stalls. These activities will be held at Wollongong Central Library, Wollongong Town Hall, Wollongong Art Gallery and the Civic Plaza. With weather permitting the 1989 Batmobile Australia and Rock n Roll Wrestling will be held in the Civic Plaza.

Comic Gong is a family-friendly event for all ages and all activities and entry are free for Comic Gong 2015.

For any further information please contact
The Comic Gong Team at comicgong@wollongong.nsw.gov.au
Careers Expo 2015
...are you ready?

Illawarra Aged Care, Community Care and Disability Services Sector Careers Expo

Tuesday 5th May 2015 - 12 to 7pm
Café Essay & Conference Centre 11-13 Burelli Street, Wollongong NSW 2500

For more information phone (02) 4256 4333 or visit illawarraforum.org.au

Did you know?

The Aged Care, Community Care and Disability Services sector is the largest and fastest growing employer in Australia...

It’s not only about nursing jobs, there are many different roles you can choose to do...

- Transport
- Maintenance
- Recreation
- IT
- Hospitality
- Finance
- Health
- & more...

The Illawarra needs hundreds of new workers each year to meet the growing demand

Bring your resume & discover the possibilities your pathway to a great career starts here!

Come along and talk to employers about jobs currently available as well as hundreds of new jobs that will become available in the Illawarra in the very near future and how you can prepare yourself.

Don’t worry about whether or not you have the right skills, training organisations will be present to ensure you get the right information.