2016 Swimming Age Champions
OUR GREAT START TO THE YEAR CONTINUES...

School Swimming Carnival

It was extremely pleasing to see Years 7 and 8, and competitors from the other years enjoy themselves at Corrimal pool. CHS will expand the participation next year, and would like the whole school to compete in the carnival.

iSTEM

The integrated Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics program has started, and has been re-roomed to a larger teaching space. If you would like a sneak peek at the classroom or the program come to the open night on Wednesday 2 March 5.30 -7.00 pm.

Mr M King
Principal

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LIBRARY NEWS

“A reading child becomes a thinking adult.”

The celebration of reading at our school has had a magnificent start this year. Across the school, in all our classes, we are continuing to have a strong focus on literacy. Our school library plays a significant role in this. Borrowing and returning starts before school and continues at recess, lunch and in lessons. A number of year 7 students have commented that their reading has already increased.

Roll Call classes are booked in each term to have a further opportunity to borrow. This also allows readers to be ‘matched’ with a book that’s just right for them, whether in fiction or non-fiction, in a range of genres. This is also the case in English as students have done a survey to identify what they are interested in reading. Extension opportunities are offered through the Premier’s Reading Challenge. The purchase of new books is a reflection of what our students enjoy reading and what they request to be bought. There are displays to entice them to read, such as Top Picks, Manga, Graphic novels and Quick Reads.

Each week, there is a literacy focus throughout the school, such as nouns. While in their classes in the library, we have a collaborative teaching approach to provide maximum learning opportunities.

Ms S Cutsforth
Open Night 2016

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The annual Corrimal High Swimming carnival was held last week. We had a record number of competitors who enjoyed the festivities of the day. Students dressed in their best “Hawaiian” outfits and got into the spirit of the day. As well as competitive races, students enjoyed 25m races, pool noodle races and kickboard challenges. Year 12 provided the social entertainment with lolly guessing competitions and the most popular event of the day which was the wet sponge throw at the teachers. Thanks to all the students for their wonderful behaviour and participation on the day. A big thanks to the staff who attended and did a terrific job. Looking forward to having a whole school carnival in 2017.

Well done to the 2016 Swimming Age Champions

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STUDENT HELPERS AT OUR COMMUNITY OF SCHOOLS (COS)

A huge thanks to the Years 9, 10 and 11 student helpers from our Physical Activity and Sport Science and Sport Lifestyle and Recreation elective classes for officiating at our local Community of Schools swimming carnivals. They have done a wonderful job as timekeepers and have represented our school with respect and responsibility. Merit certificates will be presented in the coming weeks for these outstanding helpers.

WEDNESDAY SPORT

Term 1 Recreational Sport has commenced on a Wednesday afternoon. Year 7 are enjoying a sport program all to themselves, whilst Years 8-10 are off being active at numerous activities. It is fantastic to see our young people being active and enjoying the glorious weather. Any student who needs to change a sport must do so this week with Mr Majoor. Sport notes are due in now.

KNOCKOUTS / REGIONAL TRIALS / EVENTS

Students need to keep an ear out in the daily notices for the various sporting trials that are occurring. Girls’ netball, girls and boys’ basketball, futsal and Rugby League are all in the trial phase for school teams. See Mrs Arthur for information.

Mrs B Arthur and Mr K Majoor
2016 Sports Organisers
In the Science faculty it has been a busy start to the year with involvement in a number of projects happening at Corrimal High School. Our involvement in the Year 8 Integrated STEM class has begun and the students in class have been learning about machines and devices and what an engineer's role is in researching, designing, developing and testing. Students have also been designing and building bridge structures which will be tested a little later in the term. The focus of the STEM class is on project based learning where the students are encouraged to think critically and learn in a constructivist way.

Senior students have settled into their classes after a few early changes. The Biology / Senior Science class will travel to Illawarra Environmental Education centre on Monday 22 February to complete their field studies on a mangrove ecosystem. This complements work covered in class on the topic “A local ecosystem”.

We have two university students completing practicum placements with Ms Temple’s class and Mr Borger’s classes this term. The students are:- Brooke Besser from UNE and Chris Adams from UOW. I certainly think the students will benefit from the knowledge and enthusiasm demonstrated by the university students.

Year 7 classes will also participate during Science lessons in the “Into –Uni” program later this term where UOW students participate in innovative learning experiences with the students with a view to encouraging strong links with the University and promoting tertiary education at UOW.

In the Agriculture department we will be offering students the opportunity to visit the Sydney Royal Easter show on March 17th to take part in two workshops that have been booked on the Dairy industry and Working Cattle Dogs. Places are limited to 20 tickets on a first in first served basis.

It is pleasing to see a Year 11 Agriculture class forming this year as students in the HSC class in 2015 achieved above state average results in Agriculture and we are happy to see a healthy number of students choosing to study Agriculture at Corrimal High School.

All the best for 2016 from the Science/ Agriculture faculty.

Mr A Laidler
We have an exciting year planned in English with literacy programs designed to engage and enhance the learning opportunities of our students. All junior students will be reading every lesson for 15 minutes. They are reading a book of their choosing and this has been a very welcomed component of their lesson. We encourage conversations at home about their book and their judgement of their book.

We are addressing grammar and writing by allocating a weekly focus to each grammar concept and a common writing structure across the school. This focus will be taught in English and reinforced in all subjects across the school.

THIS WEEKS FOCUS IS ON PRONOUNS

We have had great success in Debating with Ms Mahon’s year 8 Debating team placing first against Holy Spirit in two separate debates. We encourage all students to express their interest in public speaking and debating by visiting the English faculty or speaking to their English teacher about it.

We are taking our Year 12 Standard and Advanced students to Sydney University on Friday 26 February for a HSC Study Day. Students will attend University lectures on the various components of English HSC Paper One. We are looking forward to this opportunity and it will be an extremely beneficial excursion for students.

We look forward to a fantastic year. Any questions or concerns about your child’s learning please do not hesitate to contact myself or your child’s English teacher.

Ms A Van Loo
English Head Teacher
CHS STAFF IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Name: Ross Graham
Faculty/Position: Deputy Principal
Time at Corrimal High: 16 years
Qualifications: B.Ed (Industrial Arts)

Where did you go to school? Primary school in New Guinea, 4 different high schools but last 5 years at Monaro High (Cooma)

Past schools (where you have taught): TIGS, Campbelltown Performing Arts High

How long have you been teaching for? 30 years

Have you worked in other jobs? Yes was a metallurgist at B.H.P

Favourite subject when you attended school? I was a bit weird, I liked all my subjects, especially if the teachers were nice.

What do you like about teaching? The interaction with the students, watching them develop, socially and academically

What are your interests outside school? My family, I now have 4 grandchildren.

What is your favourite:
- Book: The Slap
- Band: Midnight Oil and
- Movie: Most just not scary ones.
- Sports team: Go the Dragons

Do you have a pet? Unfortunately yes, a dog that has problems, he needs therapy, and a cat that whinges all the time.

Can you tell us something we don’t know about you? When I was younger I was in a band, in the 70s (long hair and a beard) and made a record.

What is your greatest sporting achievement? When I was younger I participated in most sports, some extreme and that’s why my knees and ankles are getting a bit weary.

The best thing about Corrimal High is….It is a great school, best on the South Coast, because it has a great location. It has the best teachers who care about all the students and has excellent facilities. It is a small school so it is easy to give support both academically and socially. We don’t exclude anyone which makes for a great mix which gives the feel of a truly community school.
Thank you to all the amazing CHS staff, students, their families and friends who supported our Woolworths Earn & Learn promotion in 2015. We collected almost 5,000 stickers!

As a result we have been able to purchase a number of additional art and sports supplies for our Special Education Unit. These resources will provide further learning opportunities for the wonderful students across the 5 support classes here at CHS.

Records are made to be broken, so hopefully we can get over the magic 5,000 mark this year! Thank you again.

Miss L Craig
Special Education Teacher
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