



# CORRIMAL HIGH SCHOOL



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# Newsletter

Thursday, 1 November 2018



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# PRINCIPAL'S PERSONAL MESSAGE

## Principal Report – Newsletter Week 3 Term 4 2018

Term 4 has started with a flurry of activities to engage, stimulate and support our students.

One of the most significant events in the school life of a student is the HSC exams. This is the culmination of 13 years of schooling for the students. Our Year 12 students have been working hard to prepare for these exams and we continue to wish them well with their remaining exams. We have also had a significant celebration for our Aboriginal students who attended the Deadly Awards recently. Congratulations to all of our Aboriginal students, particularly those that received an award. Corrimal HS is extremely proud of your achievements.

Week 2 saw the first of this years transition days for Year 6 students. Students were able to engage in language, cooking, music and science classes. Speaking to the students, it was clear that they were all thoroughly enjoying their experiences. New friendships were formed and their understanding of a high school context was enhanced. There will be a further three orientation days over the next few weeks to ensure that all students get the opportunity to participate in all activities. Thank you to all of the Corrimal HS staff who provided opportunities, as well as to the Primary schools for supporting us.

This past Saturday saw the first in the next instalment of Working Bees to improve the Pleasance area at the school. Over 20 volunteers from the City Serve group turned up to assist Suzanne Groves and Phil Stephens from the school in making improvements to the space. These included the addition of pebbles into some gardens, painting tables, adding layers of decomposed granite to revamp some of the area. The group also spent time making improvements to a new coffee space located near the Pleasance as well as the addition of new motivational calligraphy quotes within the girls toilets.







At the end of Term 3, I challenged all staff to be educational risk takers and to ensure that they challenge students to be the same. I want all students to become responsible for their own learning, and become an active part of the education process. In order to facilitate this, I have allocated over \$65000.00 towards Innovation Grants. There were 37 Innovation submissions from staff, ranging from the purchasing of a new plasma cutter in the TAS department to allow for new types of work to be completed, to the Schoolyard Sisterhood program designed to promote and support our aspirational young women and encourage them to maintain their aspirations throughout high school and into their post school pathways.

This process involved staff planning and developing innovative ideas in order to change the way they teach, or how they support student learning. Progress on all of these grants will be monitored over the next year to gauge impact and outcomes. I am extremely excited about the future opportunities that these Innovation Grants will provide to our students.

This term also sees the commencement of an Attendance and Engagement program at the school. This program will be run by school staff and will be supported by District Office staff. To date, our Year Advisers have been contacting parents for students who have attendance rates below 85%. This is now being supported by Mel Bourke who will be targeting late arrivals and unexplained lateness. It would be appreciated if you would support the school with this by talking to your child and reinforcing the importance of them being on time for school, as well as on time for all of their classes.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to a new staff member, as well as offer my thanks to some of our supporters from the wider community.

This term, I have employed a Dance teacher for 1 day per week. Mrs Organ is a highly qualified Dance & English Teacher and she brings with her a wealth of knowledge and experience having taught previously at Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts and Oak Flats HS. Mrs Organ will be developing new dance programs for Sport as well as working with students for potential involvement in Southern Stars in 2019. In addition to this, Mrs Organ will be working with the English Faculty to target and support students experiencing difficulty with literacy and may work to support our partner Primary schools with their dance programs.

Finally, I would like to thank some of our community partners for their support of staff and student recognition of excellence. At the end of last term, both Surfipit and the IMB supported the Principal Recognition awards by providing a voucher or account for \$50.00 to be given to the students. Leisure coast Fruit & Deli also came on board last term with a large fruit and veggie hamper to be

provided to a staff member. This was very well received and demonstrated the value that we as a school place on our teachers.

Regards,

Paul Roger  
Principal – Corrimal High School

## ALSO IN THE ISSUE



LIBRARY



KOORI



DAIRY DAY



F1 WINNERS



AG NEWS



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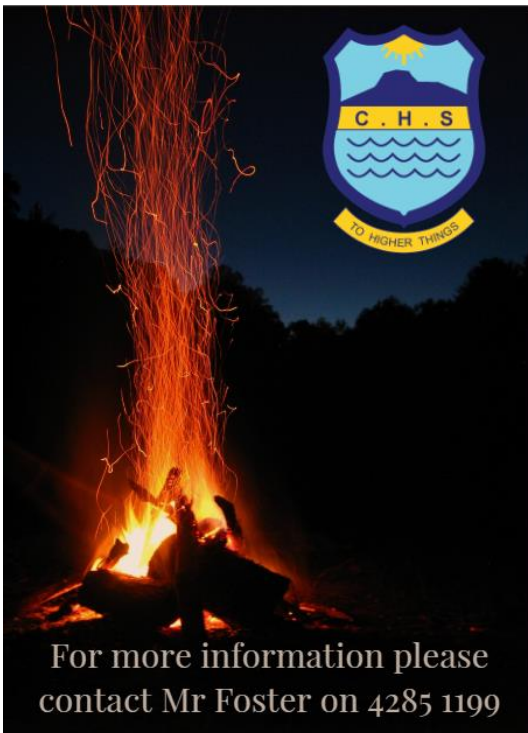
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EXAMINATIONS

NOVEMBER 15

PEER SUPPORT  
TRAINING

NOVEMBER 16

PEER SUPPORT  
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For more information please  
contact Mr Foster on 4285 1199

# Year 7 Peer Support Camp

Date: February 4 and 5

Location: Cataract Scout Park

Cost: \$150 (Camp gear, transport and food)

Activities: Challenge Valley Obstacle Course,  
Abseiling, Giant Swing and Caving

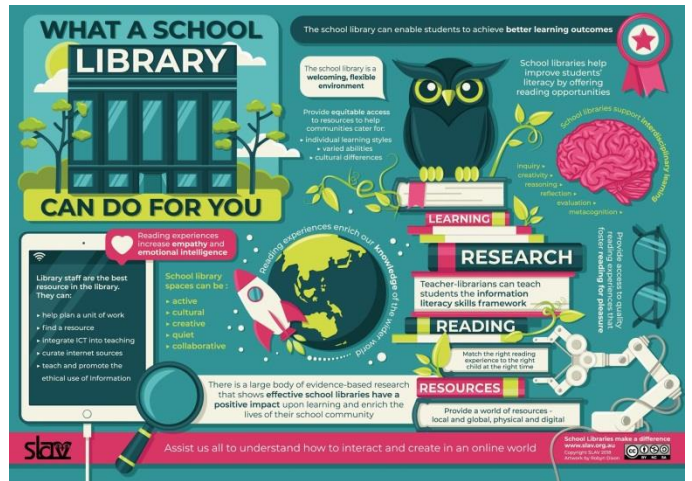
We are looking forward to hosting our new Year 7  
students at the 2019 Peer Support Camp

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# LIBRARY NOT JUST BOOKS!

In the library we love collaborating with classroom teachers to create fun and relevant learning opportunities. This term, Year 8 Visual Art have been working on some great projects, with Ms Bass and Ms Steele guiding the students to produce illustrated book reviews. They are currently working on creating an illustrated anthology of animal poetry that we will publish and put in the library for the school community to enjoy.



We are excited to have secured a grant to develop an Innovation Hub and Aboriginal Space in the library. Our plan is to work with the school community to create exciting spaces for students, their families and our community to develop important future skills, have a culturally sensitive environment and feel safe and comfortable in the library. To add to this, we have also secured a PC robotics kit for term one next year. Exciting times ahead! For more news and book reviews see our [school website](#).

On Thursday October 25 and Friday October 26 several Corrimal High students received the opportunity to participate in an exhibition of second, third and fourth year SECTE student projects. These were significantly varied in shapes and sizes, each achieving its own goal. The most interesting of which were the Wireless Charging and Landing pad for drones and a Missile Trajectory calculator for STEM students. Other honourable mentions included a bus tracking system that measures the distance of the bus from your bus stop, a car accessory that disables specific functions of a car based on how much you abide by the laws and a sensor array for a "Smart Home" that helps people with dementia by setting alarms and sending alerts to their carers in case of an emergency.

## A TASTE OF THE TRADE



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## KOORI CONNECTION



October 18 marked the third annual Deadly Encouragement Awards coordinated by the Northern Illawarra AECG. The award ceremony recognises Koori student success in their educational pursuits. Recognition could be for a variety of reasons including academic, sporting, attendance and completion achievements.

As part of the ceremony, Year 12 students were acknowledged for their recent completion of Year 12. 13 years of education, hard work and effort has assisted these students to complete their HSC and look to the future. Congratulations to all Corrimal High School Year 12 students who received an award. You demonstrated that with persistence and dedication success is not only achieved but celebrated.

A further congratulation should also be afforded to Holly Ferguson and Kane Dugan. Holly was nominated for a Deadly Award for her outstanding leadership within the school Koori Leadership Council and the volunteering efforts she has participated in throughout her Hospitality course at school. A fantastic role model. Similarly, Kane's nomination came from his persistent hard work towards educational success. His overall efforts at school are highly commendable.

Congratulations to all Corrimal High School students, and students, staff and community who were also recognised at the ceremony. Congratulations to the NIAECG for a fantastically organised event as well. Corrimal High School is looking forward to the 2019 Deadly Awards.

We are also pleased to welcome our newly appointed Aboriginal Community Liaison Ms C Spears who, along with Mr Foster and the Aboriginal Education team, can provide students with excellent support.



## DAIRY DAY FOR YOUR DIARY



On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October students who had participated in the Cows Create Careers initiative were rewarded with lunch and a day of activities at the Fraternity Club, Fairy Meadow. Students worked as a team to complete challenges competing against other schools from as far away as Nowra, Camden and Menai. Students were re-united with their farmers and dairy advocates to thank and celebrate the success of Cows Create Careers in schools and the opportunities it provides for them to care for dairy calves and learn about career options in the dairy industry. Corrimal High School was presented with a Winning School Team ribbon for a video put together by Tiarna Parisi featuring highlights of the 3 weeks the calves were with us. Thanks to Ala, Sean, Tiarna, Eliza and O'Syrus for being such great sports and representing their school with pride.

## SPORTS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM



On Friday October 26 a group of Corrimal High students participated in the Premiers Sporting Challenge – Sports Leadership program at Dapto High School. The PSC Sport Leadership program supports public schools in developing leadership opportunities for students through sport and physical activity. Students acquire sport specific and small group management skills such as:

- Identify and discuss leadership strategies
- Plan age-appropriate lesson activities
- Practise small group management techniques

The students engaged fully with the workshops and represented their school community with pride. We look forward to them utilising their new skills when Corrimal High hosts its partner primary schools for a day of sport skills development and initiative games early next year.

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## CORRIMAL F1 CADETS CLAIM VICTORY AT REGIONALS



On Tuesday September 18 a group of year 8 STEM (Science Technology Engineering & Mathematics) students made the trip to Bulli High School to compete in the regional F1 in Schools competition. This is competition where students of all ages compete in a gruelling challenge that tests their organisational, technological and construction skills. The event consists of students designing, creating and racing small scale F1 race cars made from Balsa and plastic.

These cars are designed following strict design specifications just like those present in the actual Formula 1. This requires students to think multiple steps in advance to ensure their car is always meeting the strict design guidelines. The cars are designed and manufactured using industry standard software such as AutoCAD and the cars themselves are CNC machined out of blocks.

Needless to say the challenge is quite mentally taxing and requires dedication and skill to complete. At the end of it however students have learnt to use industry standard software that they would use in Engineering or design fields, as well as learnt valuable woodworking skills. Students also had an opportunity to use industry standard machinery such as the CNC miller or 3D printer.

On the day Corrimal high students competed against numerous other schools including a private school. The hard work of our students payed off and despite being in the junior cadet bracket their car set one of the fastest track times of the day completing the track in under 1.3 seconds. Their car was more than a match for the cars of professional senior teams, who had spent in some cases over a year fine tuning the design of their cars.

Although Corrimal's "Legendary Racing team" won the Cadet bracket, both of our teams performed well on the day and will be going to the next stage of competition. We look forward to seeing how our Cadets do at the state level and wish them the best of luck.



## AGRICULTURE NEWS



Big things are happening in the Agriculture plot, not only do we have new chickens and alpacas we also have baby lambs! There have been three sets of twins born to our caring mothers. The first were born on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October and there is still one ewe that has not yet given birth. The 9/10 Agriculture class have been weighing and tagging the lambs so we can monitor their health. There are five baby rams and one ewe steadily gaining weight and happily frolicking in our pastures.

The alpacas are settling in nicely with Hayden Horton mastering the art of haltering. His alpaca whispering skills have allowed several classes to enjoy interacting with them. They have also had a pedicure courtesy of Darren and Dave. Thanks to Mr Brown, students in Support and Mainstream will be enjoying some pretty amazing lessons he has prepared that focus on many aspects of raising healthy and sociable alpacas.

The shearer will be arriving in the next week or so to trim up the sheep ready for the heat of summer, a new chicken coop is to be built and an aquaponics set-up is planned. It's all happening in Agriculture stay tuned!

## CAROLS IN CORRIMAL 2018



Christmas can be a fun time to celebrate with the family and catch up with friends. And there is nothing quite like a Community Christmas Carols event to start the fun and celebrations before Santa arrives. With that in mind, the Carols in Corrimal Community Committee are organising the third annual Corrimal Community Carols event and everybody is invited. Come see talented, young students and performers from across the schools and community groups in the region, grab some glowsticks and sing along to your favourite carols.

Food will also be available on the night from our wonderful partners, the Corrimal Cougars Rugby League Football Club and the Corrimal Chamber of Commerce. Menu items include pulled beef rolls, steak sandwiches, sausage sandwiches, pies, sausage rolls, hot dogs, soft drink, lollies, ice creams and popcorn.

**Where:** Ziems Park, Corrimal - Senior Field

**Date:** Friday December 7

**Time:** 6pm for a 6:30pm start

**Entry Cost:** Coin donation to the Surf Life Saving Club

## COUNSELLING



Resilience is the ability to 'bounce back' from life's difficulties. Resilient teenagers are seen as resourceful and are emotionally and mentally balanced.

Andrew Fuller is a clinical psychologist and author. He describes resilience as "the happy knack of being able to bungy jump through the pitfalls of life – to rise above adversity and obstacles."

Five Tips:

1. Make Connections
2. Teach children to help others
3. Daily routine
4. Self-Care
5. Nurture a positive self-view



October is Mental Health Month in NSW. According to their website, the aim of the campaign is to promote the importance of early intervention practices for positive mental health and wellbeing and reduce the stigma associated with mental health.

If you need help with your own mental health, please make sure you speak with [someone](#) – a trusted friend or family member; a teacher/staff member/school counsellor or your doctor.

If you're feeling stressed, sad, anxious or down and these feelings are starting to interfere with your everyday life – please take the courageous step and ask someone for help. And as Chaplain I am also available as a listening ear who can refer you to the best help when necessary.



FOYER FEATURED ARTIST – TANAYAH BURCHELL – 'PARIS GIRL' – GOUACHE PAINT ON CANVAS  
  
FOYER FEATURED ARTIST – DYLAN KRAMER – 'OCEAN' – ACRYLIC PAINT ON CANVAS

My ideas for this painting come from studying the Surrealist artists, such as Dali and Chagall, who used to meet up in Paris.

T Burchell

This painting reflects my inspiration from the deep blue sea tones that the Australia artist Brett Whitley is known for and I have also been influenced by my interest in Indigenous art.

D Kramer