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Newsletter

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NAIDOC 2018



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PRINCIPAL'S PERSONAL MESSAGE

Principal Report – Newsletter Week 9 Term 3 2018

I would like to start this week by thanking all of the staff and students who have been involved in planning, preparation and implementation of activities for NAIDOC week celebrations. This year's theme 'Because of her, we can' resonated strongly with many people including myself and gave me time to reflect on the important women in my life and what it is that I have been able to do because of them. I encourage all members of the school community to also take the time to reflect on the impact that significant women have made in their lives and ensure that you thank them for all that they do.

Staff and students have worked tirelessly to ensure that Corrimal High was able to put on a variety of events to celebrate NAIDOC week. These included the NAIDOC assembly where we were fortunate to have a former student and Aboriginal Poet – Kirli Saunders come to present to the students. This assembly was also ably led by some of our Year 7 students. Mr Allen also ran Reconciliation Writing workshops for students through the week.

One of the major highlights of the week was the Traditional Indigenous Games Day which was organised by Mr McDonald and run in conjunction with many of our students as facilitators. This event showcased Corrimal to over 120 students from our 5 CoS schools. From all reports from every school, all students had a fantastic day and really enjoyed the wide variety of activities that were on offer.

This week, we take some time to celebrate the achievements of staff from across the Wollongong North Network of Schools as we come together for the annual Staff Impact Awards. This year, the event is to be hosted by Corrimal East Public School and we will have 5 staff receiving awards for their contributions to our school. These staff are Joel Foster, Mark Banasiak, Belinda Arthur, Roslyn Mahon and Susanne Watson. I am very proud to say that a number of our students will also be showcased on the night with 18 of our students assisting with the hospitality for the event, 3 students playing music prior to the event commencing and one student performing during the awards ceremony. I would like to thank all students as well as Mr Heugh, Mrs Banks and Ms Reid for their support in supervising and assisting our students at this event.

Congratulations to Mr Williams and our F1 in Schools Challenge students who competed at Bulli High School yesterday. Well done to both teams with one of the teams making it to the State Championships to be held at Penrith later this year. A more detailed report will be in the next newsletter.

I have continued my visits to the local Primary Schools over the past couple of weeks, and have had the opportunity to engage with both the P & C of the schools as well as address students on Assembly. I have provided students with the opportunity to engage in a Q & A session with me so that they can find out a bit more about Corrimal High School and the fantastic things that are on offer here. I have really enjoyed the chance to speak at the schools and continue to spread the good news about our school and the future possibilities that exist here. I have heard an abundance of positive talk from students and teachers about the programs and initiatives that are on offer at Corrimal High, and firmly believe that we are in a very good space at the moment with a strong vision to move forward. I would like to thank all of the staff at Corrimal for the work that they are putting in to make our school a great place to be.

A question that I have been asked by many staff, students and parents from the Primary school, is do we have a dance program at Corrimal, and how will we cater for Performing Arts students. I am very pleased to announce that commencing in Term 4 this year, Corrimal High will have a trained Dance Teacher on staff. Mrs Holly Organ will be commencing in a Temporary role one day per week for Term 4 and will continue in this role in 2019 2 days per week. Mrs Organ has taught at both Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts and Oak Flats High School as a Dance and English trained teacher. As such, she brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm into this role and is very excited about the opportunity to start a Dance program here. Initially, the focus will be on Dance during sport time, and will then branch out for 2019 into hopefully preparing a group of students to participate in Dance Festival and Southern Stars. Mrs Organ will also be assisting with our Literacy tutors and the English faculty to further support our students with their literacy and writing skills.

Starting next term, Corrimal High will be commencing training on a new School App – School eNews. This will bring us in line with all of our CoS schools and will enhance our ability to communicate more effectively with our local community. Please stay tuned for announcements about this app and when it will become available for you to download.

Finally, I am very pleased to announce that since starting the new Principal recognition award this term, I have had nearly 80 students nominated by their teachers for doing something positive around the school. Each of these students is now in the running to win a \$25 gift voucher from Surfpit, or \$50 from the IMB. Congratulations to all students who have been nominated and good luck for the draw which will take place next week on Assembly. Can I also thank you all for the good work you have been doing around the school. It is noticed and appreciated. I am hopeful that the number of students nominated next term will continue to increase.

Can I take this opportunity to thank all of the staff, students and families for the warm welcome I have received this term. It is hard to think that I have been here for nearly 1 Term already. The time seems to have flown by. I have a very positive feeling about Corrimal High School, and am thoroughly enjoying my time here already. I have a strong sense of community within the school and am very much looking forward to what the future holds for our school.

Have a safe, relaxing and enjoyable holiday with your family. If you are travelling, please stay safe and I look forward to meeting more of our community next term.

Regards,

Paul Roger
Principal – Corrimal High School

ALSO IN THE ISSUE



AG PLOT



YEAR 5 DAY



SPORT



ART



NAIDOC



HSC EXPO

DATE

EVENT

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EVENT

24 SEPTEMBER

FINAL YEAR 11
EXAMINATION

25 SEPTEMBER

MATHS FUN DAY

27 SEPTEMBER

VACCINATION

28 SEPTEMBER

YEAR 12
GRADUATION

28 SEPTEMBER

SCHOOL BREAK

15 OCTOBER

SCHOOL RETURNS

YEAR 5 DAY – LITTLE BIG SHOES



What a wonderful day August 28 2018 was! Why? Because August 28 was the 2018 "Try Year 7 for a Day" transition event for all our Year 5 CoS students. Over 100 Year 5 students attended Corrimal High School to take a tour of the facilities. Not only that, the students got to participate in workshops across EIGHT of the faculty subject areas which included Food Technology, Plastics, Jewellery, History, Mathematics, Science, Languages and PDHPE. This was not just a series of small workshops. Students involved cooked up a storm with Ms Banks, learned to use some of the tools while making their own keychain with Mr Mulder; built their own pyramids and explored ancient tombs with Mrs Foots and where electrified in Science with Mr Williams.

Prior to our massive BBQ to end the day, students may have also had to escape from traps in Mr Jacques Mathematics Escape Room, say Ni Hao to Mr Matthes, play scooter board with Mr McDonald or even work on a simple jewellery band with Mr Wellings. It was fantastic to see so many wonderful Year 5 students from across the area and we local forward to seeing you again in the future, either in Year 6 or as newly enrolled Year 7 students in 2020.

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NEW CHICKS IN AGRICULTURE

On Wednesday 29 August Agriculture took delivery of 30 very cute baby chickens. Our older hens, while still beautiful, are producing limited numbers of eggs. The new chicks have been very popular with students who have been accustoming them to being handled.

It is expected the new chicks will be laying eggs at about 6 months of age.



ULTIMATE FRISBEE

Last Wednesday saw our Ultimate Frisbee team in the Grand Final. This group of dedicated players have come a long way since the start of the season. Having never played together (or even thrown a Frisbee) before, the team worked extremely hard at training and faced some tough competition to make it to the big stage!!

We always knew the grand final was going to be a tough one. The first stanza saw them come from 9-2 down to be 9-6 at half time. The second half saw the score blow out but to their credit they never gave up until the final whistle. This group of players were gracious in defeat and held a positive attitude throughout the whole game. They are a credit to our school for their display of sportsmanship and proved that as long as you try hard, have fun and stick together, then the score doesn't matter. Well done team and look forward to next year.



MARITIME MUSEUM VISIT

CHEMISTRY

On the 31st August senior students participated in workshops at the Australian National Maritime Museum, Darling Harbour. Students studying Shipwrecks, Corrosion and Conservation observed items from Australia's maritime history to understand techniques used by conservationists to salvage and restore items for display.

Year 11 students used the information provided to assist them with a Depth Study extending their knowledge of electrochemistry.

The Regional Athletics Carnival was held on the 3rd of August at the AIS track in Canberra. We had a large group of students that represented our school. They were Stephanie, Ramses and I who competed in the track events. Competing in the field events were Jack, Ramses, Kobe, Brendon, Eduan and a year 9 student. Everyone did our school proud.

Results to move into the NSW CHS carnival came from Ramses who was 1st in long jump, Brendon who was 2nd in javelin and I, who was 1st in the 800m and 2nd in the 400m.

The NSW CHS Athletics Championships were held in early September at Sydney Olympic Park. It was awesome to cheer all our south coast athletes on. The results were Brendon who was 12th in javelin, Ramses who placed 6th in long jump and I was 10th in 800m, 8th in 400m and received a bronze medal running for South Coast in the 4x400m Open relay.

ATHLETICS



Ramses and I will be representing our school at the NSW All Schools Athletics Championships at Homebush 27-30 September.

Ruby-lee



NAIDOC celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. At Corrimal High School, we celebrate and recognise the contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders during Term 3 Week 8. NAIDOC week is not a new concept. It started many, many years ago and Corrimal High School has been proud to be a NAIDOC Week supporter each year. But what did NAIDOC “Because of her, we can” 2018 bring?

Several of the activities undertaken this week included the continued work on a creative writing piece. 20 students, along with Mr Allen and Mr Foster, logged in to an online, interactive presentation and writing workshop with local author, poet and Indigenous women Kirli Saunders. The students across Years 7 to 9 spent an hour with Kirli, learning new creative writing techniques that could support their writing.

Two of our Year 10 students (Jean Fuller and Kaylem Connolly) spent two days with UOW STEM outreach programmers. During these two days, the students took on a leadership role, running workshops for other Year 6 students visiting UOW to participate in the program. Both Jean and Kaylem made wonderful mentors to these students.

The CoS Traditional Indigenous Games Gala Day was also held during the week. Over 120 students across Year 6 and Year 7 participated in a massive, multi game gala day. Senior SLR students led the junior students through a series of traditional games, providing game instruction and the cultural significance behind each game. The day was opened by local community member and NIAECG President Ms Julie Street-Smith who gave the Acknowledgement to Country along with some amazing words of wisdom. A visit from community Elders, the in2uni team members and several of the St George Illawarra Dragons players made the day that much more enjoyable. A big thank you to all our guests on the day, Year 11 SLR students, Year 11/12 IDMT students, Mr Sullivan, Mr McDonald and Mr Foster.

The week wrapped up with a special NAIDOC Assembly put on by the Year 7 NAIDOC Committee and Mr Wellings. These young students volunteered to coordinate the assembly, providing an overview of NAIDOC along with some inspiring discussion followed by a presentation and personal reflection by Ms Kirli Saunders.

Overall, a fantastic week full of engaging activities and important learning.

Congratulations to our year 12 Woodwork & Visual Art students on putting together an amazing exhibition of their major wood projects and artworks.

A special thank you to the music students and Mr Heugh for setting the tone for the event. You helped to create a really nice environment. The students produced some outstanding artworks and the visitors were impressed by the professional way they were able to discuss their work.

Thank you to families, friends and teachers who supported them by attending the exhibition.

HSC SHOWCASE



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PROUD SPEAKERS



This year we entered a team in the Year 9,10 NSW Premier's Debating Challenge. This is a state wide competition attracting the best debaters in the state. Our squad consisted of Maddison Lloyd, Vicky Phu, Thomas Logan, Steph Walford, Nikita Wiffen, Macey Fensom and Alliyah Sybell. We competed in a number of debates in our zone against teams from Woonona and Lake Illawarra, who both entered two teams. We were victorious in our zone and named **ZONE CHAMPIONS!** What a huge achievement for our debaters. We then went on to compete in the regional finals at Gerringong on August 20 where teams from the entire region from as far as Vincentia and Bomaderry and Braidwood and Smiths Hill competed. Unfortunately we were not named as regional champions but I am so proud of our squad. At every level they were gracious and dignified and created sophisticated debates. They have worked hard to develop their skills and should be immensely proud of themselves.

Then on August 21st our best public speakers competed in the South Coast Public Speaking Competition held at Holy Spirit College. Our team consisted of Maddison Lloyd, Emily Lloyd, Steph Walford, Katelyn Woods and Chiahni Zulian. They had all worked hard to prepare their speeches and spoke on a variety of issues ranging from environmental concerns to Australia's drug crisis. They were exceptional ambassadors for our school and I am very pleased to say that Maddison Lloyd was placed second in Year 9. Well done team!

ART IN THE PARK



Thank you to our wonderful Year 11 Visual Art students for organising our Spring into Corrimal Art Exhibition at the Corrimal Anglican Church. It was an amazing day to be part of the events in 2018. Students were even able to sell some art and cards available. Ryan Grimm's stall was amazing!

A special thanks to Leanne Begg for being an enthusiastic spruiker, Carol Esdale and the Corrimal Anglican Church artists for supporting our young artists. We hope you are able to enjoy the donation for 'The Hub'.

BUSY BOOKS



Book week saw lots of great things happening. We had lots of pirates 'finding their treasure', enjoying the photo booth and display. There were so many creative entries in our blackout poetry competition it was hard to choose a winner, but a big congratulations to all those selected.

Year 7 and 8 enrichment classes enjoyed a workshop with author Jeffery Doherty, coming up with some great story ideas. Jeffery led an interesting and educational session, and was very proud of the way our students engaged and the quality of work they produced.

Our local preschool visited during the week to listen to a story and visit the animals. They had a lovely time looking at books, dressing up and feeding the sheep. It was great to see the community enjoying our school.

Our eBooks are becoming popular with students and staff borrowing from over 1200 electronic books and reading them on their phones, tablets or computers. This term we also have audio books on trial, these are great to listen to while travelling, working, walking or whenever you feel like listening to a good book! It's exciting seeing students exploring new technologies and developing a love of reading.

AIME has been happening here each Tuesday with our Aboriginal students receiving one-on-one tutoring with UOW students. They always have lots of fun and study hard during their time with the tutors.

Some great innovations have been happening with the library environment, watch this space for more to come....

CHAPLAIN CHAT



Grief will affect all of us at one time or another. We will have to say good bye to someone we love and care about and it hurts. Having others around us can help us bear that burden in a way where we can feel supported and comforted in our grief.

I recently read a book by Nancy Guthrie who has lost two children called *“What grieving people wish you knew, about what really helps (and what really hurts).”* I wanted to share some insights from her first chapter titled *“What to say (and what not to say)”* as so often we just don’t know what to say to each other when someone dies.

It matters less what you say than that you show up and say *something* to acknowledge their loss.

- Listen more than you talk. You don’t need to fill up awkward silences with words. Just sitting with someone in their pain can bring comfort.
- Don’t assume you know what someone else is feeling.
- Don’t compare the grieving person’s loss to your own loss or anyone else’s.
- Don’t feel the need to fix everything or make sense of everything.
- Don’t make it about you - we should focus on the hurting person rather than on our own experience, our feelings, our desires, and our questions.
- Don’t tell them what to do - they are not looking for advice unless they ask for it.
- Don’t ask potentially painful questions out of curiosity.
- Don’t be put off by tears and think you’ve made someone cry. Tears are just bringing to the surface what was already there and needed to be released. A person who is sad doesn’t necessarily need to be cheered up but needs time, space and permission to be sad for a while.

If you’d like to talk further please feel free to call me at the school (Monday - Thursday) on 4285 1199 or students are welcome to come and see me in the Maths staffroom.

**FOYER FEATURED ARTIST
– RUBY HENG – ‘MOON
SCAPES AND SUNSETS’
ACRYLIC PAINT ON
CANVAS**



My ocean scapes reflect different times of the day. I intend to keep working on this collection of paintings this year for my planned exhibition in the school library. I hope to keep up my art practice when I finish at CHS.

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