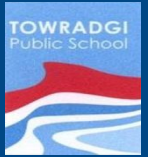




*Corrimal Community of Schools Captains for 2017*

Welcome to the  
Inaugural  
Corrimal  
Community of  
Schools (CoS)  
termly newsletter.



*Learning Together*

## Corrimal CoS: A Leader in 21st Century Learning

Corrimal High School has become a leader within the Illawarra region with regards to 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning through the innovative teaching of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). Staff involved in the STEM project received a distinguished award of merit for **Innovation in Teaching and Learning in 2016**.

2016 saw the **Inaugural Corrimal CoS STEM Gala Day**. Teams from the Corrimal CoS participated in a variety of STEM challenges devised by Corrimal High Staff and Students. Challenges included Mars Rover, Bottle Rockets, Mathematics Challenge, Catapults and Wind Turbines.

**The winners of the Inaugural CoS STEM Gala Day were Towradgi Public School.**

The innovative and engaging way STEM is presented in the Corrimal CoS has resulted in students maximising their learning outcomes in a fun, engaging and interesting way.

All schools competed at a very high level demonstrating outstanding critical thinking and problem solving skills. The project will continue this year with greater participation in interschool STEM competitions such as the Aeronautical Velocity Challenge, FI in Schools, UOW Science Fair, STEM camps, UOW Science and Engineering Challenge and an additional Community of Schools STEM Gala Day involving students in Years 3 and 4.







## Corrimal High School: A First Class Venue for Professional Learning

CHS was proud to host the NSW Department of Education Hearing and Sensory Professional Development Day earlier in Term 1 this year. Close to 100 staff from the Illawarra Education Area engaged in professional development centred around supporting students with identified needs. Participants were impressed with CHS as both a place of student learning and a venue for high-quality professional learning.

## Excellence in Sport



On 17th February CHS hosted their annual Swimming Carnival. Year 12 embraced the spirit of the 'Beach Party' theme with great costumes and accessories. Well done to all the students who participated on the day.

*Congratulations to our 2017 Swimming Age Champions:*

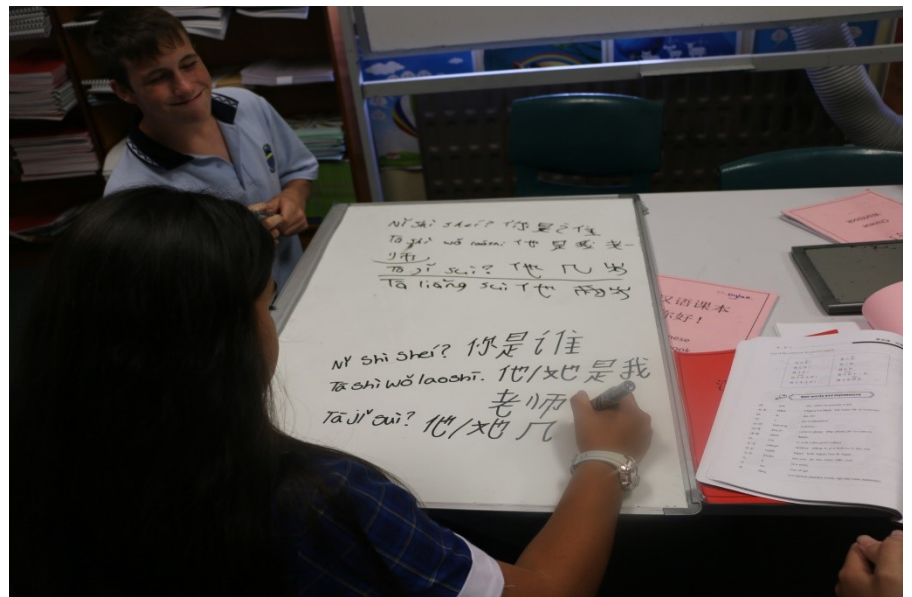
	<b>Girl</b>	<b>Boy</b>
<b>12 Years</b>	Harmonie Speechley	Harry Dawson
<b>13 Years</b>	Maddison Lloyd	Ryan Nicholls
<b>14 Years</b>	Nioka- Rose Blair	Liam Peterson
<b>15 Years</b>	Chiahni Zulian	Lewis Grimshaw
<b>16 Years</b>	Taylah Woolmer	Eduan Van Eeden
<b>17+ Years</b>	Tasmine Lown	Patrick Vallance



## Chinese Language: A Unique Learning Experience @ CHS

CHS is proud to offer the only Chinese Language classes within Department of Education schools throughout the Illawarra. Students are exposed to this unique learning environment as they begin Year 7 with our engaging Chinese Language Teacher, Mr Matthes.

Last year Mr Matthes was recognised for having one of the top 16 engaging learning environments in NSW for languages.



## CHS: Holistic Education



On 1st March students were given the opportunity to hear Andrew Fisher, a racing car driver and successful businessman, present 'Life Choices' a fast paced, action packed multimedia presentation. Andrew used his life experiences to challenge the students to be courageous and encouraged the students to think through the consequences of important life decisions. The interaction was taken to a whole new level when the team displayed their replica race car, a 'real' V8 that the team had on display in the main quad.





(L-R) Mayzie Brown (VC), Ella Hudson (C), Levi Sommers (C) & Mila Gehrke (VC)

At our Celebrating Excellence Assembly at the end of 2016 our School Captains and Vice-Captains were inducted with their 2017 leadership badges. Our School Leaders are doing a fantastic job in their roles so far this year.

## Bump It Up

We are very proud to acknowledge that our school has been identified as a *Bump It Up* school by the NSW Department of Education. The *Bump It Up* strategy focuses on identifying students who are doing well and who, the data suggests, have the greatest capacity to achieve in the top two NAPLAN bands. The *Bump It Up* strategy supports the attainment of the Premier's Priority of 'Increase the proportion of NSW students in the top two NAPLAN bands for Reading and Numeracy by 8% by 2019'.

To support our roll out of *Bump It Up* teachers have begun the professional development in the research-based program, 'Focus On Reading' (FOR). We look forward to seeing the positive outcomes the implementation of FOR strategies has on the reading and comprehension skills of our students.







**Our Kindergarten of 2017 on their first day at Big School!**

## Welcome Kindergarten 2017!

This year we have welcomed 37 wonderful Kindergarten students and their families to our school. The first day of Kindergarten was very exciting for the students and their families. Our school runs a high-quality prep-for-school program called, Smart-Start, which prepared our students well for what to expect upon starting school. Our newest students have had a great term learning about the routines of 'big school' and starting on their learning journey. We are so proud of what our Kindy students have achieved already this year!

## Student Representative Council Induction

<p><b><u>Melina</u></b> Captains- Oneli Ruberu &amp; Zara Whittemore Vice Captains- Jyden Napier &amp; Mackenzie-Rose Klerks</p>	<p><b><u>Iluka</u></b> Captains- Lilli Campbell &amp; Sammy Conner Vice Captains- Emily Lloyd &amp; Ayla Bartkowiak</p>	<p><b><u>Euroka</u></b> Captains- Kiara Pickett &amp; Bailey Sommers Vice Captains- Tamsyn Harle &amp; Sam Lown</p>	<p><b><u>Wirega</u></b> Captains- Ruby Montgomery &amp; Harry Morgan Vice Captains- Callum Trebel &amp; Kai Neilson</p>
<p><b><u>K-Banjo</u></b> Malakhi Rubena &amp; Carah Hatton</p>	<p><b><u>K/I-Hargrave</u></b> Wyatt Spears &amp; Shiloh Harris</p>	<p><b><u>K/I-Mabo</u></b> Andrew Player &amp; Abadi Abdalla</p>	<p><b><u>I-Olley</u></b> Mitchell Reed &amp; Jade Gilmore</p>
<p><b><u>1/2-Fanning</u></b> Elijah Woodhouse &amp; Haydan Denning</p>	<p><b><u>2-Mauboy</u></b> Lachlan Trebel &amp; Jarrah Longbottom</p>	<p><b><u>3/4-Wiggles</u></b> Lilly Hobbs &amp; Chad Morgan</p>	<p><b><u>3/4-AnhDo</u></b> Zac White &amp; Louisiana Conner</p>
<p><b><u>3/6-Fox</u></b> Thom Davis &amp; Enzo Couto-Frontado</p>	<p><b><u>5/6-Hemsworth</u></b> Beth Atkins &amp; Kressel Jores</p>	<p><b><u>5/6-Cahill</u></b> Mia Sweeny &amp; Cooper Kemp</p>	





### Parents as Teachers and Classroom Helpers (PaTCH)

Bellambi Public School understands it is critical we help parents and caregivers understand the important role they play in their children's education. To help improve students' learning our school community has developed the capacity of parents and carers to work in classrooms in support of literacy and numeracy. We have commenced the 2017 school year running the PaTCH program to train and accredit volunteers and provide them with the skills to work in supporting the teaching of reading, writing and early number.

### Developing Sport, Developing Minds

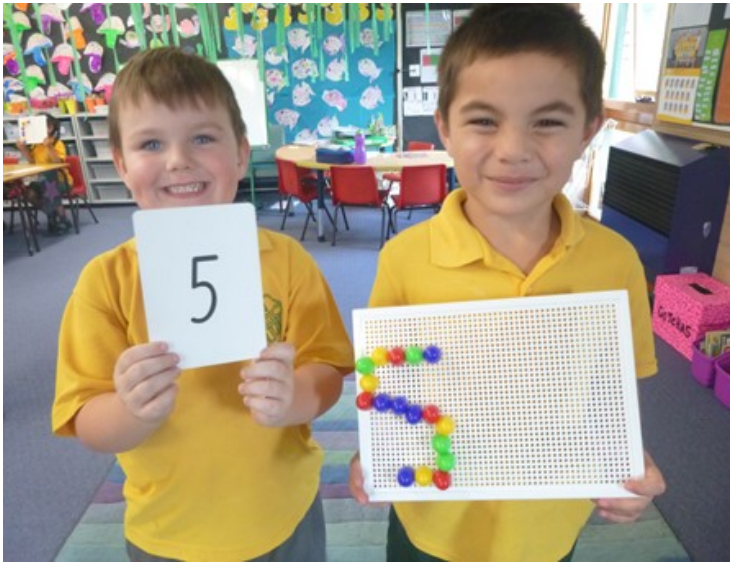


“Sport is education, the truest form of education, that of character. Sport is culture because it enhances life and, most importantly, does so for those who usually have the least opportunity to feast on it”. (The Youth Charter)

Stage 3 were recently engaged in a football session with the Dragons to develop skills and all round active fun, encouraging the development of healthy self-confidence.



## Bellambi PS has Hit the Ground Learning in 2017!



Kindergarten students are settling in well to their new routines and learning at our school. Friendships are blossoming and our new Kindies are having lots of fun socialising, reading, writing, playing games, drawing and painting. They, along with all the other students and school staff of Bellambi Public School have commenced the 2017 year with big smiles, positive and enthusiastic attitudes.

*Helping each other to be the best we can be!*

## Learning Naturally

At Bellambi Public School, we understand the benefits of gardening for children and it is a big part of their learning experiences. Children are provided with opportunities to observe the natural world, Investigate scientific concepts and learn responsibility for living things.





## Kindergarten Kids Off to a Wonderful Start in 2017

This year Corrimal Public School welcomed 42 new Kindergarten students to our school.

Starting primary school is a big part of every child's journey and we are very proud of the wonderful job these children and their families have done to successfully take this first step. Well done Kindy!



*James, Audry, Amirah and Oliver*

Our Kindergarten Student Representative Councillors for 2017.

## New Leaders Inducted for 2017



*Layla, Aditi, Josh and Matt – Corrimal Public School's 2017 School Captains*

On Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> February, our school inducted 42 school leaders into roles for the 2017 school year. Positions consisted of our School Captains, School Leadership Team, Sport Captains and Student Representative Council.

Being a leader at Corrimal Public School comes with high expectations and great responsibility. Other students see something special in those chosen and we hope that in 2017 they prove everyone right by working together to make Corrimal Public School even better!

## Corrimal Kids Get Crazy for a Cure

On Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> March, all students at Corrimal Public School were encouraged to wear Crazy Hair to school to support the World's Greatest Shave. The very brave Annabel in Year 4 was raising money to help fight blood cancer and our school was very proud to support her. Annabel volunteered to have her hair shaved off at our weekly assembly. Annabel's goal was to raise \$2000 and we are proud to say that, with the assistance of our school and community, Annabel was able to achieve her goal. Well done Annabel – You are a very brave girl! Thank you to our whole school community for supporting this cause.



*Annabel during and after her hair was shaved – Congratulations Annabel!*





## Super Swimmers

We had 44 students represent our school at the District Swimming Carnival at Corrimal Pool. We achieved many exciting successes on the day. Corrimal Public School is a part of the North Wollongong PSSA and proudly competes against many schools in the northern suburbs of Wollongong. Corrimal Public School has a strong sporting history and students always show a willingness to compete and great pride when representing our school.



*We had a lot of fun and some great results at the District Swimming Carnival.*

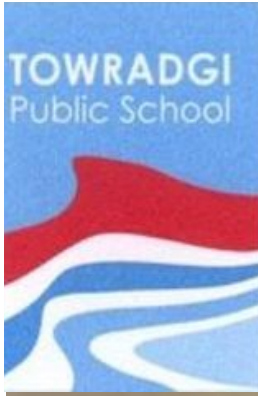
## School Leaders take Leadership to Another Level

On Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March, Mrs Veljanovski accompanied our School Captains and School Leadership Team to the Halogen Young Leaders Conference in Sydney. It was a very rewarding and insightful experience for our school leaders who commented, "Some things, such as 'never giving up' and 'pushing through your fears to become a leader' will stay with us forever." We are very proud of these wonderful young people and believe that this exciting experience will help lay the foundation for a successful year as leaders of Corrimal Public School.



*Our School Leaders had an exciting learning experience at the Halogen Young Leaders Conference in Sydney*





### A 'ToPS' Way to Start the 2017 School Year

This year, 23 new Kindergarten students, supported by their senior buddies, attended their first day at 'big school' with nothing but huge smiles on their faces. It was really great to see all of the Towradgi Public School staff and students start the 2017 school year extremely positive, tremendously cheerful and very keen to teach and learn.

### Learning to Lead and Leading to Learn

At Towradgi Public School, we recognise the need to develop confident leaders of the future and respond by providing a diverse leadership program. Our School Captains, Vice Captains, Sport House Captains and newly elected SRC Representatives were presented with special badges at a formal induction assembly and they are already fulfilling their new roles with great pride. Our Year 6 leaders are also confidently delivering a Peer Support Program focused on developing resilience. They are supporting their younger peers to identify their own qualities and strengths, develop skills, respond with a range of strategies and seek support when faced with challenges.

Towradgi Public School is very privileged to have so many active and enthusiastic student leaders.





## Teachers are 'ToPS' at Towradgi

Towradgi Public School teachers have undertaken significant professional learning around Developing Growth Mindsets, Formative Assessment, Focus on Reading and the Innovative use of Technology in the Classroom.

All teachers regularly participate in professional learning, collaborative planning and discussions. They work closely with each other and in-school and external experts in order to deliver high quality, personalised learning to our students.

*Teachers are Learners Too!*



## BYOD @ Towradgi

As part of Towradgi Public Schools focus on student driven, self-directed learning, students in Years 3-6 have the opportunity to opt-in to the 'Bring Your Own Device' (BYOD) program.

The aim of BYOD is to enable 1:1 access to devices for our students in order to provide them with a wide range of learning tools within flexible learning environments. Students are using their devices to make global connections, access live resources and communicate and collaborate with schools and experts around the world. They are also learning to use their device to share their learning with others in exciting and innovative ways.







### A 'Tarrific' Beginning to the 2017 School Year

The 21 new Kindergarten students have settled into the daily routines extremely well. L3 is up and running with the children engaged in meaningful independent activities to practice what they are learning with the teacher. This allows Ms Denham to work with a small group of up to three children at a time, to explicitly teach reading and writing strategies.

### Student Leadership at Tarrawanna Public School



In the beginning of the year a special assembly was held to announce the student leaders for 2017.

Albert, Tyler, Leilani and Margaret were voted in and will be participating in a student leaders' conference later in the year to continue to improve their leadership qualities and skills.

The sports captains: Tully, Lleylan, Harvie, Tahlia, Abigail and Bella were also presented with their badges and have already had the opportunity to lead their sporting teams at the swimming carnival.

The third group of leaders presented with their badges were the members of the Student Representative Council: Nate, Lacey 1D; Nate 2C; Jade, Tamaya 3/4H; Taye 4/5Z and William and Rangitaiki 5/6M. The SRC are currently in negotiation with the Principal about what reward day activity they should organise.



## Early Action for Success comes to Tarrawanna Public School

Tarrawanna is now a part of the Early Action for Success Initiative. This initiative has been extremely successful over the last 4 years in increasing the educational achievement of students in literacy and numeracy.

Mrs Webb is our Instructional Leader and works with the teachers at the school three days a week. She provides quality professional learning in Literacy and Numeracy, follows that up with quality feedback through coaching and mentoring and supports the teachers to analyse data in order to inform teaching and learning programs.

Teachers are great models for the students, showing that they value lifelong learning and continuous improvement by actively participating at every learning and coaching opportunity.



## Future Focused Learning: Breakout EDU games

In Breakout EDU games, players work collaboratively to solve a series of critical thinking puzzles in order to open a locked box. Students work in teams to problem solve clues in order to achieve the final goal within a time frame. The skills that the students use to complete these tasks are continually built upon and refined positioning them well to be successful in their future learning and in life in general.





## Testimonials



*Lucas (Kindy), Lilli (Year 6) and Amy (Year 4)  
from Corrimal East Public School*

**Lucas Campbell (Kindergarten)**

*I love doing Art at school. I like to play with my friends in our big playground.*

**Amy Campbell (Year 4)**

*I like all of the activities we do, like sport and lunchtime Pods. Our teachers make learning fun!*

**Lilli Campbell (Year 6)**

*Corrimal East Public School has great teachers, they make us feel supported and safe. Our school gives us lots of opportunities to do what we love.*



Towradgi Public School is a real community of children, parents, families, teaching staff and friends. We all come together with the common goal of doing the best for our children. Harrison and Carter love our school and we are so fortunate to be a part of this great community.

**Alison Thelan**

*Parent from Towradgi Public School*





*Local sporting legend, 107 year old, Lance Brown pictured with Yr 7 Year Advisor for 2017 Mr Wellings, along with Mr Brown's great niece and nephew, Ruby-Lee (Current Student) and Jack (Future Student).*

I am a proud past, present and future parent of children at Corrimal High School. My first child began there in 2006. They are the third generation of their family to attend the school.

My older 2 children have now gone on to University. They were successful academically, on the SRC and one of them was CHS Captain in 2015. She also received a Band 6 for her creative sculpture in Visual Arts that was placed in Art Express and showcased in NSW Art Galleries.

My youngest daughter began her schooling at CHS in 2016. She is relishing her wonderful learning environment that is always present at CHS. She has proudly represented our school at the State Carnival for running and from that has been invited to compete in Canada during this year. The support from students and teachers for her has been amazing.

My youngest boy will begin his journey next year. He can't wait to get into action in the Industrial Arts rooms and Science, Agriculture and Marine Studies will certainly expand his inquisitive mind. He is already familiar with STEM as this has been a large part of the transition program that CHS has implemented.

At CHS you are a known identity even before year 7 begins. There is no getting lost in the fold. Without a doubt, I know that Corrimal High School has brought out the best in my children in an excellent learning and solid community environment.

**Janice Paterson** - Parent at Corrimal High School

What I love about Corrimal Public School is its welcoming, family oriented environment. The teaching and office staff are very approachable; they show passion and commitment to their roles and genuinely care for each and every student. My sons love coming to school every day. They enjoy the endless opportunities and challenges the school provides to help them mature both academically and

**Lenora Carney**

Parent from Corrimal Public School







**We invite you and your family to come along and visit your local Public School**

*Starting Primary and/or High School are big steps in the learning journey. We hope that by coming to visit your local school within the Corrimal Community of Schools your journey will be made a little smoother for you and your child. Please contact your local school to arrange an interview / tour of your great local Public School. We look forward to meeting with you and beginning a rewarding partnership.*



Corrimal High School  
Murray Rd, Corrimal  
Ph: 4285 1199  
Email: [corrimal-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:corrimal-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)  
Principal: Mark King



Bellambi Public School  
Owen Park Road, Bellambi  
Ph: 4284 8666  
Email: [bellambi-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:bellambi-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)  
Principal: Michelle Sotiros



Corrimal Public School  
Princes Hwy, Corrimal  
Ph: 4284 4231  
Email: [corrimal-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:corrimal-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)  
Principal: Tim Fisher



Corrimal East Public School  
Duff Pde, East Corrimal  
Ph: 4284 4582  
Email: [corrimal-e-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:corrimal-e-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)  
Principal: Bede Darcey



Tarrawanna Public School  
Kendall St, Tarrawanna  
Ph: 4284 4662  
Email: [tarrawanna-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:tarrawanna-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)  
Principal: Toulia Kotamanidis



Towradgi Public School  
Carters Lane, Fairy Meadow  
Ph: 4284 4527  
Email: [towradgi-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:towradgi-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)  
Principal: Cathy Broadbridge