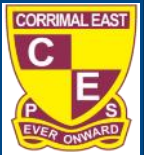




Above: An aerial shot of the participants in the 'Walk for Reconciliation' held at Bellambi PS on Friday 2nd June, 2017

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



Learning Together

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CAROLS IN CORRIMAL

CoS Carols
Save the Date



2017
STEM Gala Day



Feedback from
CoS
Students

Corrimal Community of Schools 2nd Early Learning Conference

Following on from our inaugural Community of Schools Early Learning conference – ‘Successful Transition: Thinking About the Whole Child’, we are moving forward with the organisation for our 2nd conference. The conference organisation and structure has evolved according to feedback from 2016 participants, current educational research and best practice in transitioning children to ‘big’ school.



READY FAMILIES
+
READY COMMUNITIES
+
READY SERVICES
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READY SCHOOLS
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CHILDREN READY FOR SCHOOL



Catering for All Children's Transition to Big School

The 2017 Early Learning conference is aimed at building connections and networking links between preschool teachers and primary school teachers in our local area. Together the team will discuss, innovate and develop collaborative strategies to support young children in the pre-school to school transitioning phase of their learning journey.

Our talented Early Learning conference team comprises a wealth of experience and expertise. The team includes: **Samantha Baldock** (Kindergarten Teacher, Bellambi PS), **Jackie Everson** (Kindergarten Teacher, Corrimal PS), **Samantha Hockin** (K/I Teacher, Towradgi PS), **Nakia Bennet** (Early Intervention Teacher, Towradgi PS), **Tina Yewen** (K-2 Assistant Principal, Corrimal East PS), **Zora Brown** (Kindergarten Teacher, Corrimal East PS), **Kylee Denham** (Kindergarten Teacher, Tarrawanna PS), **Megan Dodds** (KU Director Corrimal East), **Christine Johnson** (Instructional Leader, Bellambi PS) and **Michelle Sotiros** (Principal, Bellambi PS).

We have created a conference which has a holistic approach to the transition to school.

'Every Great Journey has a Great Beginning'

Strategic Direction One: STEM

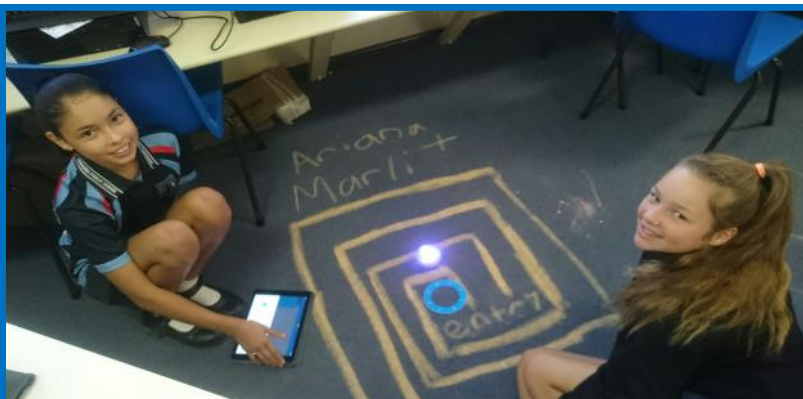
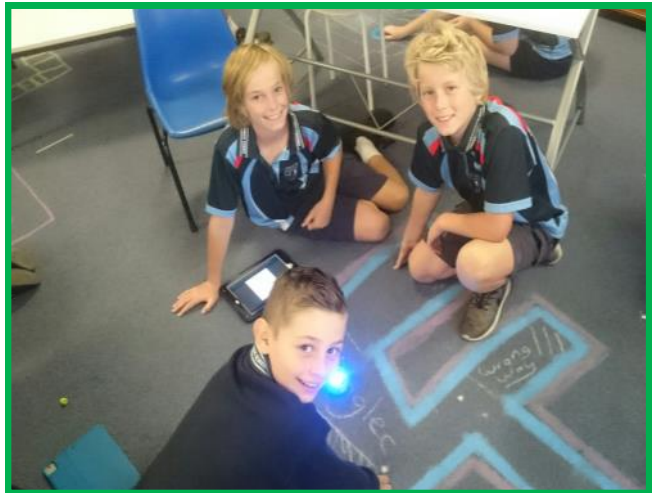
'Too often we give students answers to remember rather than problems to solve' – Roger Lewin

The Corrimal Community of Schools STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Leadership Team recognises that our students' futures will include professions that do not exist yet. In fact, it is predicted that in 20 years time 50% of jobs that exist today will no longer exist.

As a Community of Schools, we are committed to setting our students up for success in the real world. This term, the STEM team has focussed on coding. We have given students access to a wide range of programming platforms to meet the needs of beginning coders and extend our advanced coders.

Students have been programming small spherical robots called Spheros. The programming requires students to consider speed, heading (using degree of angle) and time. The aim is for students to make detailed programs, test them and troubleshoot when things go wrong.

In Week 10, teams of 8 of our most committed coders from each primary school will compete at the second 'STEM Gala Day' at Corrimal High School. On this day, students will compete in a variety of events that combine to form the 'Sphero Olympics'. The teams of students will collaboratively code the robots to run, swim and jump. A team from Google headquarters will join us to host a special event programming some brand new robots. The culminating event will be a rocket launch. All events will be designed and coordinated by Corrimal High School STEM class students.



Pictures: Students from Towradgi PS and Corrimal HS test their programming skills with their Spheros

Strategic Direction Two: Successful Transitions

Our purpose of the Successful Transition Strategic Direction is to provide an environment which supports all students to **connect, succeed and thrive** at all stages of development and learning. We strive to implement a co-ordinated approach to the Learning and Support Teacher's network, supporting Learning and Support Teachers across all schools, while adhering to the Quality Teaching Framework, School Excellence Framework and the NSWDoE Wellbeing Framework.

Our focus for 2017 is to provide professional learning opportunities for our School Learning Support Officers (SLSOs). These staff members play extremely important roles in engaging students with the curriculum, assisting with classroom activities, school routines and the care and management of students. Specific professional learning opportunities are being rolled out that assist in building authentic and meaningful relationships, building a range of purposeful strategies, skill knowledge and resources which are shared across our schools.



We have designed seven professional learning sessions which are being held throughout 2017. The sessions explore: Roles and Responsibilities, Literacy support, Numeracy support, Sensory Processing, Anxiety, Behaviour and Language Development. We ensure that we are collecting data to evaluate the effectiveness of our practices.

Our CoS is about providing outstanding education for all students. Our team strives to connect knowledge and expertise and form professional relationships building capacity and ensuring continuous improvement across all our schools.

We are learning together and from one another.



Todd Pitchford 'I definitely feel more confident liaising with staff within the school setting. Being able to write my goals in a PDP, and share them, has increased the support from teachers and executive. I feel like I have more direction in my role as an SLSO, which is a good feeling'.

Ebony (Year 5) 'Mr Pitchford helps me with my spelling and fluency in reading. He's always there to support me when I'm not sure about what to do.'

Lena Plakias 'The conferences are informative and I believe the more information we collect from one another, the more SLSOs will become empowered. I have learnt how I can support a child's reading development and my role in the classroom'.

James (Kindergarten) 'Miss Lena helps me write words and she helps me with my handwriting. She helps me with my work and when I find things hard, she helps me'.



Above left: Mr Pitchford & Ebony Above right: Miss Plakias & James

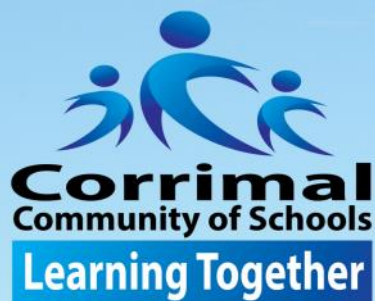
CHS Enrichment Class News



In Week 1 of Term 2, the Year 7, 8 & 9 Enrichment Classes from CHS were lucky enough to be audience members at the first ever taping of the new television show, *Little Big Shots*. This program showcases the talent of Australian children – including everything from musical talents and sporting skills to setting Guinness World Records! It was a long but incredibly entertaining day and the students were all exceptional audience members.



Enrol Now!



Enrolment for 2018

Your local school is taking enrolments K-12 2018 now!



Please contact your local school for enrolment advice, orientation times and for a tour of the school.



CAROLS IN CORRIMAL



Christmas can be a fun time to celebrate with the family and catch up with friends. Community of Schools, in partnership with the Corrimal Cougars Rugby League Club and the Corrimal Chamber of Commerce, have organised our 2nd Corrimal Community Carols and everybody is invited.

Where: *Ziems Park, Corrimal - Senior Field*

Date: *Friday 1st December*

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

Entry: *Gold Coin Donation for the Surf Life Saving Club*



Voices of Bellambi Public School



Damien

I like doing maths because it is challenging and I like learning about numbers.



Cadan

I enjoy having all my friends at school and the teachers help me to learn new things.



Hope

I love writing because you can freely use your imagination.



Mackaylah

I love coming to school! It is fun and I learn so much from my teachers.

Through the eyes of Kindergarten Students

What's the best thing about being at Tarrawanna Public School?

Scarlett: *I have lots of friends*

Adam: *It's safe*

Keaghan: *You get to play on the computers*

Phoenix: *That we get to be the leader*

Jonah: *Bookclub*

Isabelle: *Reading*

Evie: *Playing with my friends and writing letters and reading and just everything*





Corrimal Community of Schools would like to invite local preschool staff to the 2017 Expo:

‘Catering for ALL children’s Transition to Big School’

Date: Thursday 20 July 2017

Time: 8:30am-3.00pm

Where: Tarrawanna Public School, Kendall St Tarrawanna

Venue: School Hall **Parking:** Meadow St Carpark or surrounding area

- 8:30-8:55am** Registration and tea/coffee
- 8.55-9.00am** Acknowledgement of Country
- 9.00-9.15am** Welcome and Introduction
- 9.15-9.45am** Classroom visits – Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 (Literacy/Numeracy)
- 9.45-10.15am** Successfully Starting the Preschool Day +Q&A
- 10.15-10.45am** Morning Tea
- 10.45-11.00am** Early Intervention for children from 3yrs old +Q&A
- 11.00-11.30am** Early Links Diagnosis Support Program 0 to 8yrs +Q&A
- 11.30-12.00pm** Thriving Kids + Q&A
- 12.00-12.30pm** Speech Pathologist Mission Australia + Q&A
- 12.30- 1.00pm** Lunch
- 1.00-1.30pm** Demystifying Best Start + Q&A
- 1.30-2.45pm** Early Years Educational Expo – Literacy, Numeracy, Supporting Agencies and Therapists and Early Intervention. An opportunity to talk to the presenters
- 2.45-3.00pm** Wrap-up and feedback

RSVP by email to christine.johnson29@det.nsw.edu.au or phone 42848666



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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 use the contact details below to arrange an interview/tour of your great local Public School. We look forward to meeting with you and beginning a rewarding partnership.



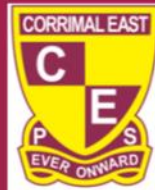
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