My thanks to our school community for helping ensure the start of the 2015 school year has been as smooth as possible. I thank you for trusting the staff and I and allowing us to go about our core business of providing each student at our school with a well-rounded, positive school experience. It really has been a pleasure being in classrooms and out the playground with your children. We are very fortunate to work with such hardworking and caring students and families that trust and respect our school—thank you!

I look forward to seeing you at tomorrow nights P&C meeting if you can make it or our Working Bee scheduled for this coming Saturday (from 8:30am).

Bede Darcy

Young Minds, Bright Futures @ CEPS

Stage 3 hard at work on a Monday Morning
Congratulations SRC & Sport House Leaders

Green House Leaders

Yellow House Leaders

Blue House Leaders

Red House Leaders

2015 Student Representative Council
**Scholastic Book Club**

Scholastic Book Club catalogues were distributed to the classrooms last week. This allows you to purchase quality books and educational products at discounted prices. Scholastic have re-designed their catalogues this year so each student only needs one catalogue which features age-appropriate choices. To order, fill in the order form on the back of the catalogue including your child’s name and class and place in an envelope with payment in the Book Club slot in the office foyer by the closing date. Payments can be made using cash, cheque (to Scholastic Australia) or credit card at www.scholastic.com.au/payment.

Purchases will then be delivered to the classroom approximately 2 weeks after the closing date. Not only is this a great way for you to shop, the school gets bonus points based on the purchases made in each issue and can then obtain valuable resources for our Library and classrooms at no cost!

**Closing date for this issue is Friday 20th February 2015.**

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**Tennis Coaching**

Tennis Coaching is available for CEPS students during the school week. Mrs Davies coaches before school, lunch times and after school on set days during the week. If you wish to continue tennis lessons and have not yet returned a form for 2015, or would like to begin tennis lessons in 2015, please pick up a note from the office.

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**Student Banking**

CEPS participates in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program. The School Banking program provides students with an opportunity to make deposits into their Youthsaver account at school each week. The program rewards how often students deposit, not how much they deposit.

After setting up your child’s account, students will receive a yellow Dollarmite wallet and deposit book to bring their money to school. Every deposit, regardless of the amount, earns them a silver Dollarmites token. Once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.

Parent information packs will be sent out to Kindergarten students this week. If any students from other classes would like a starter pack, please come to the school office to collect one.

At CEPS our school banking day is **Tuesday**. Students place their bank book in the Student banking slot, the office processes the deposits, and the bank books are returned to the students for the following week.

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**Illawarra Mercury First Day of School**

The Illawarra Mercury is running a very special feature called First Day of School 2015. This is a chance for parents and guardians to place a photo of their child in the paper for their child’s first day at school, they can also place a baby picture and some text about their child if they choose to do so. This feature is going to print on February 21st, 2015. Size: 7 x 4 (7cm high x 12.88cm wide) Price $99 including gst, Full Colour, Free Ad Design + online

**Bookings:** 02 4221 2261
**Email:** directories@illawarramercury.com.au

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**CEPS Online**

Our school website address is [http://www.corrimalep.schoo...](http://www.corrimalep.schools.nsw.edu.au/)

You can like us on Facebook at [https://www.facebook.com/corrimaleastps](https://www.facebook.com/corrimaleastps)
After School Procedures

Parents are reminded that if your child is playing on the fixed equipment near the Kindergarten classroom after 3:00pm, he/she must be properly supervised by you at all times. Some children are running to and playing on the equipment without being properly supervised. Please ensure you supervise your child/ren appropriately at all times as this area can be unsafe due to traffic after school. Students that use after school bus services or their parent is late to pick them up now wait on the front verandah near the front foyer; this allows for greater supervision of students while waiting.

Entry & Exit from CEPS

Parents are reminded that in the morning and afternoon, the small pedestrian gates located on Duff Parade and Pioneer Road are the only entry and exit points from our school. No one should be using the carpark entry gates nor the bottom driveway gates. The bottom driveway gates are now used for our school taxi service; this area and the staff carpark are very high traffic areas! We wish to ensure the safety of our entire school community. Please help us by adhering to these regulations. Thank you!

Returning of Notes & Money @ CEPS

Parents are advised that no notes and/or money are now to be taken to class teachers. Instead, in the front foyer we have a large wooden box with a slot for every class. Parents and students are asked to please place ALL notes and money in the appropriate class slot by 9:10am. If the note to be returned is for more than one child, please return it in the oldest siblings class slot. The box will be emptied by office staff each day, by 9:30am. Bookclub and P&C returns are to also be returned to the wooden box.

Parents are also reminded that when a child returns to school from an absence, a written explanation is required the day upon returning. If we do not receive written advise of the absence from a parent/carer, a generic NSWDEC letter will be distributed reminding parents of the absence and requesting an explanation. Thank you for your support in helping us ensure the safety and welfare of our students.

Late Arrival and/or Early Leaving from CEPS

Our school begins at 9:00am and concludes at 3:00pm. It is practise at our school that if a child/ren are late to school a parent/carer is to accompany the child/ren to the school office. Additionally, we will not allow any student to leave the school grounds if not in the care of a parent/carer (please phone the office if the adult to pick up your child is not a legal guardian). Class teachers will not allow any child to leave their room without the adult having a early leaving pass from the office.
Labelling Belongings

Parents are reminded that every item your child brings to school including lunch boxes, drink bottles, hats etc) need to be clearly labelled with his/her name, this included Stage 3 students! This really helps us in safely returning any misplaced items to the correct owner.

Illawarra Sports High School Enrolment Information

Illawarra Sports High School will be having their Year 5 & 6 Open Night on Monday February 16th, 6pm in their school hall.
The CEPS office has information flyers for those families interested.

Wollongong HS of the Performing Arts– Year 7, 2016

Information packs and applications for the audition process for Year 6 (2015) looking to enrol in Year 7 (2016) at Wollongong HS of the Performing Arts are available at the CEPS front office. Applications close Friday 6th March, 2014.
We welcome Mrs Bland back this week!
Mrs Bland will be working in the Library Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays this year. Library borrowing days are:

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Please ensure your child/ren have their library bag on their appropriate borrowing day to ensure the safe keeping of our school library books.

We will again be completing the Premiers Reading Challenge this year. More info on this to come shortly.

Mr Darcey had a very pleasant surprise on Friday when the students from 3-6Silver greeted him with a rainbow cupcake they had made during their Life Skills lesson.

*Thank you 3-6Silver— it was delicious! Mr Darcey*

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**Working Bee ...**

_**We need your help!**_

**When:** Saturday 14th February

**Time:** 8:30am - 2pm

(For how ever long you can make it!)

**Who:** CEPS parents, carers, family & friends

**What:** Weeding and tidying our beautiful school gardens

Please come along and help out if you can.

‘Bee’ advised that all children remain in the care and responsibility of their parent/carer.

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**Swimming Carnival Thank You!**

We were extremely fortunate to have a wonderful day last Tuesday for our Swimming Carnival.

Our thanks to the parents who helped out on the day, particularly Mrs Harle who assisted with recording all day.

Students will receive their ribbons at this Fridays school assembly.
P&C Meeting Reminder
The first P&C meeting of 2015 will be held in the library, tomorrow, Tuesday 10th February at 6.30pm. It will be wonderful to start the year with some new faces and fresh perspective. We particularly would like to invite and welcome the parents and carers of all our new students joining the CEPS community this year.
Becoming a member of the P&C is a rewarding way to make a contribution to your child’s school experience and encourages positive input into matters directly concerning your child’s school. Whatever your level of interest, please come along and get involved.

Upcoming P&C Annual General Meeting (AGM)
Prior to the P&C meeting being held in March we will have the Annual General Meeting (AGM). The AGM consists of the President’s Annual Report, The Treasurer’s Annual Report and any other Annual Reports required as well as the election of all office bearers and representatives.

All Office bearer positions are declared vacant and available for election at the AGM. The Officer positions to be elected are:
- President
- Two Vice Presidents
- Secretary
- Treasurer
The other representative positions to be elected at the AGM are:
- Fundraising Officer
- Fundraising Sub-Committee
- Publicity Officer
- Uniform Shop Officer
- Uniform Shop Sub-committee
Please note that no more than one officer position can be held by the same person and two people from the same family can hold office bearer positions at the same time.
To be eligible to nominate and vote at the AGM you must be a financial member of the P&C. Parents, carers and citizens can become members by attending a meeting and paying the membership fee of $1, for the year. Any person who does not pay their membership fee prior to the end of the meeting on 10th February 2015, will not be eligible to nominate or vote at the AGM in March.
If you have any questions, would like more information about attending a meeting or would like to nominate or be nominated, please contact us using the details supplied below, or contact any other P&C member on the Executive. Information is also available at the Federation of Parents & Citizens Associations of New South Wales website www.pandc.org.au

Have a terrific week.

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P&C President
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Carol Zecevic
P&C Secretary & Publicity Officer
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General School Contribution (GSC)
Many thanks to those families that have kindly provided their voluntary General School Contribution for 2015. Please note that the school will accept the General School Contribution in instalments and/or when families are able to provide the payment throughout the term, or year. We thank you for your consideration and assure families that the GSC will be used to support the students of CEPS and aid us in providing worthy educational experiences and opportunities for our students.
Canteen (Made Fresh) Organisation

The Term 1 Made Fresh menu is now uploaded on our school website - http://www.corrimal-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/

Parents are reminded that orders need to be placed in the roller door slot at the canteen by 9:00am.

Parents and/or students can now fill out lunch bag orders on the table in the protected alcove area to the right of the Canteen. No bags are located in the foyer anymore.

$2 Tuesday is now discontinued.

Free Ice Block with every order received on a Tuesday.

Mt Ousley Physie Club

Dance, exercise, fitness and fun for girls and ladies

Classes at Fairy Meadow Demonstration School

Mondays – starting 9th February - 9-10yrs 4-5pm, 11-12yrs 5-6pm, 13 yrs - 1st yr seniors 6-7pm, 2nd yr and Open seniors 7-8pm

Tuesday – starting 10th February - pre-schoolers 3.30-4pm, 4-6yrs 4-5pm, 7-8yrs 5-6pm

Ladies classes at Corrimal Leagues Club Monday 7-8pm - starting 16th February and Friday 9:30-10:30am - starting 20th February

First three lessons free for new members

Check our website www.mtousleyphysie.com

Or call Elizabeth 0411 288 291 or Kellie 0413 249 707

CEPS Playgroup

Did you know we have a

Playgroup operating at CEPS?

Tuesdays, 9:00am - 11:00am

Come along and share in the fun!