We have updated our school Evacuation and Lock Down/Out Policy. The new policy is located on the school website and will be discussed at our next P&C meeting. Class teachers have been talking with their students about the procedures for Evacuation and/or Lock Down/Out. I wish to advise parents and our school community that we will be performing an Evacuation Drill this week as per NSWDEC guidelines. If you know your child/ren may be alarmed by the drill, please talk with him/her about the need for the practise and about what it is he/she needs to do so that they are comfortable and ready for the drill. Please be assured that staff strive hard to ensure all students are cared for and will be looked after throughout this process. It is important we perform drills to ensure the safety and welfare of our students; of which is paramount at Corrimal East Public School.

If you have any questions, please come and see me.

Bede Darcey

K-2 Home-Readers

Last year Mrs Butt and Mrs Gonzaga spent a considerable amount of time reorganising the K-2 Home Readers. The readers are now located in the corridor outside 1/2 Pink. It would be appreciated if parents did not access these readers. If you need to change your child’s Home Reader please see your child’s teacher. It would be disappointing to have to relocate the Home Readers; in the past we have lost a large amount of books when teachers were not able to monitor the books parents were accessing. Thank you for understanding and support.

Mrs Gonzaga & Mrs Rajendra, K-2 Assistant Principals
Our sincere thanks to the CEPS community members, students and staff who came along to our first Working Bee of 2015. Your efforts and commitment to our school is greatly appreciated!
CEPS Cross Country - Change of Date

Parents are advised that due to a number of sporting date clashes we have had to change the date for our school Cross Country. Our Cross Country will now take place on **Tuesday 17th March**, not Wednesday 18th March. We thank you for your understanding.

Students in Years 3-6 will be completing some endurance running over the next couple of weeks as part of their fitness program and as preparation for the Cross Country. Students will be allowed to bring joggers to change into for the running. Students will be informed as to which days they will need their joggers.

CEPS Dance Group News 2015

Dance Group rehearsals began in Week 2 and all of our dancers were excited to be back in the swing of things. The Dance Group 2015 has grown significantly and therefore for those parents and caregivers who may not be aware we have had to form two dance groups; a **K-2 Dance Group** and a **3-6 Dance Group**.

Miss Haworth will lead the K-2 group and their rehearsal will be held on a Wednesday at lunchtime in the hall. Miss Haworth distributed a note regarding the K-2 Dance Group. Our new Kindergarten students are more than welcome to join, however please be aware there is a cost involved to participate in dance. All information regarding K-2 Dance Group is contained in the K-2 Dance Group note.

Mrs Gonzaga will lead the 3-6 group and their rehearsal will be held on a Thursday and Friday at lunchtime in the hall. A note regarding the final payment will be distributed shortly. Please ensure all payments are made promptly.

If any parent is able to assist with sewing for our K-2 & 3-6 Dance Groups, please see Miss Haworth and/or Mrs Gonzaga; your help will be greatly received!

**DANCE GROUP 2014**

At the conclusion of the year Mrs Gonzaga organised for the 2014 Dance group to have their performance t-shirts printed as a memento of their participation in dance. These t-shirts have now arrived at school and we would like to present the 2014 dancers with their t-shirts at the whole school assembly this **Friday 20th February**. If you are available please come along to celebrate your child/ren’s accomplishments.

If you have any questions about our dance program for 2015, please do not hesitate to speak with us.

*Mrs Gonzaga and Miss Haworth*

Police Random Checking

Parents are advised that we have received some reports from concerned parents and community members about the way students are being dropped off and/or collected from cars along Duff Parade and the speed at which some drivers are driving.

The police have been contacted and have been asked to perform random checks of Duff Parade of which have already commenced.

Please insure that your child exits and/or enters your vehicle from the footpath side of your vehicle and that you pull over to drop your child/ren off.

School Zones of 40km/h apply to all schools. School Zones for our school are 8:00am - 9:30am and 2:30pm - 4:00pm.

Please help us by abiding by all road rules to ensure our entire school community is safe.
**School Hats**

The Uniform Shop now has in stock some school caps. The school bucket hats are due to be received this week. Students need their school hat each day to be able to play in the playground. If you are experiencing any difficulties paying for a school hat, please contact the office and speak with Mr Darcey. Thank you.

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**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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**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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**Shamrocks Junior Rugby**

Registration Days 2015

Saturday 21st February 1pm – 3pm
Wednesday 25th February 5pm – 7pm
Wed 4th March – last registration, first training session
BBQ and meet the coaches – from 4.30pm

Free Shamrock beanie for new registrations

Fees - $90 (includes shorts, socks)
Age groups - U7’s to U17’s

New players welcome

Registrations to be held at Ocean Park Woonona

Contact: Andrew 0432 944543
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.

Academic Competitions
The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) are independent skills-based assessments with a competition element. Commonly referred to as the UNSW tests, these tests will be held between May and August in Science, Digital Technologies, Writing, Spelling, English and Mathematics. Competitions are open to students in Years 3-6, with Year 2 students being able to participate in Science, English and Mathematics.

If you are interested in participating in these competitions please see your child’s class teacher for an application. If you have any further questions please speak to Mrs Boyd.

Applications for entries close on Monday 9th March 2015.

Kumar Family Donation
At our last P&C meeting, those present agreed that the school and P&C association would align to support the Kumar family after the tragic accident over the holiday break. Those families and/or community members that would like to support the Kumar family are encouraged to make a donation of whatever monetary value you wish to contribute. This money will be collected into a trust fund which will go towards the payment of educational activities and expenses for the Kumar children.

We understand that there are many families from CEPS that would like to support the Kumar family and this option is available to all.

If you kindly choose to donate to the fund, please send in your donation in an envelope marked;

Kumar Family Fund Donation
$ ___ (amount enclosed)
Name (if you choose to do so)
(Please place your donation in your child’s class slot.)

If you have any questions, please speak with Mr Darcey (Principal) or Mrs Longbottom (P&C President).

We thank the Corrimal East Public School community for their overwhelming support and kindness they have shown throughout the past couple of weeks. We have a wonderful school community. Well done CEPS.

Illawarra Sports High School Enrolment Information
Illawarra Sports High School will be having their Year 5 & 6 Open Night TONIGHT Monday 16th February at 6pm in their school hall.
Last Friday our Age Champions for Swimming received their 1st, 2nd & 3rd place ribbons.

Our 2015 Swimming Champions were also awarded their medals.

- Junior Girl– Emily Lloyd
- Junior Boy– Harry Morgan
- Senior Girl– Rylee Jansen
- Senior Boy– Kahn Bowden

Congratulations to all of our FINtastic swimmers!
Our school will again be participating in the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC).

The PRC aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. The PRC is available for all NSW students in Kindergarten - Year 9, in government, independent, Catholic and home schools. 

It is expected that all students at Corrimal East will take part in the PRC this year.

How Does It Work?

K - 2
Students in these classes need to experience 30 books from the PRC Booklist. Class teachers will read these books with their students at school, recording the titles on a reading log in the classroom.

3 - 6
Students in Years 3 - 6 need to read 20 books to successfully complete the Challenge. 15 books must be from the PRC booklist and 5 books may be of their own choice, or from the PRC booklist as well. Students will be given a reading log to record the books they have read. Parents are asked to sign this to verify the record.

What is the PRC Booklist?
The NSW DEC, which presents the Challenge, has selected many books suitable for students to read and placed these onto an official booklist. Students and teachers then select books from these lists.

To make it easier for students to find these books in our school library, we have put coloured dots on the spines of the books which are on the PRC lists.

K - 2 - orange dots
3 - 4 - green dots
5 - 6 - brown dots

What happens when students complete the PRC?
Students return their completed reading logs to Mrs Bland in the library.

To provide immediate recognition to students as they finish the PRC, we:
- present the student with a Library Award at assembly, with a maximum of 2 awards per student, per year
- publish students’ names in the school’s weekly newsletter

All students who successfully complete the Challenge will receive an official PRC certificate, signed by the Premier, late in 2015. Students who have participated in the Challenge for 4 years will receive a special Gold Certificate. After 7 Challenges, students receive a Platinum Award. We have a number of students hoping to gain their Platinum Award this year so that is very exciting.

Privacy Information
We have been asked to ensure that parents/caregivers understand that all students entering the Premier’s Reading Challenge will receive a PRC Certificate and appear in the PRC Honour Roll. The certificate shows the student’s name and school. Only students’ names will appear in the Honour Roll with no other identifying factors. Participating schools appear as a separate list.

PLEASE INFORM MRS BLAND IF YOU OBJECT TO YOUR CHILD PARTICIPATING IN THE CHALLENGE.

More details are available on the PRC website at:
https://products.sCHOOLS.nsw.edu.au/prc.home.html

Thank you for supporting your children in this exciting reading activity.

Mrs Bland
Teacher Librarian

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.
CEPS P&C News

P&C Meeting Thank you
The first P&C Meeting of 2015 was held on Tuesday 10th February, with many families of the CEPS community in attendance. Thank you to all who attended, it was wonderful to see many new parents and carers and such a strong turnout from CEPS staff members. A big thank you to those who continually attend each meeting, your interest and time is invaluable and greatly appreciated.

Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser
For the second consecutive year, the P&C will be fundraising for the school community with a BBQ at Bunnings Wollongong on Sunday 29th March 2015. This fundraiser proved to be immensely successful for the CEPS community in 2014.

Once again we are looking for volunteers to cook and serve at Bunnings Wollongong between the hours of 9am-4pm. We will operate a roster with 1 hour time slots allotted to volunteers.

If you are available to help please fill in the attached CEPS P&C Fundraiser, Bunnings BBQ Volunteer Form and return it to the P&C slot in the office foyer.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact the P&C Secretary, Carol Zecevic on 0401 093 475 or at makeupgirl_cc@yahoo.com.au

Easter Celebrations/Open Day
As part of the Easter Celebrations/Open Day, on the last day of Term 1 (Thursday 2nd April 2015), the CEPS P&C will be providing a BBQ Lunch service. Items need to be pre-ordered for collection at lunchtime on the day. Volunteers to help out with BBQ Lunch would be greatly appreciated.

For more information about volunteering on this day, please contact the P&C using the details supplied below.

Have a terrific week.

Lorelle Longbottom
P&C President
0402 183 629 / lorellel@dgblaw.com.au

Carol Zecevic
P&C Secretary & Publicity Officer
0401 093 475 / makeupgirl_cc@yahoo.com.au

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Corrimal East Public School

P&C Mufti Day
Friday 27th March, 2015

Students are encouraged to come to school on Friday 27th March in Mufti (weekend clothes).
We ask that students bring along an Easter Egg for being out of uniform. The P&C will use the eggs to make Easter Hampers that will be raffled off at the Easter celebration/Open day on Friday 2nd April.
Thanks for your support.
Corrimal East Public School
2015 Easter Celebration & Open Day

Thursday 2nd April, 2015

11:30am – In the hall (Whole School Assembly)

Theme: Easter

12:40 – Open classrooms

Come and see the great work of our students

1:00 – BBQ Lunch & Play with the children

Enjoy a BBQ lunch on the lawns and have a play

Parents and Family Friends are most welcome to attend our special day.

Come along and make our last day of Term 1 an exciting and enjoyable day for everyone!

Made Fresh Canteen

Parents are reminded that the NEW TERM 1 canteen menu is available on the school website. Please DO NOT order from the 2014 menu. Paper copies of the menu are available from the office if required.
SCHOOL SAFETY NOTICE TO DRIVERS

There is NO EXCUSE for disobeying traffic control signs and road rules in the vicinity of a school. There are NO APOLOGIES for issuing infringement notices to offenders. Parking dangerously, blocking sight lines, blocking buses and crossings puts children’s lives at risk.

Please read and understand the following traffic controls around your school:

**NO STOPPING**
Under no circumstances are you permitted to stop on a length of road to which a NO STOPPING sign applies.
(Penalty: exceeds $310 + two demerit points)

**NO PARKING**
You are permitted to stop in a NO PARKING zone only while you are engaged in dropping off or picking up passengers.
You must stay within three metres of our vehicle.
You must not stop for more than two minutes.
(Penalty: exceeds $170 + two demerit points)

**BUS ZONE**
You are not permitted to stop in a BUS ZONE unless you are driving a public bus.
(Penalty: exceeds $310 + two demerit points)

**CHILDREN’S CROSSING**
You are not permitted to stop within 20 metres before the crossing and 10 metres after the crossing
(Penalty: exceeds $410 + two demerit points)

**DOUBLE PARKING**
You must not stop on a road between the centre of the road and another car that is parked at the side of the road to wait or pick up or drop off passengers.
(Penalty: exceeds $310 + two demerit points)

THE COST OF TAKING YOUR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL DEPENDS ENTIRELY ON YOU
CEPS P&C will be hosting the Bunnings BBQ on Sunday 29th March, 2015. Volunteers are welcome for cooking and serving between 9am and 4pm. Volunteers are also welcome to assist with setting up (between 8am and 9am) and packing up (between 4pm and 5pm).

Volunteers will be allocated a 1 hour allotment. Please complete the below slip if your are able to assist. Please return the slip to the P&C slot in the school foyer.

Thank you in advance for your support and contribution!

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**CEPS P&C Fundraiser**  
**Bunnings BBQ Volunteer Form**

I/We, ______________________________ am able to volunteer for CEPS P&C Bunnings Fundraiser.

(First & Last Name/s)

My/Our best contact phone number is _____________________ and email_________________________.

I/We am available for the following hours:

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