



# Corryong College

## Keeping In Touch

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

### 2017 Parent Opinion Survey CLOSING THIS SUNDAY - 27th August - Please complete.

A reminder to the parents invited to complete the survey, please do so by the 27th August. Please contact us if you have any issues with internet access or the links provided. We only have half completed. We value your input and therefore ask you that complete the survey by this Sunday's close date. Thank you in advance.

### Family STEM Night

What a night! The Family STEM Night was an absolute hit with families trying out science experimentations, working with new technologies and playing problem solving games. The STEM night was an opportunity to see the amazing activities that our great teachers develop for our students to engage in creativity, deeper learning, and problem solving. Thank you to all families who participated and a huge thank you to the staff who worked long hours to put this great night together.



### Think You Know! The issues around social media.

This week, Year 7 & 8 were presented the facts and precautions around the use of technology, in particular keeping yourself safe when using social media. This was a great opportunity for Year 7 & 8 to learn in an environment where an open forum was welcomed. This presentation, lead by Youth Liaison Police Officer Jackie Warchow and local Police Officer Justin Tyers, demonstrated some of the hard facts that we are faced with in our technological society. Research states that 50% of the world's population is under the age of 30. This age group is known as technology reliant, especially for those in the younger ages.



It is no longer the term 'word of mouth', but 'world of mouth'. Almost everyone has connections to people across the globe through technology. In fact, more people own a mobile phone, than a toothbrush! Technology allows you to interact with others and express yourself, however more importantly is the need for everyone to understand, with this power, is the need to set up boundaries, norms, ensure emotional regulation is priority and set up safety systems. On social media we are faced with inappropriate content that people write, the emotional reactions, bigotries and prejudice they express across their profile. The harmful words they direct to others and at times, creating harmful rumour mills or making uninformed judgements, is terrible. As an adult, we have the maturity to ignore, delete, block or report that person. Think of your children. Do they have that maturity or the confidence to delete these posts? Do they see adults doing this and therefore believe it is right to do so themselves. What role model are we being on social media? Stated in previous KIT articles, children and adolescents need assistance in navigating around these, navigating around what is appropriate and what is not, what they need to rid of and what is ok to be involved in. It was interesting to hear, that the human race is now averaging a seven second attention span. A goldfish is eight seconds. Scary! I relate this also to spontaneous messaging, where maybe a thought should have been given to a response or if it was in real life, children are given the opportunity to go home, cool off and let the day go. This opposes today's access to technology, meaning that little disputes continue to build and there is no down time for children to calm. Whilst we as teachers and adults know most of these facts and discuss these with our children, I wonder if these conversations need to be more consistent.



Students were also questioned around the term *friend*. Are they really your *friend* just because they are on your social media? Do you actually know them? Some students told us they had hundreds of friends. I questioned if their parents knew *their hundreds of friends*? How do they keep themselves safe? Is the *friend*, the actual person in the profile picture? What do they talk to you about? Is it appropriate? All these questions and the presentations about harm that can be a result of accepting people they don't know, was discussed in depth. I promote parents to have these same questions, look through your children's friends list with them

If they are not willing to show you, I would be suspicious and alarmed. We presented actions to take place when someone is in contact that is not being nice, or makes you feel uncomfortable, asks anything from you or quite frankly, you or your parents do not know. Report the person, block them, and more importantly, tell a trusted adult; family, teacher, and/or police officer. Unfortunately, the increase in *grooming* is increasing. These notions, whilst difficult, need to be discussed with your children so they understand that not everyone they meet online is a *friend* and could be a predator. You can look up the Carley Ryan Foundation and talk about this horrific incident of a young teen who was groomed by an Australian predator.

The harsh reality of what is going on today's society, with our young generations and social media, is so alarming and even more so, as it is sometimes so hard to detect. I apologise for the frankness of the next paragraph, however at an alarming rate, adolescents and even younger children now with access to sexually provocative materials are beginning to believe it is ok to take any kind of photo of themselves and send it off. Sexually provocative photos in our children are occurring across the globe. Our Year 7 & 8s were told of the legalities around this and the harm it can do to themselves and others. A nude photo taken in NSW by a minor is deemed illegal and one can be charged for doing such an act. Taking a sexually provocative photo is deemed as creating child pornography. These incidents are not taken lightly. If it is accepted and more alarmingly, forwarded, this is an illegal offence. These can result in young people being placed on the Sexual Offenders list for up to 7 years. We spoke of the harsh reality around these new laws, the impact this has on those being photographed or photographing themselves and those accepting images. The students were alarmed, however these are conversations I believe we must continue to have with our children. I encourage you to have these discussions. Talk to them about the consequences, the issues of self-respect, respect for others and that these images do not go away but exist through what is called a 'digital shadow'.

*Wishing you all a great week ahead.*

**Fran Heath**  
**Acting Principal**



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS Term 3, 2017

<b>Mon 28th</b> <b>District Athletics</b>	<b>Tues 29th</b>	<b>Wed 30th</b>	<b>Thurs 31st</b> <b>School Social</b> <b>Junior 5-6-30pm</b> <b>Senior 7-10pm</b>	<b>Fri 1st</b>
<b>Mon 4th</b>	<b>Tues 5th</b> <b>CFA Corryong</b> <b>Competition Day</b>	<b>Wed 6th</b> <b>OM Athletics Carnival</b>	<b>Thurs 7th</b>	<b>Fri 8th</b> <b>VCE Oral practice</b>
<b>Mon 11th</b>	<b>Tues 12th</b>	<b>Wed 13th</b>	<b>Thurs 14th</b>	<b>Fri 15th</b>

### Important Dates – VCE Semester Two 2017 (SACS, SATs, Exams, Excursions)

VCE SAC for Weeks 5&6 of Term Three

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
21-25 Aug		12 PSYCH – O1	12 BIOLOGY SAC 1	Physics Light properties	11 BIOL – Test O1 11 PE – Activity program
28 Aug – 1 Sept	11 PSYCH Critical Thinking	12 BIOLOGY – SAC 1			11 Gen. Maths

**After school classes for Week 5 & 6;** Monday 11 Psychology, Tuesday Maths, Thursday 12 English and 11/12 General and Further Maths, Friday H&HD.



## F-4 HAPPENINGS



### GRADE 3 SLEEPOVER

Friday 15th September - Grade 3 Sleepover  
More details to follow.

### SCHOOL SOCIAL

Thursday 31st August - School Social. This years theme is Aussie Legends. 5pm - 6.30pm Tickets available at office \$10 or \$20 at door.

Father Days Day stall will be run this year on Thursday 31st August. Native trees and plants kindly donated by Landcare available. Gold Coin donation.

On Tuesday 29th August the Junior Campus are welcoming Charles Sheather who will be running Milo Cricket.



### BREAKFAST CLUB

When: Every Wednesday  
Time: 8.45—9.00am  
Popular this week hot chocolates and cheese toasties.

### MSCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUBS

Due back 7th September



On Monday students from Mr Heycox 2/3 class shared some of there stories with Mrs Byrnes Foundation/1 class.



## BUNNINGS

Bunnings came today to re-do the front garden of A block. They donated all the plants and the tools we used to the school. The Year 4's assisted them and then provided a lunch afterwards.

Last day for Pie and Sausage roll orders next week





# Science Week





While the weather caused a postponement to the launch of our budding rocket scientists' vehicles, it was no hurdle for those members of the community who turned up for the family STEM night at the Hub on Thursday night.



Parents and children participated in a variety of activities ranging from building bughouses to paper bag engineering challenges to program fruit to play music. A sausage sizzle kept the stomachs from growling while the Hub drowned out the thunderstorm outside. Many thanks to the staff of both campuses who helped make the night a huge success.



Also in celebration of our successes in science we congratulate those students who participated in National Science Competition. The average score for students in all the Years that participated (Years 3 to 11) were above the average score for all Australian students. An excellent effort and one in which we should be proud.

Students who participated included: Lexie Galbraith (3) – Merit, Zoe McKimmie (3) – Credit, Harry Williams (3) – Participation, Jessica Martin (4) – Participation, Emily Samwells (4) – Participation, Jackie Whitehead (4) – Credit, Hayley Whited (4) – Credit, Aidan Crane (5) – Credit, Pippa Galbraith (5) – Credit, Bella McKimmie (5) – Credit, Isaac Norman (5) – Credit, Holly Butler (6) – Participation, Abigail Davis (6) – Credit, Lachlan Martin (6) – Distinction, Hayley Tregilgas (6) – Participation, Joe Pitman (7) – Merit, Huw Byatt (7) – Participation, Ben Hewatt (7) – Credit, Erin Miles (7) – Merit, Maiya Curven (8) – Credit, Clancey Gledhill (8) – Credit, Ethan Learmonth (8) – Credit, Barry Pearce (8) – Distinction, Zac Walder (9) – Participation, Mikhail Chua (9) – Participation, Bailey McManus (9) – Credit, Sam Paton (9) – Credit, Sophie Hewatt (10) – Credit, Amelia Melhuish (10) – Credit, Adele Miles (10) – Credit, Mitchell Grogan (11) – Credit, Kayla Nicholas (11) – Credit and Tom Ross (11) – Distinction.



Fifteen Corryong College student were graded at interschool shooting on Wednesday 16th August at Wodonga Shooting Range to decide the final ten competitors and grades for the competition on 6th September.

The grading shoot involved biathlon, shotgun and rifle events. Corryong will enter two teams of five participants in the competition. Well done to all the boys and girls who displayed good behaviour and were all good shots on the day. The day was extremely cold, raining and very challenging for competitors due to the high winds.

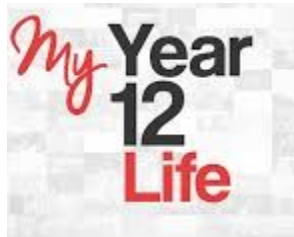
Congratulations to Lachlan Brown who had the highest score of the day for the whole competition.








# STUDENT Profile



EMMA SHIPMAN	Year 12 Profile	Chantelle Grieco
<b>What are you listening to?</b> Chonny complaining <b>What are you most afraid of?</b> Moths <b>If you could party with one person, who would it be?</b> Chantelle <b>What is your motto for life?</b> I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. <b>Where do you hope to be this time next year?</b> With Chantellivision		<b>What are you listening to?</b> Emma whinging <b>What are you most afraid of?</b> Needles <b>If you could party with one person, who would it be?</b> Me, Myself & Emma <b>What is your motto for life?</b> Go big or go home <b>Where do you hope to be this time next year?</b> Away from Corryong

## Homework

Home Group	Subjects	Homework
Year 7	Maths	Maths Mate
Year 8	Maths/Drama	Maths Mate/Assignment
Year 9	English	Spelling



Year 11 Physical Education class were put to work this week by Bec Paton and Ciann Sheather from commitment Fitness at the Studio.

### Corryong College Council Meeting Dates:

The next meeting will be held Week 9 Monday 11th September

Facilities and Finance Committee Meetings will be held during the week prior to Council Meetings.

*Corryong College presents:*

# **School Social:**

# **Aussie Legends.**



*Thursday August 31st at the ECA.*

**PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE.**

*Junior Social (Primary Students): 5pm—  
6:30pm.*

*Senior Social (Years 7-12): 7pm—10pm.  
Tickets are \$10 at the office (Junior and  
Senior Campuses) or \$20 on the night.*

## **OP Shop Roster August/September 2017**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>28</b> Di Brennan Lorna & Sam	<b>29</b> Rowie & Ann Rowie & Lorna	<b>30</b> Judi & Rowie Rowie & Lorna	<b>31</b> Redel Whitehead PM Helper Required	<b>1</b> Meredith Higman Sarah O'Connor PM Lisa Greenhill	<b>2</b> Sue Browne Judi Mercer
<b>4</b> Di Brennan PM Lorna Hogg Sam Pryse	<b>5</b> Rowie & Ann PM Rowie & Lorna Julie Matherson	<b>6</b> Judi & Rowie PM Rowie & Lorna	<b>7</b> Sam Pryse Melissa Whitehead PM <b>Helper Required</b>	<b>8</b> Gabby Samwells PM Kelly Jarvis	<b>9</b> Kimb Heycox
<b>11</b> Di Brennan PM Lorna Hogg Sam Pryse	<b>12</b> Rowie & Ann PM Rowie & Lorna	<b>13</b> Judi & Rowie PM Jane & Rita Rowie & Lorna	<b>14</b> Redel Whitehead PM Kimb Heycox	<b>15</b> Sacred Heart School PM Riccarda Brindley	<b>16</b> Lee Learmonth

If you can't work your roster day? Please arrange a swap with another volunteer or call an emergency worker from the list below.  
 Judi Mercer 02 6076 8382 Redel Whitehead 02 6076 8232 Joanne Bennetts 0427 762 276  
 Teigan Klippel 02 6076 2038 Mert Bennetts (Not Thursdays) 0447 761 294 Any queries regarding the roster call Sally Permezel  
 60760529 or email [sallypermezel@bigpond.com](mailto:sallypermezel@bigpond.com);



## Positive Parenting Telephone Service

This program is offered to parents, grandparents caring for their grandchildren & carers of children aged 2 – 10 years

Our free ten week program aims to assist you to:

- \*Develop a stronger and more positive relationship with your child/children
- \*Encourage behaviour you want to see in your children
- \*Manage everyday behaviour problems
- \*Set rules & limits
- \*Teach new skills

This program is completed via a workbook or online modules which are supported by weekly phone calls with a trained parent educator. All of this can be done from the comfort of your own home at a time that suits you.

### Interested?

For more information please phone

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