



## Principal's News

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### Thinking Strategically

Earlier this term I attended the Regional Principal's Conference. The message from the Region for teaching and learning was to *Stay the Course* and *Evolve the Work*. As we put our finishing touches on our Strategic Plan I am pleased to say that the work we are doing now and plan to do over the next four years clearly shows that at Corinda State School we are committed to staying the course and evolving the work. We continue to shape our students and staff into *Assessment Literate Learners* who are critical, curious and creative. We also continue to ensure we connect to each other and our community as we help our students to become the best they can be.

Throughout the process of creating our strategic plan we drew on feedback from our school reviewers, our parents, our students and our staff. Nature Play and Outdoor Learning Spaces were seen as important to all our stakeholders. Our school is pleased to announce the beginning of a partnership with Orterra Landscape Design, led by Director Debbie Laporte. As part of our strategic planning sessions, children, staff and families identified a desire for strengthening our connection with the outdoors. This has been growing in our year level cohorts, from Prep students engaging in mud play and construction play in both their front garden and our Corinda forests, to older students interacting with our many outdoor learning environments. The updated Australian Curriculum has connection to outdoors and Country as a priority. By engaging Orterra, we hope to take our Nature Play to the next level through the creation of a Master Plan. Now is the time to have your input and share your ideas. An introduction to Debbie and a link to her survey questions are below.

*Hello*

*My name is Debbie I am the Landscape Architect from Orterra working on the open space masterplan for your school.*

*As part of this project, we would love to know your views of the existing school grounds and what you would like to see in the future. We are particularly interested in your thoughts on the types of play you think are missing in the playgrounds and outdoor learning spaces.*

*We will be using your thoughts on comments on this project to help ensure the design meets the school's needs. There are 5 questions in this survey, so it won't take you long to complete. But every answer matters so we can design a space for your school and its needs.*

*We look forward to reading your responses*

*Debbie Laporte*

*Director*



<https://survey.qed.qld.gov.au/n/e3lhWqm>

### School Opinion Survey

The *School Opinion Survey* is open until **Friday, 12 August 2022**. To have your say, check your email for an invitation from the Department of Education titled *School Opinion Survey for parents and caregivers, 2022*. If your family has more than one parent/caregiver, check that they haven't received the invitation and/or check your junk email folder.

### Connecting our Community: Prep 2023

We are now focussed on transitioning our 2023 Preps and their families into Corinda State School. We encourage all prospective families to complete and return enrolment forms to school as soon as possible to ensure all children can be part of our transitioning process and also to assist us with staffing plans for next year.

Next Tuesday, 9 August, we will be holding Prep Information Sessions for parents of 2023 Prep students. We are holding a 9:00am session and repeating the session at 6:15pm in our **school library**. We look forward to meeting new and existing families who have little ones starting school next year.

### A Week of Sport

Yesterday our upper school students participated in the 800m events. The students were eager to do their best and also to support their peers. Mr Doherty commented on the high level of good sportsmanship our students displayed.

Today our senior students enjoyed their Sports Carnival. The fog cleared this morning to bring us a beautiful day and the students had a wonderful time rotating through the events and cheering on their teams.

On Thursday our P-3 students will be having their turn to try their best at the Junior Sports Carnival.

Special thanks to Mr Doherty and Mrs Ferris for their work in organising these events. It is certainly a whole community effort with Gary preparing the grounds, staff helping out on the day and Corinda High School students supporting us at the events.

Enjoy your week and keep safe,

Carmel.



## Teaching and Learning

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### Teaching and Learning @ Corinda

### *Successful Transitions to School*

This year we have been reviewing our existing transition to school program that has been offered in recent years, looking for ways to enhance the program for our Prep cohort in 2023. As a team we have been considering what our stakeholders see, feel and think about transition to Corinda State School.

We thank all existing Prep parents and carers for participating in our recent online survey.

In summary:

Parent Information sessions

Local Kindy and Childcare Visits to Corinda

Prep Open Morning

Stepping into Prep Sessions –

different days for families to select from

smaller group sizes

Out and About - Corinda Prep teachers visit local kindy and Childcare Centres

Enrolment Interviews

Ready, Stet, Go Prep! Week 9 Term 4

***“Corinda Little Stars” for 2023*** will begin next Tuesday with our Parent Information Session in the school Library. We will be conducting two sessions, 9:00am and a repeat session at 6.15pm for those who are unable to attend in the morning.

**What's happening in Term 3 and 4?**

# Corinda State School – Home of the CSTAR

## Welcomes Corinda Little Stars for 2023

### Term 3

Tuesday  
09/08/2022

#### 9.00am - 10.00am ★ Parent Information Session

Meet with our Principal and Deputy Principal as they outline our Transition to School Program. You will gain a valuable insight into all things Corinda and what to expect in Prep

#### 6.15pm - 7.00pm ★ Parent Information Session

For those parents and carers who are unable to make the morning session - Repeat Session

Tuesday  
and Friday

#### 9.00am - 10.00am ★ Playtime at Corinda

Local Kindergartens and Early Education Centres are invited to explore and play in our outdoor learning spaces. A time to enjoy Forest Play and Other activities.

Dates to be confirmed with local providers

Saturday  
10/9/2022

#### 9.00am - 10.00am ★ Prep Open Morning

Children and families are invited to join our staff for an informal play and introduction to Prep. This is a great opportunity for your Little Stars to explore and experience our playgrounds and visit classrooms with their families. Feel free to come and go during this time. We'd love to meet you and hear your story.

### Term 4

Weeks 1-6

#### Stepping into Prep ★ Select 3 Sessions

Come along and see what it is like to be a Prep student. Our Prep teachers welcome small groups of children and their families to our Prep classrooms during a normal school day. A chance to become familiar with the Prep environment and our wonderful educators, with a small group of Prep C-Stars to play along with your child.

**In-catchment Students** - Families who have submitted their enrolment forms will be contacted to select and book up to 3 sessions through our **online booking system** Parents/carers are required to stay onsite for this short session.

#### Enrolment Interviews

Parents and carers are required to attend an enrolment interview to discuss and share individual needs with one of our Prep teachers. Bookings can be made through our online booking system.

Tuesday  
29/11/2022

#### 9.00am - 10.30am ★ Ready, Set, Go Prep!

Spend the morning in one of our Prep classrooms with our Prep Teachers. See some familiar faces and meet new friends for next year.

Parents will have the opportunity to hear from our staff and community. Final purchases from the School Uniform Shop can also be made.

A great morning for our Corinda Little Stars for 2023 to share some time together.



Lisa Masek

Deputy Principal Prep – Year 3





The **CSTAR focus** for this fortnight has been **Respect**, with a particular focus on \*Respect to property \*Respect to self \*Respect to others. Students have learning about what respect can look like, sound like and feel like in the school and home?

At Corinda State School, we respect the right for people to be different. We respect the right for people to be listened to. We show gratitude to others and try to make other people feel good.

\* Speak and act kindly to everyone \* Show you are listening to others by looking at them when they speak \* Play by the rules \* Be a reliable class member \* Wear your school uniform \*Act with honesty. [Show Some Respect](#) is a YouTube video that students watched and discussed respect at home and school.

## Student Leadership for 2023

Student Leadership application process for year 5 students has begun. Students have been invited to pick up an application forms their year 5 teacher this week. Leadership positions include School Captain (4), House Captain (3x4), Music Captain (2), Student Councillor, and Peer Mediator. The students will write about their 1) Leadership skills; 2) Responsibility and Commitment; 3) Personal Attributes and 4) Referees. Their referee needs to be an adult (not their year 5 teacher) and they need to write 2-3 sentences endorsing their application. This adult could be a neighbour, a coach, or a previous teacher. The applications are due to Mrs Raymond (5R and student council organiser) on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2022. After the applications are received there will be shortlisting and interviews before speeches and voting in early term 4.

## Rescheduled Cross Country

Due to an amazing opportunity for some of our student leaders the rescheduled Cross Country will now be on Week 10, Wednesday 14th September. Junior Cross Country at 9:00am and Senior at 11:40am. All welcome.

## Sports Day

What an amazing Sports Day on Tuesday! The House Captains did an great job leading their houses in war cries and everyone showed excellent sportsmanship. Well done to all involved, especially Mr Doherty and Mrs Ferris for their amazing organisation.





## Sports News

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### Eastern Taipans Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to all students who competed at the Eastern Taipans District Athletics Carnival on Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 July. It was an extremely high-level of competition but our students certainly didn't look out of place. Not only did we compete extremely hard, all of our students showed great sportsmanship throughout.

A further congratulations goes to Beau, Jessica, Jovilisi, Byron and Talitha who were successful in making the Eastern Taipans team which will compete at the Met West trial at the end of this month. We wish these students all the best.

### Kilometre Club

It's been great to see so many students getting out and about at kilometre club over the past couple of weeks. Whether running or walking with friends, it's a great way to get the mind and body ready for the day.

Due to our Athletics Carnival this week, kilometre club will not be held this week but will return next Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 8:00am.

### Sportsmanship awards

Like your child may have told you, in HPE this term we are having a big focus on playing fairly, showing sportsmanship and speaking to our peers using encouraging and supportive words. After some HPE lessons, students will have the opportunity to nominate others in the class who they feel went above and beyond to show these skills. Students who are nominated will then go into a raffle on parade where, if drawn out, they will receive an ice block.

The student response to this has been fantastic so far and we're seeing some great examples of sportsmanship being shown in both our HPE classes and during lunch breaks. We encourage you to have a chat with your child about this initiative.

### Junior Sports Day

A reminder that our junior sports day will be held this Thursday. Our Preps and Year 1s will be participating from 8:50am – 10:50am and our Year 2s and 3s from 11:40am – 1:40pm. We'd love to see as many students as possible dressed in house colours and plenty of parents in attendance to support our CSTARS.

### Olympics unleashed visit

Jessica Borg will be connecting with Years 4-6 students on Monday 8 August as part of the Olympics Unleashed Program.

The students will learn from Jessica Borg's Olympic journey how to build resilience, the importance of setting goals and how to find what you are passionate about.

Students will hear firsthand from Jessica about how she overcame challenges to compete in her sport at the very highest level, and how some lessons she's learned in sport can help students to be the best they can be – whether that's in school, at home, on the sporting field or with friends.



## Crazy Sock Day this Wednesday

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A vibrant, colorful poster for Crazy Sock Day. The background is a swirling mix of bright colors like red, orange, yellow, green, and blue. The text is bold and black. At the top, it says 'CRAZY SOCK DAY'. Below that, it lists details: 'Who: all students and staff', 'When: Wednesday the 3rd of August Week 4', and 'Why: to raise funds for the Student Council and because it will be soooooo FUN!'. A 'Remember:' section says 'Bring a gold coin donation' and 'Wear your regular school uniform but add as many sock decorations as you want'. It also says 'Must still be sun safe!'. There are three small images: two gold coins, a collection of various socks, and a single sock with a colorful, abstract pattern.

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## Tuckshop

After a rigorous process the P&C were proud to announce the appointment of our two new staff members last week. We welcome Pam and Abbie to the Tuckshop team! You can read more about them on the P&C Facebook page.

They are excited to get going this week and QKr! is already open for orders.

Don't forget that we are always looking out for volunteers - sign in at the office and pop on down to see how you can help!

Do you have a special skill? Grant writing? Event planning? Eternally happy face? Social media savvy?

We are always on the look out for people to be a part of working groups or the larger P&C. Pop on to our Facebook page to see the latest and links to meetings.

[fb://group/250961041722402?ref=share](https://www.facebook.com/groups/250961041722402/?ref=share)

## Upcoming meetings

- 7th August @ The Oxley Hotel - Fundraising committee (email [Funcom.css@gmail.com](mailto:Funcom.css@gmail.com) for more information).
- 8th August 8.45am Business Operations Meeting. Email [cssbusops@gmail.com](mailto:cssbusops@gmail.com) for more information.
- 16th August - August Meeting on Teams. 7pm.



## School Plus News

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# School Plus Corinda Newsletter

I can't believe it is already Week 4 of Term 3, oh how time flies! This term, School Plus, has been focusing on developing our service. We have a great collection of new staff and staff from other services helping us out. It would be lovely if you came down and said, 'Hi!'. We are also in the process of reorganising our OSHC room to better suit the needs of the children. This includes more equipment and resources to play with, such as sports, crafts, and interactive board games.

One of our new staff members, Billy, has been teaching the kids how to make Pokemon cards from scratch. It has been a real hit! School PLUS Corinda has also done a toys rotation for the new term and has brought out the LEGO. The children's creations have been magnificent; the imagination can do wonders.



Our cooking club has always been a hit, but we have started integrating cooking lessons during Before School Care. Last Friday, the children learnt how to make pancakes from scratch, using applesauce as an egg replacement. We will continue to implement fun and interactive cooking lessons to help the children improve self-confidence and build language and math skills. It also sets an excellent foundation for healthy eating habits.



Lastly, Corinda School Plus is introducing a new weekly incursion called LABKIDS. LABKIDS is a fun, interactive based science class that will be held every Wednesday from 3:45 to 4:45pm. The classes will be held for 5 weeks from Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2022 till Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022. These



## School Plus - LABKIDS



We are excited to offer a Specialist Offering at Corinda again this term, Labkids! It will be a different science experiment each week.

The link to book is <https://form.jotform.com/SchoolPlus/co-labkids-classes-term-3-2022>



## Community Notices

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## Corinda Christian Kindergarten Open Day



# What 's on this August at Acacia Ridge

**FREE**



## Events & Activities

### **Father's Day Drill & Grill Carpark Events** **20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> August 2022 10am-2pm**

- Grilling & Smoking Demonstrations
- HK, HT, HG Holdens, Monaro's, Corvette's (Sundays only)
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