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High School newsletter

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Sporting Success

The past two weeks have been packed with exciting sporting events, showcasing incredible talent, teamwork, and determination. From standout performances to nail-biting finishes, our athletes have given it their all.

What's Coming Up?

3, 4, 7 & 8 Apr	Preliminary Examinations
7 Apr	Year 8 Science Lagoon Excursion
9 Apr	Cross Country Carnival (afternoon)
10 Apr	SRC Purple/Footy colours day
11 Apr	Last day of Term 1
30 Apr	Students return to school

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Principal's report

Dr Joanne Bellette

Sporting Success

This term I was lucky enough to attend the Zone and Regional Swimming Carnivals at Albury and Leeton respectively. Corowa High School had a strong contingent of swimmers at the Zone Carnival, many of whom made it to the Regional Carnival either as part of a relay team or individual events. Congratulations to Marshall Lees who came first in the 12 Years Boys 100 metre breaststroke and Lucas Bellette who came third in the 15 Years Boys 100 metre breaststroke. Both boys will now travel to Sydney to compete in the State Swimming Championships at Homebush on April 7.

As impressive as these results were, perhaps more impressive was the behaviour of our students and the support they provided to each other on the day. Where other students silently observed their schoolmates perform, Corowa High School students clapped and cheered their team mates to the end. It was a wonderful reminder about how Corowa, and our school, is such a proud and supportive community where effort, achievement and success are all unabashedly celebrated in equal measure.

Our sporting successes this term have not been limited to the swimming pool. Congratulations to the many students achieving sporting success around the school at the moment including our cricketers, lawn bowlers, rowers, football players, hockey players and others. Thanks, also, to the staff and parents who support these students so that they can continue to compete and succeed.

Supporting Student Learning

In 2025 we have been lucky enough to have an additional Multi-Categorical Support Class added to our school, taking the total number of support classes to 4 and students accessing these spaces to 27. We have an amazing compliment of

teachers working across these spaces including Head Teacher Mr Peisley, Mr Bobbin, Mrs Hill, Mrs Delamere, and our newest staff member Ms Fulford. If you, or someone you know, would like additional information about these classes, how they support students, or how to apply for a placement in a class please contact the school and speak to Sally Atkinson or Renee Foran, our Learning and Support Teachers, on 6033 1889.

How time flies

Just a reminder of how time flies... there are only 4 school days until Preliminary Exams begin; 8 school days until our Cross Country; 10 school days left until holidays begin and 23 days until Easter!

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...





Cooking up tasty burgers

Stage 5 Food Technology students recently showcased their culinary skills by preparing and presenting a custom hamburger as part of their Food for Specific Needs Assessment Task.



Riverina Hockey Stars

SHINE BRIGHT IN TRIALS SUCCESS

Congratulations to our talented hockey players who have been selected to represent Corowa High School in the Riverina Team! We're proud of your hard work and dedication.



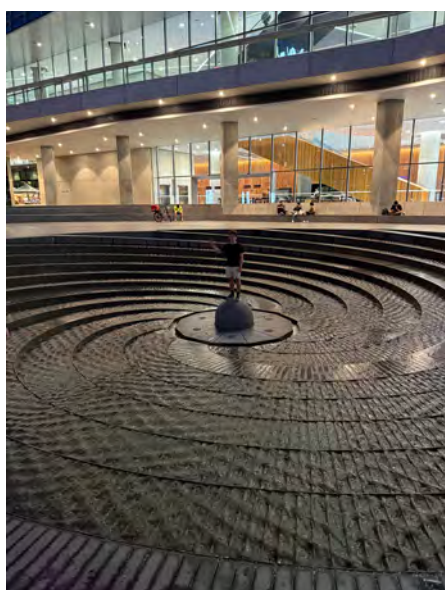
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SHAPE Excursion



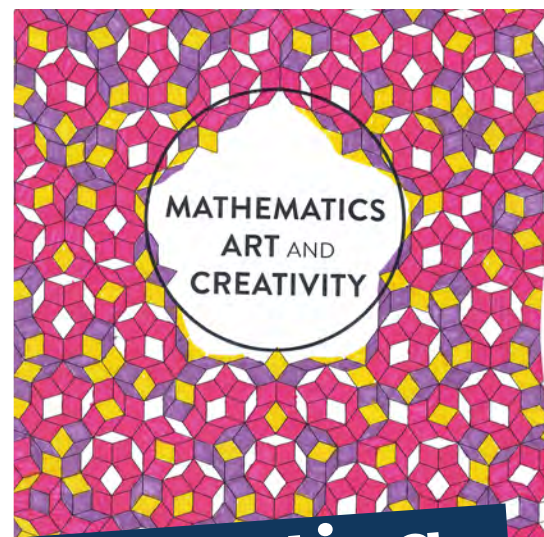
Students interested in studying Industrial Technology Multimedia in 2026 had the opportunity to attend the SHAPE Exhibit in Sydney, gaining insight into the latest trends and technologies. They explored exemplary Band 6 projects at SHAPE and attended a NESA presentation. The excursion included visits to the Australian Museum, The Rocks, Hyde Park, the ANZAC Memorial, and the Aquarium by Darling Harbour, where students were captivated by an immersive virtual reality experience. They also climbed a free section of the Sydney Harbour Bridge and explored the iconic Opera House. The VR experience at the Aquarium was a standout highlight, making for an unforgettable learning adventure.





Harmony in orange, a tasty celebration

Last week, we celebrated Harmony Week, and on Friday, we marked the occasion by wearing orange or something that represented culture. To embrace our diverse backgrounds, we also enjoyed a delicious multicultural dish—Lyn's amazing Carbonara Pasta! It was a wonderful way to come together and celebrate unity in diversity.

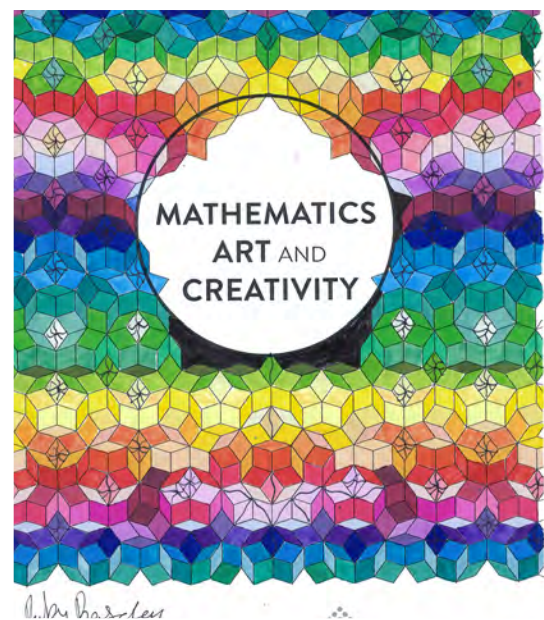


Celebrating Pi Day



We're thrilled to announce the winners of our Pi Day coloring competition: Ruby Basden and Rosie Hicks! Pi Day, celebrated annually on March 14, coincides with International Maths Day. Pi, an irrational number with infinitely continuing decimal places and no repeating pattern, is determined by dividing a circle's circumference by its diameter. When rounded to two decimal places, it is 3.14.

This year, our students engaged in a variety of activities across math classes to celebrate Pi Day, including relays, photo scavenger hunts, and the colouring competition.





Build, measure & master toolboxes!

This week, our talented Year 8 students in Measure Twice, Cut Once have been hard at work crafting their own personalized toolboxes! From mastering precise measurements to the artistry of woodworking, they've embraced every challenge with creativity and determination.



Big dreams small Fish

Fishing for sport last week—Nate reeled in a monster... well, a mini monster! A small carp, but a big win!

Careers Expo Corowa TAFE

Last Friday, Year 10, 11, and 12 students had the valuable opportunity to attend the Careers Expo at Corowa TAFE. The event featured a range of companies and industry representatives who provided insights into various career paths, job opportunities, and future prospects.

Snap into action

7C Science, conducted an investigation focusing on fair testing by measuring the stretchability and flick distance of a rubber band. The band was stretched to lengths of 10, 15, 20, and 25 cm, with each length tested five times. We will discuss the fairness, accuracy, and reliability of this experiment.





Life saving skills in action!



As part of the Senior PDHPE syllabus, students gained hands-on experience in CPR and anaphylaxis training during class.

This opportunity allowed students to engage in a scenario, enhancing their understanding and implementation of CPR in emergencies. Students also learnt how to identify an anaphylaxis reaction and ensured they knew how to use an EpiPen in these critical situations.



Celebrating reading milestones!

Our reading program is off to a fantastic start, with one dedicated student already completing an impressive eight books! This is a remarkable achievement, and we can't wait to see more students reach their reading goals.

A reminder that rewards and recognition are available for those making their way through the booklists, which can be accessed on Google Classroom. Keep reading and keep achieving!



Timeless art of origami

Last week, our Year 7 Japanese students immersed themselves in the traditional art of origami, skillfully folding paper to create beautiful cranes. This hands-on experience deepened their appreciation for Japanese culture and the precision behind this timeless craft.



A bridge too far challenge

Year 7H and 7C STEM students have been putting their engineering skills to the test with A Bridge Too Far—a hands-on bridge-building challenge. Tasked with designing and constructing a model truss bridge strong enough to support a train crossing a small creek, students began by researching different bridge types, including beam, cable-stayed, suspension, and truss designs.



Applying their newfound knowledge of structural forces, they built truss bridges capable of holding at least 5 kg of mass—an impressive achievement by all! This challenge not only strengthened their understanding of engineering principles but also showcased their creativity and problem-solving skills.

Rolling with the best



The Corowa High bowling season is in full swing! On Tuesday, our team journeyed to Wagga for the Riverina Selection trials. Despite the sweltering weather, Cohen Wilcox, Nate Jones, Callum Corcoran, Kobe Widdison, and Dusty Norman showcased their skills in both forehand and backhand bowling techniques, covering defensively when needed.

Cohen, Nate, and Kobe secured spots on the Riverina teams, with Callum named as reserve. Following their selection, these talented players competed against Albury High in the State Bowls Knockout last Thursday, triumphing 14-9. Next up, they face the winners from Deniliquin.

A special thank you to Ms. Foran for taking the boys up and to our cheer squad, Marie Jones and Dom Carroll, who were wonderful support to the team.



Zen seating Japanese-style

Senior Industrial Technology Timber students have successfully completed the construction of their Japanese-style bench seats. Throughout this project, students were introduced to advanced joinery techniques, allowing them to develop their skills and build confidence in accurately marking out, cutting, and assembling project components. This practical experience has provided essential knowledge and skills, preparing students for their upcoming major project, which they will begin at the start of Term 2.



SRC Induction

On Wednesday, we were proud to welcome five of our Year 7 students, Rosie Hicks, Finn Le Lievre, Finley Douglas, Maxwell McQueen, and Jagger Doody into the SRC for 2025, alongside several other outstanding peers. Congratulations to all on this achievement!"



Wednesday our Girls Basketball Knockout team hit the courts delivering an impressive performance. The team showcased outstanding teamwork, determination, and skill, making CHS proud. Well done to all the players for their hard work and commitment!

Match Results:

CHS vs Billabong HS – Win (34-10)

CHS vs Albury HS - Loss (16-33)

CHS vs Murray HS – Win (44-4)

CHS vs Deniliquin HS – Win (34-31)

After a series of intense and exciting games, CHS finished as runners-up, an amazing achievement!

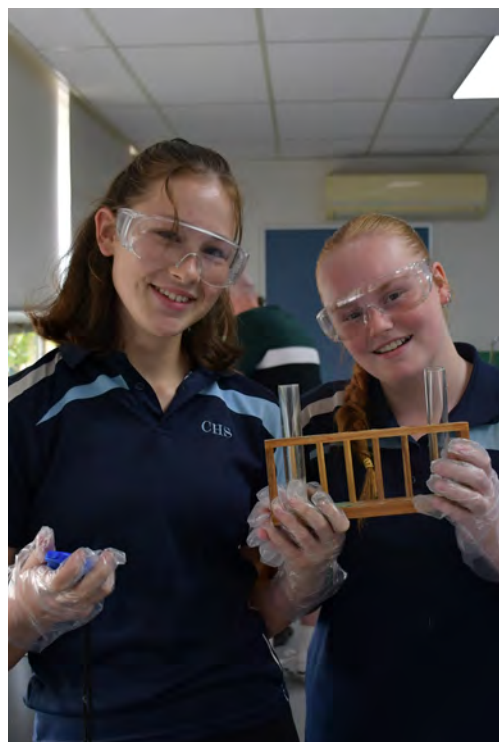
Basketball Knockout





Mad Science

Today our Year 8 science class, delved into the fascinating world of chemical reactions, specifically exploring how surface area influences reaction rates. This hands-on learning experience is a crucial part of their ongoing study in Metals and Molecules.



Golfing prowess

Jaxson Barber, Ethan Sorenson, and Jayden Forge, recently participated in the annual Stroke Play competition at Leeton Golf Club. Their impressive performance aimed to secure spots on this year's Riverina golf team. Jayden successfully secured his place on the team, with Ethan named as first reserve. Congratulations to all three boys on their commendable efforts!



Making a splash

Students taking swimming for sport on Wednesdays are making the most of the warm weather! Between refreshing dips in the pool and a quick game of cricket, they're having a fantastic time staying active and cool.





May Soiree

Enchanted Garden

21 May 2025 | 7-10 PM

Dress Code: Semi Formal
(dress to impress!)

In celebration of those students who consistently
strive to embody our school values of
Respect, Responsible and Achievement

Invitations to eligible students will be sent out over the coming weeks



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Settlement Engagement and Transition Support (SETS)

We support newly arrived migrants and refugees who live, work or study in the wider NSW-Victorian border region to become independent and contribute to the Australian community.

How does it work?

We offer a range of support such as:

- Casework and settlement support
- Information, advice and referrals
- Advocacy and support
- Capacity building sessions
- Information sessions and workshops

We can help with:

- Practical information about housing, schools, jobs, banking, health, social security
- Citizenship, form filling, and understanding Australian government and legal systems
- Accessing culturally appropriate physical and mental health services

- Referrals to services (Centrelink, health, childcare, family support)
- Obtaining a driver's licence
- Support to find classes to strengthen your English language skills
- Assistance to find education and training
- Support at school
- Support to build employment readiness
- Social support groups and community activities
- Youth engagement activities and future planning
- Events, info sessions and groups for all ages

Is there a cost?

- SETS is a free and confidential service.



Settlement Engagement and Transition Support (SETS)

If you have recently arrived in Australia, we provide free settlement assistance to help you make meaningful connections and participate equally in the social, economic and cultural life of your new home in Australia.

Am I eligible?

Settlement support is available for residents who:

- Have arrived in Australia in the last 5 years; or after if you are needing support; and
- Hold an eligible Refugee & Humanitarian Visa or Family Stream Visa with low English language proficiency
- Live in Northern Victoria or the NSW Riverina regions
- I am still not sure (contact us anyway)

These visa subclasses are eligible:

- Refugee and humanitarian visa subclasses 200s, 800s, 449 and 786.
- Family and partner visa subclasses 100s, 800s and more.
- Resolution of status (RoS) visa subclass 851.

Where is it available?

Intereach SETS is available in the following catchment areas: Griffith-Murrumbidgee West, Lower Murray, Wagga Wagga, Campaspe, Loddon-Elmore, Mildura, Moira, Swan Hill and Upper Goulburn Valley.



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COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Are you part of the **Corowa migrant community**?

We want to hear from you. Join our community consultation session to share your thoughts and ideas. Your feedback will help us plan meaningful supports, events, and activities that matter to you!

When: Friday 4 April

Time: 4pm-6pm

Where: Intereach Corowa,
109 Sanger Street

RSVP (for catering): Contact Magdalena on 0417 796 956 or email sets@intereach.com.au

Light refreshments provided

WE WANT TO KNOW:

- Work/study/transport/community participation challenges
- What's going well, what needs improving?
- What would make life easier/more enjoyable for your community?
- How can we best support you?



Free Maths Tutoring



Come to get help with assignments, homework, and work in class. Bring your lunch and maths questions!

Mrs Daw Monday in A6

Mr Walkinshaw Thursday A5

Ms Pattinson Friday A7