

COROWA

High School newsletter

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2024 grape harvest begins

Mr Adamson returned to our school on Monday to assist students with their 2024 grape harvest. Students learnt about correct techniques involved with grape picking and de-stemming. See more photos on page 3 and our Facebook page!

What's Coming Up?

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| 27 Feb | 'Think You Know' police presentation (Year 7) |
| 28 Feb | Davidson Shield cricket (round 2) |
| 4 Mar | Year 7 in 2025 Welcome Night |
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| 12 Apr | Last day of Term 1 |



Deputy's report Mr Phillip Le Lievre

Year 7 in 2025 Welcome Evening

We have a lot of important dates coming up on our school calendar between now and the end of the term. We will be welcoming our 2025 Year 7 students and their families to our school on Monday 4 March in our school library. This evening is a great opportunity for parents and students to meet our Head Teachers and ask questions about high school. There will be a light dinner available for everyone, catered for by our Food Technology and Hospitality students.

Please be advised that our Tower Street gate will be open on the

night so attendees may access the car park. A school representative will be there to assist those who are unfamiliar with our school.

Parent-Teacher interviews

Our first Parent-Teacher night for 2024 will be on the evening of Monday 18 March. Parents can make bookings through the Sentral Parent Portal. Bookings open at 9am on 11 March. This is always a popular night so get in early.

NAPLAN in Term 1

Year 7 and 9 students will complete online NAPLAN tests this term. These tests are an

opportunity to assess students in literacy, numeracy, writing and language. The results of these tests compliment the assessments our teachers do at school and allow us to adjust our teaching to get the best outcomes for our students.

HSC Preliminary exams

Finally, our Senior students conclude their studies of the preliminary course at the end of this term and will sit final exams between 4-9 April. Students should already be reviewing class content at home on a regular basis in preparation of these exams.



2024 wine vintage makes spectacular start

Students and staff braved the heat on Monday and picked roughly one cubic metre of grapes for our 2024 wine vintage.

The grapes are now with our partners in wine, Buller Wines, where they will be crafted into a top drop that should be available next year. Watch this space!



Tarah lands a cod at Wednesday afternoon sport

LOVE WHERE YOU LEARN

Did you know that our school offers fishing as a sport choice for Wednesday afternoon sport?

Check out the Murray Cod that Tarah wrangled to shore this week! What a ripper!





Year 8 at Lagoon



Senior Biology fieldwork

Science excursions!

Year 8 Science students relished the opportunity to get their hands dirty at the Corowa lagoon excursion on Tuesday. Students performed field work, including water sampling, to test water quality and have a closer look at micro fauna.

Thanks to Darron Watt from REEC for sharing his knowledge and experience.



Senior Biology students embarked on an insightful excursion to Corowa Common on Monday, delving into the intricate balance of abiotic and biotic factors shaping our environment.

Students engaged in water and soil testing, along with transects and quadrant sampling of the majestic River Red Gums. Despite the hot conditions, their dedication shone through as they diligently documented the local ecosystem.

This hands-on experience, assisted by Darron from the Riverina Environmental Education Centre, deepened their understanding of ecological dynamics and fosters a sincere appreciation for the delicate interaction between living and non-living components within our natural world.

Thank you to Darron and Corowa Golf Club for their hospitality.





Recently in... Senior Biology

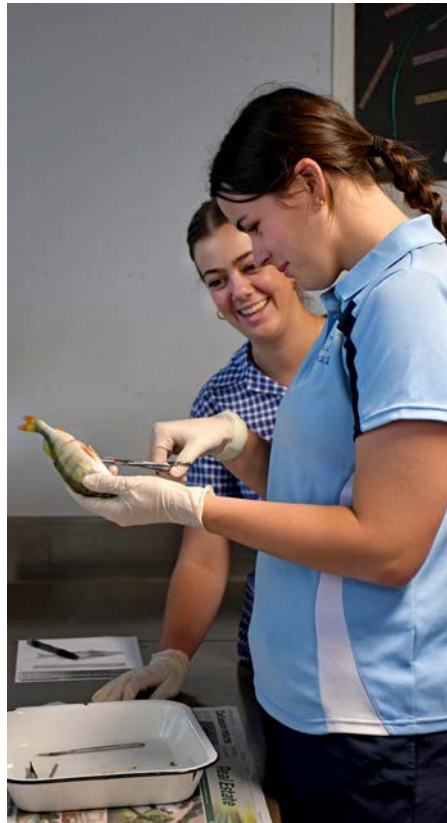
Last week was an insightful time for Senior Biology students as they explored the internal systems of fish. They did this by studying theory work in class and then performing dissections.

Some relished the experience, some did not, but all students gained invaluable knowledge that will assist them as they head toward the HSC Preliminary examinations at the end of this term.



Seniors experience pluck dissection

Investigations into internal systems were not limited to fish last week. Students also had the opportunity to view Ms McCloy perform a dissection of a swine pluck. Pluck refers to the internal organs of an animal, including the tongue, larynx, oesophagus, heart, lungs and diaphragm.





James is Lions Youth of the Year!

We are pleased to extend our congratulations to James Frazer on his selection as Corowa Lions Youth of the Year.

School Captains James, Eloise and Steph went head to head last Monday evening at the Corowa Lions Club, competing for the coveted title and the opportunity to compete at the regional final later this term.

Students presented speeches to Lions Club members and judges at a dinner on Monday, but were also judged on interviews given prior to the dinner.

Congratulations James and thank you to the Corowa Lions Club and competition judges.

Student Executive make big plans

Our Student Executive team met for the first time in 2024 last Thursday. The panel of seven students are representatives from the SRC who will meet regularly with the Dr Bellette and Mr Le Lievre. They are making plans for an exciting school event in Term 2, for which more details will be released soon.

The Student Executive will also have the opportunity to discuss any school improvement ideas or student concerns with the Principals during these meetings.



Business studies students promoting our region

This year, Senior Business Studies students will partner with the Corowa Business Chamber to work collaboratively on an marketing strategy for the Corowa region.

John Crothers from the Corowa Business Chamber joined us on Thursday as a guest speaker to get students thinking about the four P's of marketing - product, price, place and promotion - and how these apply to our region and their project.



New guernseys for junior

AFL teams

With the support of the NSW/ACT AFL Schools Grant program, Corowa High School has purchased 22 new AFL Guernseys for the school's junior AFL team. These lightweight singlets-style jumpers will also be used in other sports, such as basketball, hockey, and athletics.

The AFL National School's Grant program has also allowed the school to subsidise bus travel for our players to events in Albury. We look forward to continuing our association with the program into 2024.



Davidson Shield match report

After winning the Riverina region for the third consecutive year, the Corowa High School boys cricket team travelled to Dubbo for the 2023/24 quarter final game. Dubbo schools are combined so they have well over 1000 students to choose from, with over 200 Seniors.

Corowa won the toss and elected to bat first on a wicket that looked like it would do plenty. The boys were in early trouble with Blake and Ethan both out at 2 for 4. Tyler and Joe set about the rescue mission taking the score to 51 before Joe was out for a well made 18. Tyler made 16 and Corowa were again in trouble at 5 for 60. The wickets fell regularly before top scorer Eli scored with 20 and Levi took the score to 86.

We thought that this was well below what would be needed and that a score of 120 would be very hard to chase.



Ethan and Blake opened the bowling and were very tidy with a combined 6 overs for just 20 runs. Joe took the first wicket and bowled 4 overs for 19. Franklin bowled 3 overs and took 1 for 10. Tyler was the pick of the bowlers taking 3 for 37 from his 8 overs.

The boys fought hard right to the end and are to be commended for their efforts.

The 2024/25 Davidson shield competition kicks off on Wednesday 28 February at Ball Park, with a 10am start against traditional rivals Albury High.



Budding culinary skills in Year 7

Year 7 Technology students have been testing their budding culinary skills this week by cooking a delicious batch of cheesy vegetable fritters.

The trickiest part was convincing some of our Year 7 students to eat their vegetables!



Wednesday afternoon swimming

LOVE WHERE YOU LEARN

Our Year 7 students and those from other year groups who have elected swimming as their Wednesday afternoon sport are having a wonderful time at the pool!





COVID 19 cases in our school community

We have recently been advised of a number of confirmed cases of Covid 19 cases within our school community.

While testing and isolation is no longer mandatory for exposures in school settings, [NSW Health has provided advice on testing and isolation recommendations](#) for the community following exposure to COVID-19 that should be considered when making decisions for your child and family.

Please be reminded that staff and students cannot

attend school if they are showing any symptoms of COVID-19. These include fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, loss of smell/taste, muscle/joint pains, diarrhoea, nausea/vomiting, extreme tiredness, unexplained chest pain or conjunctivitis (eye infection).

If symptoms occur at any time, you should not attend school and should undertake a rapid antigen test. If a rapid antigen test is positive you/your child should isolate as [someone who has tested positive to COVID-19](#).

Stewart House donations

The Stewart House, NSW Public Education's Charity of choice, are currently undertaking a donation drive. If you would like to make a donation towards

this fantastic cause, donation envelopes are available in the front office.

Find out more about Stewart House or make an online donation here <https://www.stewarthouse.org.au/>



School Student
Broadband Initiative

An Australian Government initiative
powered by nbn

Do you qualify for free home internet?

Call 1800 954 610 and our helpful team can check for you

National Referral Centre (Mon-Fri, 10am-6pm AEDT)



anglicarevic.org.au/student-internet



Callback, webchat, translating and interpreting services available



Scan the QR for more information.

COROWA HIGH SCHOOL



Upcoming events

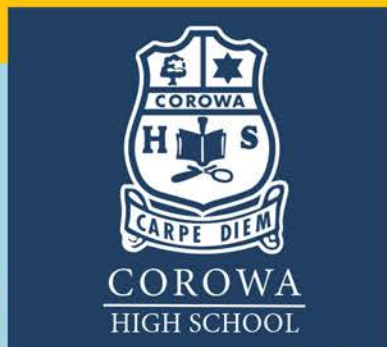
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| 18 Mar | P&C meeting |
| 26 Mar | Riverina Golf |
| 29 Mar-1 Apr | Public Holiday (Easter) |
| 3 Apr | Cross Country @ Wahgunyah |
| 4-9 Apr | HSC Preliminary Exams |
| 10-11 Apr | NAPLAN reward days |
| 12 Apr | Last day for Term 1 |

FURTHER EVENTS ANNOUNCED CLOSER TO DATE!

More information will be made available about all events closer to the date.

Got questions? Call the office on (02) 6033 1889



Corowa High School's Year 7 in 2025 Welcome Evening

4 March

@ Corowa

High School

library

Year 6 students, parents and carers welcome!

Join us to learn all you need to know about commencing Year 7 in 2025.

No RSVP necessary.



5:30PM
NIBBLES
MEET & GREET

5:45PM
INFO SESSION

6:05PM
SCHOOL TOUR

6:30PM
QUESTION TIME

Questions? Call the office on (02) 6033 1889.

Every Day Matters

If your child misses
as little as

1 day
per fortnight

they will miss

4 weeks
of school
per year

which adds up
to over

1 year
missed over
their school life



Make sure your child doesn't miss out on the important things like:



Learning



Strengthening friendships



Emotional development



Scan the QR code
to learn more



Circle of Security

CIRCLE OF SECURITY
IS A SIX WEEK PROGRAM DESIGNED FOR
PARENTS AND CARERS OF CHILDREN
AGED 0-12 YEARS WHO WOULD LIKE
SUPPORT TO HELP THEIR CHILDREN TO
BUILD SECURE RELATIONSHIPS.

Sessions will run weekly for 6 weeks starting on
Thursday 14 March 2024 from 1.30pm - 3pm. The
group will meet at Intereach Community Room,
IGA Arcade, Corowa. Tea and coffee provided.
To book a place, please contact Sharon on
0429 000 235 or email sharons@intereach.com.au or
Shannon on 0436 632 423 or shannonl@intereach.com.au

For more information please contact Intereach
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Foster Care

WE'LL BE
WITH YOU ALL
OF THE WAY

Thinking of becoming a foster carer?

There are thousands of children and young people in the NSW out-of-home care system needing a loving home. While there are many caring individuals and families opening up their homes and lives to foster children, there remains an ongoing need for more carers.

We understand the decision to foster is a big one. The next step is to contact the Challenge Foster Care team to discuss your situation and your suitability as a foster carer. Once you become a carer you'll be supported all the way by a dedicated caseworker and the Challenge team.



We urgently need **dedicated people** to provide care to children living in supported crisis accommodation. There are children and young people in our region in need of **safe, loving** homes where they can **thrive**.

Contact us:
02 6064 1000
554 Englehardt St, Albury NSW 2640

Ready to take the next step? Fill in an enquiry form on our website and we will be in touch to walk you through the process of becoming a carer. Prefer face-to-face? You can meet one of our team at your home or a public space and they can answer any questions you might have, and explain what's involved with becoming and being a carer with Challenge.

Curious about Foster Care? Scan the QR code below to learn more



YOU ARE STRONG. YOU ARE BRAVE. YOU ARE READY.



VAPING

What Parents
Need to Know in
2024

Online Webinar with Dr Kerry Chant
from the NSW Ministry of Health and
Dr Bronwyn Milne from the Sydney
Children's Hospital Network

Date: Thursday 22 February
Time: 7:00pm-8:00pm AEDT

Scan the QR Code to
register!



Local Land Services



ESG: What's in it for me?

Details

Wednesday 6 March, 12.00 pm - 4.00 pm
Finley Returned Soldiers Club
63-67 Tocumwal Street, Finley New South Wales 2713

Are you farming sustainably and ethically?
Capitalising on emerging opportunities?
Welcome to the rapidly growing world of ESG,
also known as Environmental, Social and
Governance.

We are hosting the ESG: What's in it for me?
Conference, where farmers and landholders are
invited to come along and learn about:

- Farmers stories and perspectives
- What is ESG and why do farmers need to know about it?
- What are opportunities for premium markets and certifications?
- Greenhouse gas emissions and natural capital: how to be on the front foot.
- Reduced interest rates with green loans.

RSVP
Please RSVP prior to Friday 1 March via the QR code:



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