Dear Families,

It was great to see many families last Tuesday at the A Night on the Green. There was a positive feel around the school; I am sure that we are in for another wonderful year of learning at Coorara. At the Annual General Meeting the new Governing Council was elected. I am looking forward to working with our new chairperson Tanya Malloy and the rest of the Governing Council to make Coorara a great learning community. Please see the backpage for further Governing Council news.

Every day counts……

Our attendance rate goal for this year is 96%. Last year we achieved 91%, so we still have a way to go to achieve the 96% target. We can achieve the target and improve the attendance rate by working together to ensure all children are at school every day, all day. Absence from school or being late to school can become a habit and we all know that bad habits can be hard to change. If you are having trouble getting your child to school we encourage you to contact the school as soon as possible for support. Don't leave it too long as it will be harder to establish 'good habits' of coming to school everyday. To help parents monitor their child's attendance and lateness we will be sending home mid term and end of term updates to all families. The first attendance update will be sent home Friday week 6.

Parents are reminded that it is the responsibility of parents to inform the school when their child is away and to provide a reason for the absence. The best way to do this is to send the school a text message on 0418 158 511.

Our school will be involved in a new DECD process called an External Review in a few weeks time. This will involve a Review Team of two people from DECD spending two days in the school and talking with staff, students and parents to inquire into how the school is improving the learning outcomes of all students. The team will be at Coorara on Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th March. The Review panel will make a series of recommendations that will be documented and shared with the school community when complete.

Better Behaviour, Better Learning is the motto of our new Code of Behaviour. Class Programs are up and running and all classes have been discussing what the Code means for student behavior in learning spaces and in the yard. The focus of the Code is to maximize learning time, our goal is for all learning spaces to be calm, safe environments that foster a love of learning, where we can all learn without disruption. Make up lost learning time is a new strategy to support everyone to focus on their learning and complete tasks. If children choose to not focus on their learning, they will be asked to make up lost learning time during lunch which is held in the Resource Centre.

Rebecca Read
Principal
Room 17 have been working on numeration and place value in Maths. The lessons have started with games, then there has been a class focus, followed by activities to match student abilities. The lesson concludes with reflection time and feedback to the teacher.

Ann Somers (class teacher)

1. I did better (on Tuesday) than on Monday because I counted and I worked hard.
2. I had a better understanding of odds and evens. My understanding is good now.
3. I still need to learn division.

Jacinta and I played a card game. I also learnt about thousands, hundreds, tens and units/ones. I answered questions like how many thousands are in 2138 or how many hundreds, tens and ones are in that number.

Tia

We played a game involving odds and evens and naming.

Jake and Chelsea

Josh’s feedback to teacher.

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We rolled a dice and put the numbers in the ones. When we got to 10 ones we crossed them out and put 1 in the tens.

Sophie

We played a game involving comparing large numbers.

Trai and Toby

We looked at how numbers are renamed

Jordyn

I learned how to work out how many tens, hundreds, thousands and units/ones are in a number like 3402. I also learnt a maths games with Odessa which was fun and a good way to get ready for maths work. I also learnt that there are ones, tens and hundreds before it changes to the next number.

Taleah
Keep your kids smiling
SA Dental Service
Have you received a letter from Medicare about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule? The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider.
Dental care is FREE for ALL babies, pre-schoolers and most children under 18 at the School Dental Service.
Please call now for an appointment. Noarlunga GP Plus Dental Clinic Phone: 8284 9244

Volunteers
Many of our parents and guardians volunteer at our school to support their child’s learning.
To make it easier for parents and guardians to volunteer their time, the Department for Education and Child Development has updated its relevant history screening policy and procedures.
As a result, parents and guardians who volunteer to directly support their child will no longer require a relevant history screening.
This will mean many of our volunteers can help out sooner.
A screening is still necessary for parents and guardians who are volunteering at school camps and sleep overs, as well as those hosting billets and homestay students.
As has always been the case, a screening is not needed to attend single events or activities at our school. These include concerts, fundraisers, swimming week or sports day.
Screenings are just one measure used to help keep children safe. Everyone who works with children plays a part in child protection, including watching out for inappropriate behaviour.
Find out more about relevant history screening and keeping children safe at www.decd.sa.gov.au.
If you have any questions about screening or these changes, please speak with Rebecca or Donna.

Easter Raffle
Keep an eye out for Easter
Raffle tickets that will be coming home soon

GoBering Council News

Governing Council Committee Members 2016
Chairperson - Tanya Malloy
Vice Chair - Melissa Orme
Secretary - Sharleena Cronin
Treasurer - Jo-Anne Rokov
Fundraising - Denise Claessen
OSHC - Stacey Taylor

Linda Tregilgas, Tracey Parson Kathy Gwatking. Thank you to these retiring Governing Council members for your support of our school community: Simon Skuce, Jane Arthur, Amy Winkler and Mike Turner.
Governing council has approved the first Pupil Free Days for this year on Monday 2nd May & Friday 3rd June.

School Banking is coming soon!
The good news is that our school will be participating in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program later this term to help develop some important savings skills.
School Banking also includes a fantastic Rewards Program to encourage good individual saving habits.
Look out for further information next month.
We will have a special visitor at our Assembly on March 16th at 9am if you would like to attend.


It is being held on
Wednesday 6 April from 4pm to 7pm.