

# COORARA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Newsletter

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**Term 1 Week 1**  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023

## Diary Dates

- 6/2/23  
Little Book Worms  
**Fundraising meeting 2:30pm**
- 7/2/23  
Play, Create & Connect
- 13/2/2023  
Little Book Worms
- 14/2/2023  
Play, Create & Connect
- 15/2/2023  
**ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT**  
**5:30pm BBQ- Fundraiser**
- 20/2/23  
Little Book Worms  
AGM meeting 6:30pm  
Governing Council meeting 7:00pm
- 21/2/23  
Play, Create & Connect
- 22/2/23  
**Bike Ed** – Yrs 4, 5& 6
- 27/2/23  
Little Book Worms
- 28/2/23  
Play, Create & Connect
- 1/3/23  
**Bike Ed**

## Reminder

**Friday 10/3 Pupil Free**  
**Monday 13/3 Adelaide**  
**Cup Day**

Happy New School Year!

Welcome back, it has been wonderful to have our families and community back into school. Our students are looking great in their uniforms, and have dived straight into their learning.

The new school year brings changes to our staff team. We are very fortunate to have the following staff starting in new roles:

- Sherelle Warner and Dani Welfare teaching in Room 20 with a delightful Reception/Year 1 class.
- Linda Middleton has returned to school as our PE teacher for 2023. I am excited to see our children representing our school in many sporting events this year.
- We have two new SSO's in classrooms, Rachael Hodgson and Courtney Watt.
- Big Fish, our grounds person, has taken on a new role at another school for 2023. Maurice Gear is fulfilling this role for the year, and is working hard to tame gum leaves at present!
- I would also like to welcome Phoebe Lekkas. She has joined us as our new school ACEO, working with our Aboriginal students across our school. Her days are Monday and Wednesday and she will be found in the Blue Unit, or out with students. Phoebe is supported by Cathy McHolm who is our new Aboriginal Education Teacher.

Our **Playgroup 'Play, Create, Connect'** on Tuesday mornings is well supported with many new families with young children joining us in the playgroup room from 9-11am, everyone is welcome.

**School is where the 'Heart' is...**

**Acquaintance Night**

**15<sup>th</sup> February, 5:30-7:00pm**

Coorara Primary is an amazing Hub for so many families and is a *central heart* of this community. This is our theme for 2023 and we will kick start this on **15<sup>th</sup> February** at our **Acquaintance Night**. Come along and join us for a sausage sizzle, raffles, games, information stalls, and the opportunity to see past teachers and to meet your child's 2023 teacher. We will have representatives from the Smith Family and Children's University here to share their program and provide information on how they can support for you.

**Uniforms:** Just a reminder that all children are required to be in correct uniform whilst at school. Pants must be black. Year 6 jumpers will be available in early March. Please ensure your child is not wearing jewellery including rings, necklaces (unless cultural) and bangles, and any earrings are studs and sleepers only. This is for the safety of all whilst at school.

There are many events being planned for the year. Please refer to the term planner for an overview, Facebook for daily notifications, as well as the school website for upcoming events and notices.

Kind Regards,  
Steph Tulloch - Principal

**Acquaintance Night**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 5:30pm BBQ**



# Welcome to Coorara Primary

## Staff for 2023



**Steph Tulloch**  
Principal



**Sandra Howlett**  
Deputy Principal



**Anthony Parina**  
Well Being Teacher & Leader



**Dianne Hendy**  
Business Manager



**Sandy McKell**  
Admin Secretary



**Julie Coole**  
Front Office & Classroom



**Brianna Woolhouse**  
Reception Teacher



**Danielle Welfare**  
Reception / Year 1 Teacher



**Sherelle Warner**  
Reception / Year 1 Teacher



**Natalie Castro**  
Year 1/2 Teacher



**Renee Strenge**  
Year 1/2 Teacher



**Deb Bates**  
Year 2/3 Teacher



**Rhi Verrall**  
Year 3/4 Teacher



**Lisa Connolly**  
Year 4/5 Teacher



**Brianna Price**  
Year 5/6 Teacher



**Daniel Mills**  
Year 5/6 Teacher



# Staff for 2023



**Nikki Bridgman**  
Music Teacher



**Linda Middleton**  
PE Teacher



**Lisa Carthy**  
Science Teacher



**Cathy McHolm**  
AIT & AET Teacher



**Allyson Gear**  
Reading Intervention Teacher



**Karina Carlisle**  
Library & Classroom SSO



**Sharon Clark**  
Quicksmart & Classroom SSO



**Robin van der Wielen**  
Classroom SSO



**Janette Wheeler**  
Pastoral Care Worker



**Nigel Perry**  
Classroom SSO



**Maurice Gear**  
Groundsperson



**Courtney Watt**  
Classroom SSO



**Nicole Coole**  
Classroom SSO



**Rachael Hodgson**  
Classroom SSO

**Monica Bennetts**  
Classroom SSO



# School is where the Heart is Acquaintance Night

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February  
Fundraising BBQ at 5:30pm \$2 per sausage

Governing  
Council  
to chat

Smith  
Family  
available for  
a chat

Come and meet your  
child's teacher in their  
classroom at  
6:15pm – 7:00pm

Class activities  
in the  
courtyard

Fun &  
Games

Children's  
University

We would love to see all families come &  
meet your child's teachers  
**Looking forward to seeing you**

## Finance and Uniform Shop

Open Times

8.30am - 9am Monday & Friday

2.45pm-3.15pm

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

**Material and Services fees**

for 2023 are \$269.00

Invoices will be sent out  
in week 3, 2023 (approx.)

Applications for school card are available  
on line

Visit [sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard](http://sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard)

**School hats \$20.00 each**

**Polo Tops \$28.00 each**

**Senior Polo Tops \$32.00 each**

**Windcheaters \$38.00 each**

Please call the school on  
8325 2066 for enquiries

## Change of Details

If you have changed your contact information  
for your child such as:

- Address
- Phone number
- Parent contact
- Emergency contacts & phone numbers
- Updated medical information
- Court orders
- Personal family information

It is vital that the school is notified of  
any changes to your child's contact  
details.

Please call on 8325 2066 or by email to  
[dl:0323.info@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl:0323.info@schools.sa.edu.au)



**REGISTER NOW**

**IGNITE at Aberfoyle Park High School**

IGNITE is a specialist program for students with high intellectual potential. Aberfoyle Park High School is the official Department for Education school for gifted students in the southern metropolitan area of Adelaide.

### HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILD IS GIFTED?

The characteristics of gifted children vary; however, many display some or all of the following traits:

- High levels of curiosity and deep levels of knowledge in one or more area
- Excellent creative thinking and ability to problem solve
- Strong empathy and social justice
- Highly developed sense of humour

Initial selection is based on performance in the Australian Council for Education (ACER) Gifted and Talented Assessment.

**Year 6 students in 2023 are eligible to sit the test for a place in the Year 7 IGNITE program in 2024.**



**IGNITE SELECTION TEST  
SATURDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2023  
9AM - 1PM  
ABERFOYLE PARK HIGH SCHOOL**

REGISTER YOUR CHILD TO SIT THE TEST AT: [www.aphs.sa.edu.au](http://www.aphs.sa.edu.au)  
A registration fee of \$125 applies for non-school card holders.  
Registrations close Monday 20 February 2023.  
For further information contact [aphs.ignite447@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:aphs.ignite447@schools.sa.edu.au)

## Fundraising Meeting

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February

2:30pm Staffroom

All new parents are most  
welcome to attend