



# COORARA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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**TERM 1 WEEK 11**

**2026**

## Message from the Principal - Steph Tulloch

**Nina Marni**

As we reach the end of a very busy Term 1, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all students, staff, and families for your outstanding efforts and support throughout the term. It has been such a crazy busy term, with lots of activities, events and learning taking place. Wishing you all a happy holiday break at the end of this week. Remember its a 2:10pm finish for all.

### Sports Day Success



Congratulations to everyone who participated in our recent Sports Day! It was wonderful to see our student's displaying teamwork, enthusiasm,

and sportsmanship. Special congratulations to the Cockatoo team for taking out the winning honours this year. Kookaburras were the winners of the effort trophy for showing incredible sportsmanship on the day. Thank you to The Morphett Vale Rotary Club for cooking the BBQ. The Fundraising Committee for their nibbles, and Rachael Hodgson and crew for organising the lunches.

### Special Interest Programs

This term, students have engaged in a range of exciting special interest programs: Science: Our coding clubs have inspired curiosity and creativity, with Friday coding club a regular occurrence. PE: Lawn bowls sessions have been a great addition, offering new skills and fun for a select group of children.



Performing Arts: Wakakirri, choirs, and strings groups are flourishing, with Junior Choir students showcasing their talents in last week's assembly.

### Athletics Achievement

We are proud to announce that Coorara Primary won the Onkaparinga North athletics trophy for 2026. This is a wonderful achievement and reflects the commitment and determination of our athletes. Well done to all involved! Huge thanks to Daniel Mills for leading this team to success. We appreciate all you do within the sporting space.



## 2026 DIARY DATES

### APRIL

#### Tuesday 7

Arbury Park Camp Yr 4/5

#### Wednesday 8

Arbury Park Camp Yr 4/5

#### Thursday 9

Arbury Park Camp Yr 4/5

#### Friday 10

Early Dismissal 2:10pm

Assembly 1:30pm

Leadership

**Crazy Hair / Hat Day**

**Mad Hatters Lunch** - Pre ordered

#### School Holidays for 2

**weeks 13 April - 24 April**

#### Term 2

#### Monday 27

School Commences

#### Wednesday 29

Incursion Aboriginal Culture

### MAY

#### Monday 4

Coorara Maths Day Re-Yr 6

#### Tuesday 5

Yulunga Games Re - 3

#### Wednesday 6

The Smith Family Visit

8:30am - 9:00am

#### Monday 11

FYI Education

#### Tuesday 12

FYI Education

#### Wednesday 13

FYI Education

#### Friday 15

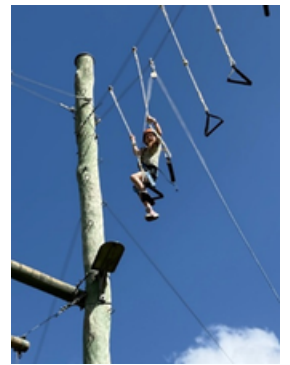
Walk to School Day

*I acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the Traditional Owners of this country throughout Australia and their connection to land and community. I pay my respects to their Cultures and to the Elders both past and present.*



## Food Safety Reminder

A reminder to families about food safety: If you plan to bring birthday treats on your child's birthday, please let the classroom teacher know in advance. This way we can let you know dietary requests so that you might be able to accommodate this, or we can advise the child's family to supply something for them on this day.



## Camps

Our Year 6 students had a fantastic time at Glenhaven Camp, with plenty of fun and learning. This week, our Year 4 and 5 students head off to Arbury Park for an action-packed three days. School camps are a valuable experience for all students. They offer the opportunity to develop critical skills such as resilience, independence, and social skills. Camps encourage challenge and appropriate risk taking, helping students to step outside their comfort zones and try new activities. These experiences also provide a unique opportunity for students to bond with their peers and staff, creating memories that last a lifetime. We are proud to see our students embracing these opportunities with enthusiasm and a positive attitude.

## Learner Led Conversations

Last week, we enjoyed meeting with families for 'Learner-led Conversations'. It's been wonderful to celebrate each child's learning journey this week.



## Dogs and Animals on School Grounds

A friendly reminder that dogs are not permitted on the school grounds—even if they are the cutest puppy (such a hard rule for me as I am a huge fan of dogs). For the safety and wellbeing of all students, staff, and visitors, a school risk assessment must be completed before any animal can be present, unless it is part of a preorganised show and tell. Thanks for your understanding and compliance.

## Smith Family visits:

Chloe from Smith Family will be on site three mornings next term to promote the Smith Family Learning for Life Scholarship.

Wednesday 6th of May, 8:30–9:00.

Wednesday 27th May, 8:30–9:00.

Wednesday 17th of June, 8:30–9:00.

She will be in the yard and happy to chat to you about how they can support you.



Hi Everyone,

My name is Rhi Verrall, and I am excited to be the Inclusion Teacher at Coorara Primary School this year. In my role, I work closely with classroom teachers, School Services Officers (SSOs), and our leadership team to support student wellbeing and help create a positive, inclusive school environment.

I manage our Inclusion Room, where I run small group activities that focus on developing practical and social-emotional skills. These include a range of hands-on experiences, such as social skills groups and activities like cooking.

As part of my role, I am also responsible for the Autism Inclusion Teacher (AIT) component at Coorara. Through our inclusion programs, all students have the opportunity to build important social skills, learn how to manage their emotions, and form positive peer connections in a safe and supportive setting. By working with targeted groups and individual students, we tailor strategies and experiences to meet each child's unique needs – whether that's building confidence, strengthening resilience, or nurturing friendships.

I also mentor SSOs, collaborate with staff, and keep families involved so that together we can help every child thrive. My goal is to ensure every student feels valued and able to participate fully in our school community.

I look forward to building strong partnerships and supporting our wonderful school community. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about our programs in the Inclusion Room, please feel free to reach out!

Kind Regards,  
Rhi



**Starting School** In 2027/28

**GET YOUR ENROLMENTS IN NOW FOR TERM 3 2026 - 2028**

**Register your interest for 2027 - 2028**

Registration of interest are now OPEN to start school in 2027/28

- please collect registration forms from the front office
- register your child early to be eligible

**Starting Primary School**

Children who turn 5 years old.

- after 31 October can start in Term 1
- between 1 May and 31 October can start school in term 3 (mid year Intake)

Children who start school in a mid-year intake will complete 6 terms of reception.

**Enrolments are open for 2027- 2028**  
**Get your enrolment form in to be guaranteed a place**

Contact: **Coorara Primary School**  
**45 Taylors Ave, Morphett Vale**  
To book a School Tour call  
**08 8325 2066**



**Disability SA**  
**NEW**  
**2026 AVAILABILITY!**

**Developmental Educators and Functional Capacity Assesments**

**DE's available in limited capacity for in school or home therapy**

**What is a Developmental Educator (DE)?**

DE's are allied health therapists that support people to build their functional capacity, level of independence and social inclusion.

This may include skill building in:

- Social and emotional intelligence
- Resilience and coping strategies
- Social communication
- Sensory awareness

DE's also provide services in:

- Administering functional capacity and sensory profile assessments
- Advocacy in schools

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## Sports Day 2026

### Coorara Primary School Sports Day 2026

On Friday 20 March (Week 8), Coorara Primary School came alive for our annual Sports Day, held under beautiful sunny skies. It was a fantastic day that showcased not only athletic ability, but also the values that make our school community so special. Throughout the day, students demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship, resilience, effort and care. Whether competing on the track, participating in field events, or cheering on their peers, there were smiles everywhere and a genuine sense of enjoyment and encouragement.

It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers involved, supporting the day in a variety of ways. Your support and enthusiasm on the sidelines helped create a positive and exciting atmosphere for all students.

A special congratulations goes to Kookaburras for winning the Sportsmanship Trophy, a well-deserved recognition of their teamwork, encouragement and positive spirit throughout the day. Congratulations also to Cockatoos, who were crowned the overall winners for 2026.

A big thank you to all staff, volunteers and community members who contributed to the success of the day—whether it was running events, supporting students, coordinating behind the scenes, or stepping in wherever needed. Your efforts ensured the day ran smoothly and was enjoyed by all.

Sports Day 2026 was a wonderful celebration of participation, teamwork and school spirit. We look forward to another fantastic event next year!

Daniel Mills  
Health and Physical Education Teacher



## Onkaparinga North District Track and Field Athletics Carnival

On 30 March 2026, 265 students from 14 schools competed in the Onkaparinga North District Track and Field Athletics Carnival. Coorara Primary School was proudly represented by 27 students.

Throughout the day, students gave their all in both track heats and field events. The carnival was filled with impressive athleticism, outstanding sportsmanship, strong team spirit, and many personal best performances.

Some fantastic highlights from the track events saw strong performances across both the 200m and 100m sprints. In the 200m, Mariah Lynch, Aidan Williams, Rhys Williams and Jordan Stokes all progressed through to the finals. Jordan delivered an outstanding run to claim first place, earning selection in the Onkaparinga North team for the State Championships.

In the 100m sprints, Zaidan Sheppard, Evie Smith, Aidan Williams and Jordan Stokes all made the finals. Zaidan and Jordan both finished in second place, securing their spots on the Onkaparinga North 4 x 100m Relay team.

In the field events, students also achieved some excellent results. Zaidan Sheppard placed second in Long Jump, while Mikayla Bickley finished third in High Jump. Eli Fisher-Smith had a standout performance, placing third in Shot Put and taking out first place in Discus. His impressive efforts also earned him selection in the Onkaparinga North Track and Field team.

Coorara achieved an excellent result, finishing 2nd overall in the Athletics Cup and taking out 1st place in Division 2.

A fantastic effort by all involved!



**Daniel Mills**  
**Health and Physical**  
**Education Teacher**

## Golf Clinics



**KIDS LOVE BEING OUTDOORS?  
THERE'S GOLF FOR THAT.**

MyGolf powered by Ripper GC is Australia's beginner golf program that introduces kids to golf through games-based activities in a safe and friendly environment. Participants learn new skills, make new friends and most importantly, have fun!

Sessions are run by PGA Professionals and National Program Deliverers Australia-wide.



Find your nearest MyGolf powered by Ripper GC program at [golf.org.au/mygolf](http://golf.org.au/mygolf)



Scan to find a program.



Over the last few weeks, students in Room 9, 11, 12, 18 and 20 have been involved in golf clinics run by a PGA pro.

There have been many students who have demonstrated fantastic skills and have thoroughly enjoyed learning how to swing a golf club.

My Golf powered by Ripper GC is a nationwide movement dedicated to making golf FUN, accessible and a game for life for kids. Programs are the perfect starting point to introduce your child to golf, focused on exciting games - helping empower kids to discover their potential.

Programs are offered at some of our local courses including: Thaxted Park Golf Club, The Vines Reynella Golf club and Flagstaff Hill Golf course.

**Please scan the QR code on the poster or go to <https://golf.com.au/mygolf> for further information and to make a booking.**

# Community News

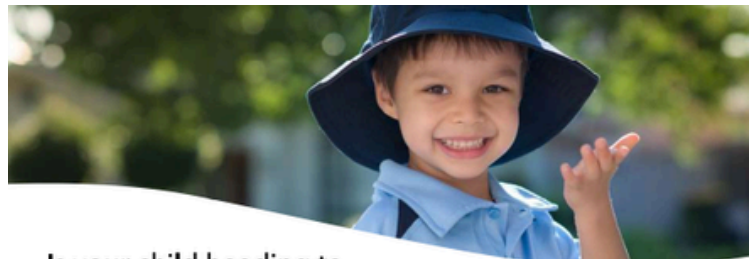
**FREE COMMUNITY EVENT**

Face painters | Balloon Twisting | Petting Zoo  
Magician | Archery | Jumping Castle | DJ | Food Trucks

**FRIDAY 17TH APRIL  
2PM - 5PM**

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GreenSpace Management



Is your child heading to Primary School in 2027?

Could an **extra \$500** help with their education costs?

Join Saver Plus, Australia's longest running financial education and matched savings program. Saver Plus is a free program that has supported over 68,000 people to develop lifelong savings habits and receive up to \$500 to assist with education costs.

#### The Smith Family

is delivering Saver Plus

To support families at

**All SA Schools**

**ENQUIRE NOW**

#### What is Saver Plus?

A free 10-month program that helps you save for your own or your children's education.

- Build lasting savings habits
- Be better prepared for unexpected expenses
- Stay in control
- Improve personal wellbeing

#### Who can join?

To be eligible for Saver Plus, you must meet all of the following criteria:

- Have a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- Receive an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment\*
- Be studying yourself or have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- Have regular income from work (you or your partner)
- Be 18+ years old

\*Many income types and Centrelink payments may qualify. Not sure if you qualify? Just fill out the enquiry form and a Savings Coach will reach out to you.



Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St. Laurence and is delivered in partnership with The Smith Family and Berry Street. It is funded by ANZ and the Department of Social Services.

To confidentially find out more, call Saver Plus or fill out the enquiry form in the link.

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