



# COORARA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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TERM 1 WEEK 4

2026

## 2026 DIARY DATES

### FEBRUARY

**Monday 23**

Bugs and Slugs Incursion

**Tuesday 24**

Bugs and Slugs Incursion

**Friday 27**

Assembly - Hosted by Rm 18, 2:20pm

### MARCH

**Monday 2**

Pupil Free Day

**Tuesday 3**

Magical Memories -Rm 5 & 6 2:30 -3:30pm

**Monday 9**

Adelaide Cup Holiday

**Tuesday 10**

Naplan

**Wednesday 11**

Naplan

**Thursday 12**

Naplan

**Friday 13**

Assembly: Hosted by Room 18, 2:20pm

**Monday 16**

Governing Council 7:00pm  
Think U Know  
Yr 3/6 & Yr 5/6

**TUESDAY 17**

Naplan

**Wednesday 18**

Naplan

**Thursday 19**

Naplan

**Friday 20**

SPORTS DAY

### Message from the Principal - Steph Tulloch

**Welcome to Week 4** and our second newsletter for the term. We will send a total of four newsletters this term to keep you updated with key information and share what's happening around our school.

As we approach the midpoint of Week 4, I would like to thank students and staff for a smooth start to the school year. The extreme temperatures have made the school environment challenging at times, and I commend both staff and students for their ongoing resilience.



Thank you to all families that attended our Community Night. It was a lovely evening and I enjoyed the opportunity to be able to stop and chat with as many parents as possible. It is always made easier by the efforts put into the evening by the staff, and I am grateful for this. I hope you enjoyed getting to meet your child's teacher, see their room, and checked out science and performing arts as well. I am proud of my memory – remembering to request the sprinklers were turned off!! No one got drenched this year!!

### Assemblies:

Every fortnight, we hold an assembly that showcases the learning happening across the school. It also provides us with an opportunity to celebrate students who demonstrate our school values and is a welcome chance for our community to come together. With that in mind, I extend a warm welcome to all families to attend our assemblies. They are held every second Friday from 2:30 pm until 3:10 pm in the Gym. We also text families earlier in the week before assembly to notify them if their child is receiving an award.

### Governing Council:

On Monday 16 February we welcomed a new looking Governing Council to our school.

The following people are representing families on our Governing Council:

I acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Straight 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.

Chairperson: Tara Struck

Vice Chairperson: Kylie Bennett

Secretary: Bradley Daley

Treasurer: Leticia Bannister

OSHC Rep: Tammy Obramski

Fundraising: Melissa Wood

As well as our general members: Nakita Smith, Kim Saunders

Thank you for volunteering your time to assist in the governance of our school. We appreciate you.



## Magical Memories:

This event is open to all reception children and their families. There has been a flyer come out to you this week. It will be held in room 5 and 6 from 2:20 – 3:30pm. We hope to see you there to celebrate your child's reception year at Coorara.

**Sports Day:** This will be occurring on Friday 20 March. Your child is encouraged to come in their house colours on the day. Daniel Mills and the committee are already planning the day. It will be a lot of fun. Come along and join us for a picnic lunch and to cheer on your child.

**Harmony Day 'Everyone Belongs'** (Change of date): Due to the clash with Sports Day, we will be celebrating Harmony Day on Monday 23 March. Your child is encouraged to wear a Splash of Orange on this day. Please ensure you make the change on your term planner at home.

**Just a reminder:** We have a Pupil Free Day on **Monday 2 March**, and all staff including OSCHC will be off site for our BSEM (Berry Street Education Model) training. There is no school and no OSCHC on this day.

**Parking and School drop off and pick up:** Please follow the school and transport rules.

- There is no access into the staff carpark after 7:30 am. If you need to access OSCHC or the office, please use the allocated parking on the side of the driveway.
- Carparks by Red Unit: please do not park on the yellow lines. Use the carparking provided. If you are walking in with your child, please be prompt, as carparks are at a premium.

Thanks for your assistance here. There are some mornings that it is looking a little risky/dangerous out there for our students.

## Baby news:

We finish this week saying goodbye for now to Renee Strenge. We wish her all the best as she ventures into baby number 2 territory. We cannot wait to meet this new addition.

Brianna Price has shared her amazing news as well. She is expecting a baby girl in early Term 3, so will finishing at the end of Term 2.

## Invacuations and Evacuations:

It is Department for Education Policy that we practise and familiarise our students and teachers about what to do in an emergency.

We have the following drills that we will be practising over the up-and-coming weeks:

1. Invacuation (soft lockdown) where children remain working in their classroom, but all buildings are locked
2. Invacuation (hard lockdown) where all children will shelter out of sight, and all buildings are locked
3. Evacuation where we have to take children from buildings to a safe outside location

Each of these drills has a specific bell. It is important that all children recognise them and what they mean. For this term, all children will be advised when these practise drills are happening as we step them through the process. We will advise you through text message when they occur so that you can talk to your child about them. Thank you for your support.



## Site Learning Plan 2026: Enriching Minds, Igniting Curiosity

At Coorara Primary School, we are committed to nurturing every child's confidence, resilience, and curiosity. Our Site Learning Plan for 2026 is all about inspiring students to challenge themselves, ask questions, and take charge of their own learning journeys.

What does this mean for your child?

- **Wellbeing:**

We focus on helping students feel safe, supported, and ready to learn. This includes teaching positive behaviour, developing supportive school language, and ensuring every child has what they need to thrive both emotionally and academically.

- **Effective Questioning:**

We explicitly teach students how to ask strong, thoughtful questions—helping them think deeply and make meaningful links in their learning. Our teachers choose activities and assessment tasks that really show what students are learning and understanding.

- **Literacy and Numeracy:**

We use evidence-based approaches in reading, spelling, writing, and mathematics. This means consistent routines and teaching methods throughout the school, so students feel confident as they grow and transition between classes and year levels.

Our values—Respect, Responsibility, and Safety—underpin everything we do. We value open communication, celebrate differences, and believe every child should feel safe and respected.

Our Site Learning Plan for 2026 is attached below. Scroll down and have a read. I would welcome your feedback.



# COORARA PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Enriching Minds.*

Wellbeing

## Site Learning Plan 2026:

### Enriching Minds, Igniting Curiosity

At Coorara Primary School, our purpose is to inspire curiosity and nurture the confidence and resilience students need to seek out both challenge and support. We are committed to fostering learner agency, where students are actively interested, engaged, and empowered to take ownership of their learning journey.

### Effective Questioning

Consolidate CPS approach for incursions and excursions, linking experience to deeper thinking  
Explicit teaching of questioning strategies  
Choosing relevant tasks and assessment pieces to showcase new learning

### Values

**Respect:** We value everyone in our school community, celebrate our differences, and encourage open, honest communication.

**Responsibility:** We empower students to own their learning and actions, supporting them to become proactive and engaged citizens.

**Safety:** We are committed to providing a safe, supportive environment that promotes the physical and emotional well-being of all.

# EFFECTIVE QUESTIONING

*Literacy*

*Igniting Curiosity*

Consolidate CPS approach for BSEM/PBL, creating a site wide process including Tier 1 and Tier 2 interventions, Ready to Learn practices and ...

- Focus on key behaviour skills each week / term.
- Develop school wide language to support regulation, engagement and wellbeing



Further develop consistency in approach for teaching mathematics including structure, common language and assessment.

Intentionally focus on core aspects of SA Curriculum dispositions through mathematics.

Consolidate Bond Blocks (R-2), PVAT (R-6),  
Develop consistent implementation in the unconstrained reading skills (Y3-6) through daily reading practice and comprehension tasks.  
Strong intervention programs taught and monitored.

Numeracy



Expand usage of Fluency intervention Y2-6.

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## BREAKFAST CLUB

All Welcome  
8:30 - 8:45am



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## SPECIAL EASTER

### RECESS

Tuesday 24 March  
2026

Happy  
Easter

\$ 6

1 x Hot Cross Bun  
fruit, fruitless or GF fruit

1 x Drink  
apple juice,  
apple/blackcurrant juice  
or water

.....and an Easter Egg

Qkr!

Qkr only orders  
Last day to pay  
9am Thurs 12 March



Join the Children's University – Unlock the Joy of Learning!

We are excited to offer Children's University at Coorara Primary School!

This inspiring program encourages children to explore new interests and discover a love of learning outside the classroom. By participating in a wide range of educational activities – from visiting museums and libraries to joining clubs or volunteering – children earn stamps in their

Passport to Learning and work towards a special graduation ceremony at a university.

Parents and carers, this is a wonderful opportunity to support your child's curiosity, confidence, and aspirations. If your child is aged 7–14, we encourage you to register and get started on their learning adventure!

For more information, please contact the school or visit our website.

Save the Date!

## SPORTS DAY

Friday 20 March  
Come along and  
support your child

More info to follow



## HARMONY DAY



EVERYONE  
BELONGS

MONDAY 23 MARCH 2026

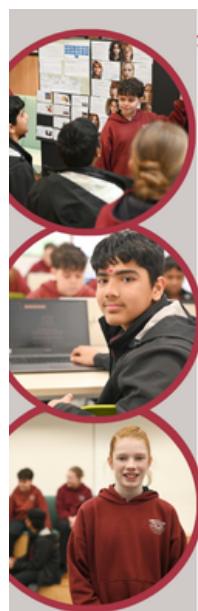
Harmony Day is about celebrating the different cultures in Australia and ensuring everybody in society is included

Students are welcome to wear a touch of orange

Students will also be eating their lunch in the courtyard with the rest of the school.

Reminder  
**Magical Memories**  
Rm 5 & 6  
2:30pm - 3:30pm  
Tuesday 3 March

# Community Information



Aberfoyle Park  
High School

**IGNITE**  
Gifted Education Program

## ACER Higher Abilities Test

Aberfoyle Park High School

Saturday 21 February 2026 | 8:30am - 12:30pm

The ACER Higher Ability Test gathers evidence of innate potential and ability in the areas of:

reading comprehension | mathematical reasoning | abstract thinking |written expression

**Cost: \$150 administration fee**

Registrations close Wednesday 18 February 2026

Click or scan the QR  
code to register



**OPEN NIGHT**

**Tuesday 31 March 2026**  
**5:00pm - 7:00pm**

Aberfoyle Park High School  
36A Taylors Road, Aberfoyle Park

Aberfoyle Park High School's Open Night lets parents and prospective students explore the learning environments, meet teachers and students and learn about programs and activities on offer.

[Tour the school](#) | [Meet the teachers and students](#) | [Review our curriculum](#)







**WANT TO FEEL  
MORE CONFIDENT  
SUPPORTING YOUR  
CHILD ONLINE?**



ThinkUKnow Australia is an evidence-based education program led by the Australian Federal Police (AFP) to prevent online child sexual exploitation.

**Date:** March 12th & 24th, April 7th

**Time:** 6pm

**Location:** Blackwood, Marion & Noarlunga

### What the presentation will cover

- What young people SEE, SAY and DO online
- The challenges they may face, as they relate to online child sexual exploitation
- How to report, get help and support

ThinkUKnow is pro-technology, and incorporates up-to-date research, real case studies, intelligence and examples from reports made to the AFP-led Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation.



Delivered by a volunteer network from the following partner organisations



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## Australian Girls Choir Open Day

Look no further than the Australian Girls Choir (AGC) because we encourage, challenge and inspire girls as they learn to sing, dance and perform. You're invited to come along to our February Open Day to try our fun and inclusive classes and learn more about being part of the AGC! To confirm your booking, visit [ausgirlschoir.com.au/joinagc](http://ausgirlschoir.com.au/joinagc)