



COORARA PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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TERM 2 WEEK 10

2026

Message from the Principal – Steph Tulloch

2026 DIARY DATES

JULY

Friday 3

CRAZY SOCKS DAY

Dismissal at 2:10pm

Term 3

Monday 20

Term 3 commences

Wednesday 29

School Photos

OSHC Educators Day

Friday 31

Assembly Hosted by Rm 6

AUGUST

Monday 3

Catch up Photo Day

Tuesday 4

Australian Maths

Competition

Friday 7

Australian Leaders Day

Saturday 8

Bingo Night 6:00pm

Monday 10

Governing Council

Meeting 7:00pm

Science Week

Tuesday 11

'Bring me Magic' Choir

Rehearsal

Thursday 13

Wakakirri Performance

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.

Niina Marni,

Final days of Term 2, and it has been a super week. We may have passed through the shortest day of the year, but the weather is definitely chilly, causing cold hands and toes and noses.

What is Curiosity?

Ask any manager, leader or innovator—and a trait they'll highlight as essential for growth is curiosity. Curiosity underpins our drive to ask questions, seek understanding and explore possibilities beyond the obvious. Traditionally, schools have focused heavily on delivering information, ensuring students could recall facts and follow instructions. But the landscape of learning has changed. Today, information is at our fingertips; a quick online search can answer almost any question. The challenge now is not just access to knowledge, but what we do with it.

At Coorara Primary School, we view curiosity as a catalyst for deeper learning and genuine engagement. Our three-phase curiosity framework supports students to:

- Spark – wonder, react and question
- Explore – seek, experiment and discern
- Connect – resolve, evaluate and progress

Curiosity is more than just asking questions—it's about nurturing a sense of wonder, encouraging children to experiment and think critically, and guiding them to connect their learning to real-world contexts. When curiosity is cultivated intentionally, it empowers students to confidently embrace uncertainty, investigate different perspectives, and seek solutions where none are immediately obvious.

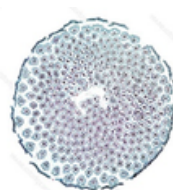
In an age where technology offers quick answers, it's the depth of thought, reflective inquiry, and openness to exploration that truly prepare children for a changing future. At CPS, we are proud to nurture curiosity as a uniquely 'human' skill, woven through all learning experiences and fundamental to our vision for every learner.

An example of curiosity:

Take a look at these images and consider: what do you notice? What does it make you think of? So what might it be?

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If you were directly asked, 'What is it? How would your response differ? Asking for answers invites those who think they know, but encouraging noticings and wonderings engages all learners, using curiosity to uncover how they might progress their learning.



STAFF CHANGES for Term 3:

- Daniel Mills will be on leave for the first three weeks of Term 3. Stephanie Bradshaw will be taking his role in the Health and PE space.
- Georgia Couzner will be in Room 7, taking the new reception students as they start their schooling with us.
- April Smith will be covering Room 11 as Brianna Price is on maternity leave. Brianna has left the class and program in a strong space and we know April will do a magnificent job in their with your year 5 and 6 students.
- We farewell Lucy Hynes who will be moving to Flagstaff Hill PS as their Term 3 reception teacher.
- We farewell for the term our SSOs Natika and Ann as they undertake student teacher placements.
- We welcome Rachel Peckover who will be joining Rm 17 on Mondays until the end of the year.
- We welcome Eva and Sienna who will be joining our SSO team across the school.
- We welcome Jen Cheneweth as Business Manager whilst Dianne is on leave 3/8/26 - 16/9/26
- Courtney Watt will be taking leave for the rest of this year, we wish her well. Jess Wellington will now be in the Front Office.

ATTENDANCE: We are following up on attendance, and there will be increased communication in the new term. Our school aim is to have all students reaching 85% attendance at school. We do have children a lot lower than this which is concerning. If your child is absent, we must have an explanation (Department requirement). If your child is ill for more than 3 days, we do require a doctor certificate. Thanks for assisting us with this.

Enrolments for 2027 and 2028 at Coorara Primary – do you have a child or know of a family going to start with us next year or in 2028? If so, we would like to have an expression of interest and enrolment forms filled out. The changes to mid-year receptions starting have changed the process, and we are required to predict our enrolment numbers in advance. If you would like to meet with myself or my wellbeing leader, Christine Falco, about an enrolment, please reach out. I'd love to take you on a tour of our school. It is a truly beautiful place to be. Enrolment packs and information can be picked up from the front office. Your enrolment form guarantees you a place.

Jump Off Day: Last Friday was a super day to enjoy the 'Jump Rope for Heart: Jump Off Day'. We raised \$1500 to go towards heart research. The children loved trying all the different skipping ways – and they all gave it their best efforts. If they have a rope at home, get them to show you 'the double under, skiing (side to side and forwards and back), forward cross over, and even the backwards cross over'. Some students are so quick – they skip faster than they run sometimes – get them to show you their sprinting. It is so good for them to be doing, and it gets your child out and about.

Upcoming Events and Key Dates for Term 3: There will be a term planner coming out to you this week. Please look out for it. Be aware that on occasions dates will be changed on us, however it is what we know at the present time for the first few weeks.

- School photos: Wednesday 29 July
- OSHC Educators day: Wednesday 29 July (a lovely way to celebrate our great workers if your children attend OSHC and you want to take them something special)
- Australian Leaders Day: Friday 7 August celebrating school leadership
- School incursion 'Bring me Magic' show: 11 August
- Wakakirri performance: Thursday 13 August – evening show

Our Pupil Free Day will be held on Monday 14 September. Please be aware that there is no OSHC for this day as they are completing the 'BSEM Trauma Informed Training' with us.

Your child's report: Please log in to the website provided to view your child's report. They are all online this year. If you are having difficulty, please call into the office and we will support you.

I would like to thank my dedicated staff. They have worked so hard this term to ensure that your children receive the best education, experiences and care possible. I have seen the hours worked and the time spent supporting in so many other ways out of the classroom as well. I am so lucky to be surrounded by such professionalism and support.

To you as families and carers – well done on a great term. Thank you for your support as well.

We all wish you a fabulous holiday break with your children. OSHC may have a few spaces in their Vacation Program should you require it. If you are travelling, travel safe.

See you on **Monday 20 July for Term 3.**

Ngaityalya (Thank you)
Steph

PS: the answers to the curiosity pictures are as follows:

- A: Pencil Shavings
- B: Dandelion Head
- C: Broccoli Floret

Room 11

In Room 11, we have been exploring the work of American artist Peter Thorpe as part of our inquiry learning on space. Inspired by his colourful rocket paintings, we experimented with painting techniques such as dabbing, sponging, varied brushstrokes and paint flicking to create textured outer space backgrounds.

We then carefully planned the composition of our artwork, considering the placement and balance of planets before selecting our favourite techniques and colours to complete our space-inspired masterpieces.

Check out our amazing creations!



AMAZING!





Boys' and Girls' Statewide Schools Knockout Soccer Carnival.

On Thursday 25 June, 24 students from Years 4–6 proudly represented Coorara Primary School in the Boys' and Girls' Statewide Schools Knockout Soccer Carnival.

The teams were treated to beautiful weather and enjoyed a fantastic day of competition against strong opposition. Throughout the carnival, our students demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship, showing a "never give up" attitude, encouraging their teammates, and displaying respect towards both their own team members and their opponents.

While the results didn't fall our way this time, every student can be incredibly proud of the way they represented Coorara Primary School. Their effort, teamwork, resilience, and positive attitudes were a credit to themselves, their families, and our school.

The teams also looked fantastic in our brand-new sports uniforms, proudly wearing the Coorara colours throughout the day.

A special thank you goes to our Fundraising Committee for their incredible dedication and hard work in raising the funds to provide these uniforms for our students. Their efforts have given our teams a strong sense of pride and identity when representing our school at sporting events.

Congratulations to all students involved on a wonderful day of participation and school Spirit



School Photos will be held on Wednesday 29 August - Week 2

- Envelopes will be handed out.
- Family Envelopes can be collected from the front office.
- Or scan the QR code to order your photos online.
- Return your envelopes with payment on the day to the photographers only.
- If you *order/pay online* no envelope is required to be returned.

School Photos

order your school photos now

to order visit: www.advancedlife.com.au

enter code: 38R VFW ZAP



scan to order

or collect a cash order envelope from your school office





FUNDRAISING NEWS & EVENTS



JOIN US FOR

BINGO NIGHT

SCAN HERE FOR TICKETS!

An Evening of Fun, Prizes & Memories!

Gather your family and friends for an evening of thrilling games, fabulous prizes, and unforgettable memories.

SATURDAY 8TH AUGUST

\$10 PER TICKET (includes 1 bingo book)

DOORS OPEN 6:00PM

BAR AVAILABLE | SILENT AUCTION | GAMES | FANTASTIC PRIZES | BYO FOOD

COORARA PRIMARY SCHOOL GYM

For more information, contact us: coorarafundraising@gmail.com

Thank you for backing our school - this wouldn't be possible without your ongoing support!

COORARA FUNDRAISING

JUST ONE THING

SCAN ME

Can you spare a little time to help us achieve our Goals?

BINGO NIGHT

WHEN:

Date: Saturday 8th August

Time: 6:00pm- 10pm

Location: Coorara PS gym

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Hours of non-stop entertainment
- Bar available – Beer, wine, and soft drinks.
- Exciting prizes & fun challenges throughout the night
- Silent Auction

WHERE TO GET YOUR TICKETS?

← Scan the QR code or visit Coorara PS Fundraising Community Face Book Page for Ticket Link.



SCAN THE QR TO KEEP UP TO DATE WITH LATEST EVENTS & FUNDRAISING GOALS

FOLLOW OUR FACEBOOK PAGE - [COORARA PS FUNDRAISING COMMUNITY](#)

**THANK
YOU**

Fabulous thank you to our fundraising committee for our Showdown Donut Day. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all!

Thank you for all you do for our school community!



Wakakirri; A story-dance about reducing plastic wrappers in lunch boxes.

This year 47 students at Coorara Primary School have been involved in Wakakirri rehearsals. Wakakirri is a story-dance performance. Many schools in the state are competing to produce the best story-dance. Wakakirri is about telling stories that inspire change through dance and drama to music. In term 3 we will travel to Norwood Concert Hall to perform with 40 other schools

The title of our story is 'People Unite to Protect the Marine Environment'. We believe that people need to stand up for the protection of our fragile marine environment. We chose to address the problem of plastic pollution and the damaging effects that this invisible threat poses to all marine life and that as guardians of our planet, we can make changes to how we use plastic in our own lives.

At Coorara Primary School, we are committed to caring for our environment and supporting sustainable practices. One effective way we can all make a difference is by reducing the amount of plastic waste in our students' lunch boxes.

Here are some simple ways you can help:

- Choose reusable containers instead of single-use plastic wrap or bags for snacks and sandwiches (nude food lunch boxes). You don't need to wrap a sandwich in glad wrap.
- Pack fruits and vegetables "nude" (without packaging), or use beeswax wraps as an alternative.
- Buy snacks in bulk and portion them into smaller, reusable containers for each day. For example, many of the squeeze yoghurt containers have lids that cannot be recycled and get swallowed by the marine animals. Purchase large yoghurt containers and distribute yoghurt into reusable containers. Buying items in bulk is MUCH cheaper!
- Encourage your child to bring any plastic waste home so it can be recycled responsibly.

By working together, we can help create a cleaner and safer environment for our children and future generations. Thank you for your support in making Coorara Primary a more sustainable school!

Nikki Bridgman.
Performing Arts Teacher

Science in Term 2

This term in Science we have been fortunate enough to be a part of the BEACON program. This program is designed to introduce students from year 4-6 to immersive technologies. We have been working through a unit of work about sustainability which culminated in the students using a program called Delightex to create and code their own sustainable 3D city some of which you can see in the photos.

I have also been fortunate enough to be able to introduce students from across the school to the features of Delightex and Makers Empire which has incorporated coding, designing objects that can be 3D printed and the merge cube which turns creations into movable 3D worlds.

The students across the school have also been participating in Coding club at lunchtime on Fridays. There are a core group of students who are the experts who help the younger students with a variety of coding programs.

