



COORARA PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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TERM 3 WEEK 1

2026

Message from the Principal – Steph Tulloch

2026 DIARY DATES

JULY

Term 3

Wednesday 29

School Photos

OSHC Educator's Day

Friday 31

Assembly Hosted by Rm 6

AUGUST

Monday 3

Catch up Photo Day

Tuesday 4

Australian Maths

Competition

Friday 7

Australian Leader's 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

Friday 14

No Assembly

Monday 17

SSO Week

Bullying No Way

A warm welcome back message to staff, students, and families. It is great to be back at school, and I hope you did one or two memory making activities over the holiday break.

A warm welcome is extended to the 14 new receptions that started their schooling with us on Monday, and to 5 other students that joined classes throughout the school. We know you will love your time here at Coorara.

Our values are Respect, Responsibility and Safety – and making up a part of all of these are 'manners'. This will be our focus for the start of Term 3, with staff, students and community members demonstrating this skill in our school grounds.

Upcoming Dates & Events

Photos: School photos will be taken on Wednesday 29 July from 9am, with a follow up day on Monday 3 August. Information has come out to you via Edsmart and Seesaw.

OSHC Educators Day: This is a national day to celebrate all that our OSHC educators who support our kids, and families whilst they are working. This is to be held on Wednesday 29 July. If your children attend OSHC, you might want to celebrate them to say thank you. I know they are partial to chocolates and homemade cards!

Bingo night – This is coming up fast, with our amazing fundraising group organising a fun evening in the school hall on August 8. Make sure you book your tickets – get a group of friends, and come and join in the fun. There are great activities to be had, raffles to be won, and it will be a super way to showcase Coorara Spirit.

Book Week: 'A symphony of stories' – this will be held in Week 6, with our parade being held on Friday 28 August at 9am. Children are welcome to dress up as a book character. Please ensure the costume is PG and appropriate for younger children. Parents are welcome to watch the beginning of the book week parade, lining up between Red Unit and the hall. Your child will parade past you.

Colour Run: Always an amazing day and such a fun family event. Like always, each year it gets bigger and braver as we change it up – I am too scared to know what I will be covered in this year. Keep an eye out for the fundraising packages – please approach family and friends for sponsorship, and let's make this the best fundraiser yet. Money raised is going towards a new stage.

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.



Staff Updates

Welcome to:

Georgia Couzner in Room 7, teaching our Mid-Year Reception class.

April Smith, replacing Brianna Price in Room 11 with Year 5 and 6 students.

Rachel Peckover is teaching Room 17 on Mondays.

Ryan Harvey and Harrison Evans who are joining our teaching team.

We are also joined by new SSOs, Jaimey and Sienna.

Our new office person is Jessica Wellington – Jess has stepped into Courtney's shoes whilst she is on leave.

We will also have a new Finance/Business Manager whilst Dianne is on leave. Jenn Chenoweth will be joining us for 6 weeks this term, starting in Week 3. If you see her, say hi.

Farewell to Mikahlia Green. Mikahlia will be finishing with us on Friday July 31. Thank you for everything you have done for our site over the last year. You will be missed.

Student Achievements

Congratulations to Abbie Hanns, who was accepted to Brighton High School on a music scholarship in 2027. She is a talented violinist, and has worked with Nikki for many years perfecting her talent. Well done.

Term 3 Learning

We will continue our learning this term in Literacy, working alongside Sophie Medlin from the Literacy Guarantee Unit. She is visiting our site every fortnight, working with staff to fine tune and extend our program and students. It has been very valuable.

Mathematics: we have some maths days coming up with the first of three maths competitions starting in week 3 for selected students. Lisa Connolly will be leading this and I am excited to see how we all perform.

We do not have a site wide topic this term, however classes have banded together and are focused on a topic of their choice. We have classes going under sea, looking at environmental impacts on animals, working on careers, look out for excursion information. Our Yr 4, 5 & 6's will be working on Kindness & Gratitude and the Commonwealth Games.

Wellbeing & Inclusion at lunchtimes

Lunchtimes are a great chance for kids to relax, catch up with friends, and pick up some important life skills – how to share, take turns, sort out disagreements, and just work out how to play together. We know that when kids feel included, they're happier and ready to learn.

We have heaps of options for all sorts of personalities and interests at lunch:

- Play Shed: Supervised play with all kinds of fun equipment—perfect for kids who love to get creative or prefer guided play.



- Library: Cosy and warm, with books, LEGO, table games, and space for floor activities. A great spot to socialise or recharge!
- Oval: Always buzzing... play soccer or footy, swing on the Y3-6 playground, or head to Stick-Land and build a fort with your mates.
- Courtyard: Sandpit, parkour course, trampolines, and the Rec-Y2 playground—plenty of room to burn off energy or try something new.
- Courts: Basketball, netball, skipping—choose your game and give it a go with friends.
- Garden: Come say hi to the chickens, do some planting, or get creative at the garden craft table.
- Undercover areas: If you just want to walk and chat (and stay dry!), there's always a friendly face to catch up with.

No matter what your child is into, there's something for everyone. We believe that every student should feel welcome and find somewhere they feel comfortable at lunchtime.

Reminders & Notices

- Uniforms – **a reminder to name your child's jumpers please.** Please ensure your child is wearing correct clean school uniform as per the uniform policy. Black pants, skirts and shorts, our school logo tops and jumpers, and sneakers. Jewellery should be minimal: studs/sleepers for earrings, with necklaces, bangles and rings not being worn (unless for cultural reasons).
- Hygiene: It is good to have long hair tied up to stop the spread of the dreaded headlice. Deodorant in the senior school is always appreciated. Makeup should not be worn at school.
- Gates are open at 8:30am as we welcome you and your child into school, classes open at 8:40am where they can go and get themselves settled and organised for the day, and gates open again at 3pm for a 3:10pm finish.
- Breakfast club operates from 8:30 – 8:40am every morning, offering fruit, vegetables and toast. Sometimes we are lucky to get other yummy surprises as well.

Here is to a super term 3.

Steph

Book Week 2026
Canteen Special Lunch
provided by Reynella Primary School

Delivery Day Wednesday 26 August

SYMPHONY SUB COMBO

\$6.50

Pizza Sub
choose: cheese, ham & cheese or pepperoni sub
plus
Funfetti Cookie
plus
Drink choose: apple juice, apple/blackcurrant juice or water

Gluten Free options available on Qkr.

Last day to order on **Qkr!** 8:30am Wednesday 19 August

2026 CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK
SYMPHONY OF STORIES

Book Week 2026 Special Lunch

This fabulous special lunch is provided for us by Reynella Primary School Canteen - Qkr app

Orders close on Wednesday 19 August

Special Lunch Day is Wednesday 26 August



School Photos

***School Photos will be held on
Wednesday 29 July - Week 2***

- Envelopes have been 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.

order your school photos now

to order visit: www.advancedlife.com.au
enter code: 38R VFW ZAP



**or collect a cash order envelope
from your school office**



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school photography & print specialists



**Have you brought your
tickets for
Bingo Night yet?**

**\$10.00 per ticket
Doors open 6:00pm
till 10:00pm**

**Scan the QR code
Bring your family &
friends along !**

**Coorara Primary School
Gym**

JOIN US FOR
BINGO NIGHT
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!



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

BINGO NIGHT

WHEN:

Date: Saturday 8th August

Time: 6:00pm- 10pm

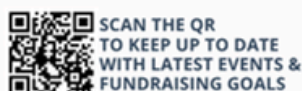
Location: Coorara PS gym

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.



FOLLOW OUR FACEBOOK PAGE - COORARA PS FUNDRAISING COMMUNITY

ROOM 5



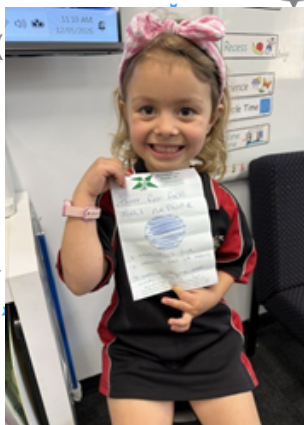
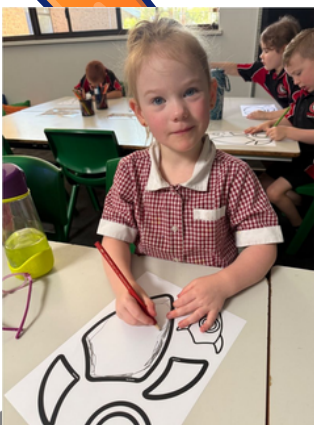
OUTER SPACE ADVENTURES

In Term 2, our whole school blasted off on an exciting learning adventure as we explored the amazing world of Space!

Room 5 students had an out-of-this-world time investigating the wonders of our universe, including the planets, stars, galaxies, and our solar system. They enjoyed a range of engaging learning experiences, including reading stories about space exploration and astronauts, discovering fascinating facts about our universe, and creating space-inspired artwork.

One of the star attractions of the term was our Planetarium incursion. Students climbed inside a giant space dome and were taken on an incredible journey through the night sky, discovering planets, constellations, and galaxies. It was a memorable experience that sparked curiosity, wonder, and lots of fantastic questions about the universe.

Our young astronauts had a galaxy of fun exploring Space, and their enthusiasm and imagination truly soared to new heights!



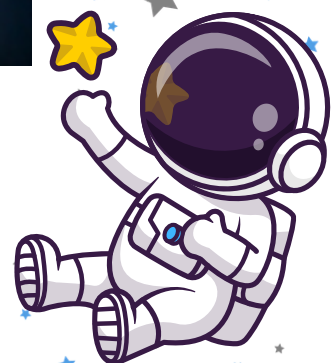
MY FAVOURITE PLANET IS EARTH BECAUSE I LIVE ON IT. IT IS ALSO THE ONLY PLANET WITH CLEAN WATER.

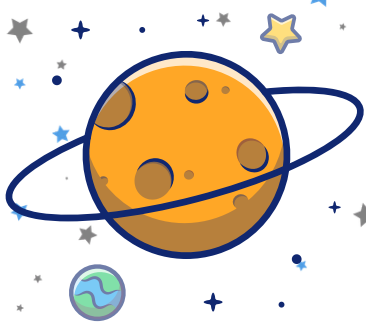
-VIOLET



DID YOU KNOW THAT THE EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE IS MADE UP FROM NITROGEN AND OXYGEN.

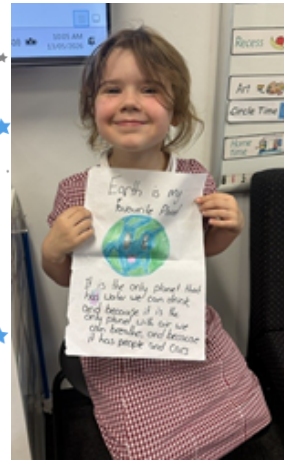
-AMAYA





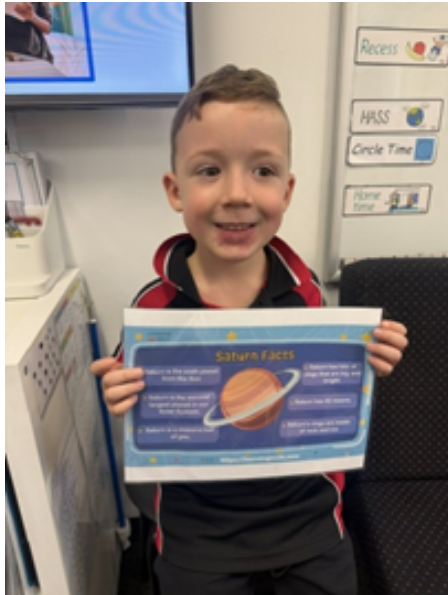
MY FAVOURITE PLANET IS SATURN BECAUSE IT IS A BALL OF GAS AND HAS 82 MOONS. IT ALSO HAS RINGS MADE OF ROCK AND ICE.

-JASPER



I WONDER IS THE SUN A PLANET?

-LEON



ROOM 5 ARE OUT OF THIS WORLD!

Community News



Auslan Storytime

Enjoy stories, songs and rhymes brought to life with Auslan sign language interpretation, making this session welcoming for deaf and hard of hearing children and caregivers. Everyone is welcome.

Free | Bookings not required

Tuesday 18 August
10-10:40am

Woodcroft Library
175 Bains Road, Morphett Vale

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Scan for more information or call 8384 0050 

 **positive partnerships**
Working together to support autistic school-aged students

Free workshop

1 Day Autism Workshop for Parents and Carers

Marion, SA




Scan the QR code or [click here](https://www.positivepartnerships.com.au/PPC) to register

This workshop is for parents, full time carers and grandparents.

 **Tuesday**
15 September, 2026
9:15am to 3:00pm

 **Marion Hotel**
849 Marion Road
MITCHELL PARK SA 5043

Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided

 **Interpreters available upon request**

During the workshop you will learn about:

- The diversity of autism
- Sensory processing
- Working together with your child's school.

Learn more about autism and neurodiversity-affirming ways to strengthen the partnership between home and school.

For more information or to register visit:
www.positivepartnerships.com.au/PPC
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Gowrie SA's Teach - Do - Learn.

FREE!

at Christie Downs

When?
Every Thursday
23rd July - 10th September

When?
10.00 am - 12.00 pm

Venue
Christie Downs Community House
Cnr Flaxmill &, Morton Rd,
Christie Down

Teach-Do-Learn brings together parents, carers & children aged up to 4 years for a couple of hours filled with fun and educational experiences.

Join us at Christie Downs Community House for practical hands on play and learning activities with qualified and experienced Gowrie SA educators.

Visiting Allied Health Specialists

Every second week, we have a visiting specialist you can chat to about your child's development

Thursday 30th July - Karyn (Speech Pathologist)
Thursday 27th August - Rachel (Play Occupational Therapist)
Thursday 10th September - Karyn (Speech Pathologist)

 **Gowrie**
South Australia

For enquiries, phone 8234 5219 or email train@gowriesa.org.au

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THE CREATIVE CREW

Creative Crew is a free, 10-week creative group for girls aged 7-13. In this program, participants share craft ideas, explore their creativity, and work together on fun projects. The sessions focus on building friendships, confidence, and connection in a safe, supportive all-girls environment where everyone's ideas are valued.

Time and Location

Hackham Community Centre
72 Collins Parade Hackham
3:30 - 5:00pm on Mondays

Program runs weekly over the school term

How to Enrol

For enquiries or bookings, call Jodie or Kathy at the centre on 8392 3080 or email cchackham@junctionaustralia.org.au

Please note, a light snack will be provided for participants

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 **JUNCTION**

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