

# COORARA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Newsletter

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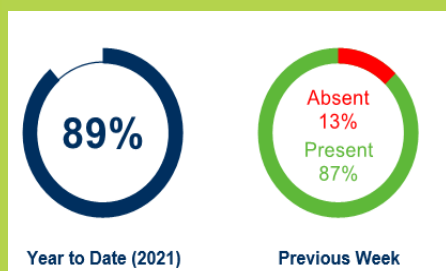
### Term 3 Week 5

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2021

### Diary Dates

- 20/8/21  
**Room 7 & 8 Movie Night**  
Play, Create & Connect
- 23/8/21  
Little Book Worms
- 25/8/21  
**Wirreanda HS Rm 17**  
**Choir Rehearsal**  
**Fathers Day Stall**
- 26/8/21  
**Fathers Day Stall**
- 27/8/21  
Play, Create & Connect
- 30/8/21  
Little Book Worms  
Book Week Starts
- 1/9/21  
**Wirreanda HS Rm 17**  
**Book Week Parade 9:15am**

### Attendance

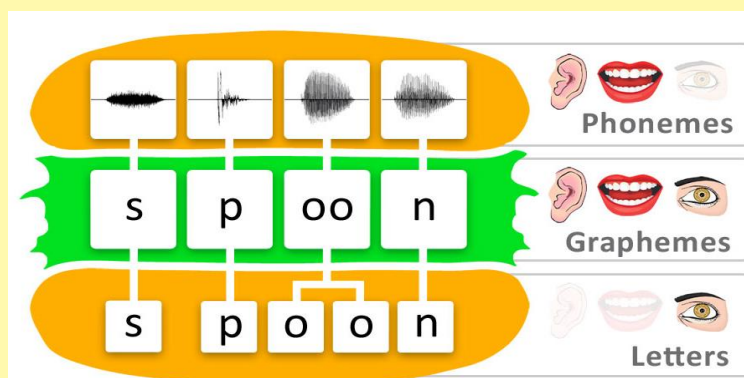


Dear Families,

#### Spotlight on Phonics

Learning to read is one of the most complex things we do.... Our brain is not wired to learn to read therefore children need to be explicitly taught how to read. Learning to read requires two abilities: the ability to correctly recognise words and the ability to understand language (words and their meanings).

**What is Phonics?** Phonics is the ability to decode words using letter- sound relationships. Children need to learn that there is a relationship between individual sounds (phonemes) of spoken language and the letters (graphemes) that represent those sounds in written language. The burger below illustrates this relationship between the phonemes and graphemes.



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**When do we start teaching phonics?** Phonics teaching starts in the first few weeks of Reception. In these first few weeks children learn the phonemes of six letters: **s a t p i n** and by learning these 6 sounds children can blend to read about 39 words. At Coorara we follow a teaching scope and sequence and by the end of year 1 children have learnt all single letter –sounds and common combinations. This means students have enough letter-sound knowledge to be able to read a wide range of texts.

**Do young learners only learn phonics?** No. Phonics Teaching is very important but it is not the only skills beginning readers need to learn. Along with phonics, children need to be taught the other skills of reading, these are known as the Big 6 of Reading- vocabulary, comprehension, fluency, oral language, phonics and phonological awareness.

Yours sincerely,

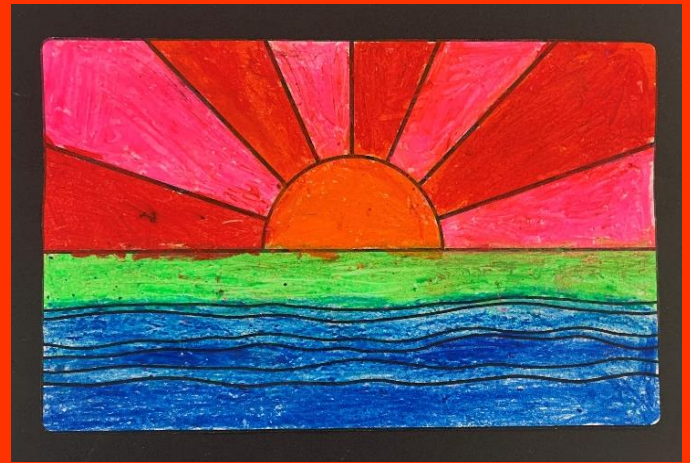
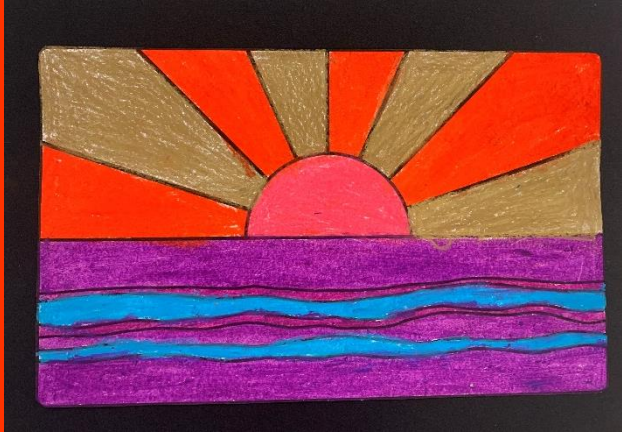
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How to support your child to read, QR to view video about how to support your child to blend to read.



**Student Free Day – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October**  
**School Closure Day – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November**

In **Room 10** we have been learning about warm and cool colours.



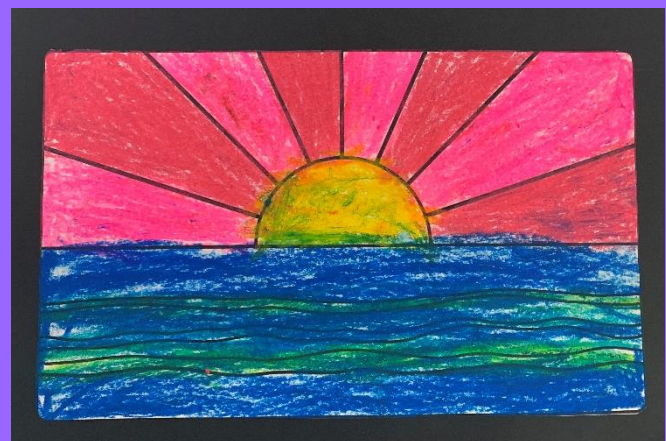
Warm colours like **red**, **orange** and **yellow**, make us think of sunshine. They make us feel warm and toasty inside.







Cool colours like **blue**, **green** and **purple**, make us think of cool and peaceful things, like winter days and oceans. They make us feel chilly inside.



We hope you enjoy looking  
at them!

## Coorara Primary School

Day of Photography

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September**

1. Please wear your full school uniform
2. Please place your order online before the day of photography

Go to [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) and enter this code:

**38R VFW ZAP**

3. Payment can be made using Visa, Mastercard, PayPal or Latitude Pay
4. If you are **unable to order online**, please hand your completed order envelope directly to the photographers on the day of photography.
5. Family/Sibling envelopes can be collected from the Front Office.

If you have any queries concerning school photographs and ordering, please contact **advancedlife** directly:  
[www.advancedlife.com.au/contact](http://www.advancedlife.com.au/contact)



## Beginning school is an adventure with lots to discover!

Coorara Cubs will provide an opportunity for your child to build upon

**Thursdays**

12.30PM – 2.30PM

STARTING THURSDAY, 9<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021

LAST SESSION THURSDAY, 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021

For children enrolled for Reception in 2022



## Uniform Donations

To help with keeping our students warm and dry, we would appreciate any uniform contributions/donations, especially bottom garments and jackets and jumpers for when the kids get wet and muddy.

Spare uniform is kept onsite for the children however we have limited stock and sizing available.

## BOOK WEEK PARADE

**The Theme this year is  
Old Worlds, New Worlds,  
Other Worlds**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September  
Parade at 9.15am**



**Congratulations  
to  
Jessica**

She has won a solo place in the Festival of Music. We are look forward to seeing her perform.

*Best of Luck Jess*