

# COORARA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Newsletter

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### Term 1 Week 1

Friday 31st January 2020

## Diary Dates

- 7/2/20  
Play, Create, Connect
- 12/2/20  
Feathery Family Fun Fest  
5:30 - 7:30pm  
AGM 7:30pm Resource  
Centre
- 14/2/2020  
Play, Create, Connect
- 17/2/20  
Reception-Magical  
Memories  
Governing Council &  
OSHC meeting pm
- 21/2/2020  
**Student Free Day**

# 2020

## Attendance

## Rate Goal

↑ 90%

Dear Families,

Welcome back to Coorara and the new school year! A warm welcome to 51 new children and their families who have joined the Coorara school community. We also welcome 2 new teachers Kelly Peterson and Rikki Beacham and Melissa Pisano joins our team as a SSO working in room 9 with Lisa Connolly.

Positive relationships underpin everything we do at Coorara. We believe positive relationships between the school and community is essential for children to succeed. Effective communication is the key to making this happen. Below are the many ways that we can communicate.....

**Face to face meetings** are often best if you have a concern about your child's progress or wish to share some important information. To arrange this, please make a time directly with the teacher.

**Informal chats** before or after school: classrooms open at 8:40 am and teachers are available for ten minutes before the bell goes for a quick chat. Most days Donna, Brianna and I are in the yard before or after school please feel free to chat with us at this time. Teachers are not available on Wednesday afternoons due to staff meeting.

All children have a **diary or communication book**. These are checked daily by teachers.

**Email** is an effective way to communicate with staff. Teachers will share their email addresses with families at the beginning of the year. You can also email myself and Donna or Brianna: [rebecca.read360@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:rebecca.read360@schools.sa.edu.au), [donna.oleary175@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:donna.oleary175@schools.sa.edu.au), [Brianna.woolhouse407@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:Brianna.woolhouse407@schools.sa.edu.au)

We will be using **See Saw** to share learning news with parents.

**Coorara Skoolbag App** is a great place to go to keep up to date with what is happening at the school. The App is available for android and Apple personal mobile devices.

The **Coorara School website** can be found at [www.cooraraps.sa.edu.au](http://www.cooraraps.sa.edu.au) and families can follow us on **facebook**.

**Classroom newsletters** and a **term overview** are sent home once per term. This provides families with information about the teaching and learning program, upcoming class events, class routines etc.

The **Coorara newsletter** is published fortnightly on Thursdays in even weeks. Your newsletter, your way... see insert for information about how families can access our fortnightly newsletter.

### 'Save the date'

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our community event '**Feathery Family Fun Fest**' on Wednesday 12th February from 5:30-7:30pm. The school AGM will follow at 7.30pm. More information is on the back page of the newsletter.

We look forward to an exciting year of learning at Coorara.

Regards,

Rebecca Read  
Principal

## Reminder

### Student Free Day - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February



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# COORARA PRIMARY SCHOOL STAFF 2020



**Rebecca Read**  
Principal



**Donna O'Leary – Deputy  
Principal**



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Student Wellbeing Leader



**Dianne Hendy**  
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**Sandy McKell – Admin  
Secretary**



**Julie Coole – SSO  
Front Office**



**Rosie Bell – SSO**



**Natalie Castro – Rm 6  
Reception**



**Tracey Collins – Rm 05  
Reception**



**Karina Carlisle -  
Library**



**Amy Summers  
SSO**



**Sharon Clark - SSO  
Quicksmart**



**Allyson Gear – Reading  
Intervention Teacher**



**Linda Middleton  
Rm 17**



**Debbie Hutchinson  
OSHC Director**



**Jonathon Graham  
Rm 12  
Year 4/5**



**Hannah Cooper  
SSO**





**Big Fish - Groundsman**



**Renee Streng**  
Rm 20 Year 2/3



**Lisa Connolly – Rm 9**  
Year 4/5



**Taylor Greig – Rm 18**  
Year 2/3



**Nikki Bridgman – Music**



**Lisa Carthy – Rm 10**  
Science/PE



**Kim McLean - Teacher**



**Cathy McHolm - Teacher**



**Steve Close - SSO**



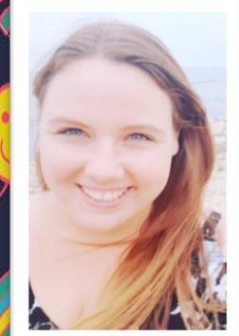
**Jordan Wheatcroft**  
Science/PE



**Tamara Williams - SSO**



**Caitlin Goldsworthy**  
Year 1/2



**Rikki Beacham**  
Year 1/2



**Mignon Wilhelm**  
ACEO



**Robin van der Wielen**  
SSO



**Jane Webber**  
SSO



**Kelly Peterson**  
Year 6/7



**Amanda Griffith**  
Pastoral Care Worker



## Governing Council 2020

Would you like to have your say? Do you have ideas and or suggestions you would like to share? Would you like to be more involved in your child's education? Do you have 2 Monday nights free a term? If so, you may be interested in joining our Governing Council. No experience is necessary and we are looking for new members. Nomination form will be sent home to families on Monday. Come along to the *Governing Council AGM on Wednesday 12th February in the Resource Centre at 7.30pm.*

See you there



Our school is nut aware. We ask families to

- avoid sending food to school containing nuts where possible
- Talk to their children about not sharing their food with others
- List all ingredients on food items that will be shared i.e. birthday cakes

Thank you for your support. This helps to keep our school a safe place for people with food allergies.

## Week 3 Assembly

All parents are welcome to attend.....  
welcome certificate will be handed out  
to new students  
House Captain badges will be presented



Be an **ATTENDANCE H.E.R.O** (here every day, ready on time for learning) Arriving to school on time is important. Children who arrive on time have more chance to have a successful day of learning as they have time to get organised, connect with others and know what the day will look like.

Our Classrooms open at 8:40 am and we encourage children to arrive by 8:40 so they are settled and in class by 8:50 am.

Our **Attendance Challenge** is back in 2020! Our goal this year is to achieve an attendance rate above 90%. We nearly got there last year! Each Monday Donna, Brianna and I visit classes to talk to the children about the importance of regular attendance and getting to school on time. We acknowledge the children that were **Attendance Heroes** for the week before- this means they were at school every day, all day and on time! All **Attendance Heroes** go in the lucky draw that is drawn at the assembly.

Keep an eye on our attendance rate..... our year to date attendance rate can be found on the front page of every newsletter.

Need some help to get your child to school on time or attending regularly? We are here to help. Please contact your child's teacher, or catch up with Donna, Brianna, or Rebecca. We can be contacted via the front office.

# Feathery Family Fun Fest!

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Fun  
activities  
for  
everyone!

5.30pm - 7.00pm:

Fun in the Courtyard

7.00pm to 7.30pm:

Open Classrooms

7.30pm:

AGM in the  
Resource Centre

Be entertained by  
Bumbles the Clown

Free Pizza  
and  
Soft Drink