

# COORARA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Newsletter

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### Term 2 Week 3

Thursday 14 May 2020

### Diary Dates

- 18/5/20  
Governing Council Meeting
- 8/6/20  
Queen's Birthday Holiday
- 15/6/20  
Governing Council Meeting
- 3/7/20  
Last Day of Term

### Spotlight on learning to read!

Learning to read is one of the most important educational outcomes of primary education. The ability to read is fundamental to children's learning, including their development of broader literacy skills, and to their future successful participation in society, including the workforce.

Reading is a complex process that involves both learning to read the words and learning to understand what you read. Learning to read is not easy, our brain is not wired to read so reading needs to be explicitly taught.

To be effective readers children need to learn the BIG 6 of reading .....



**Oral Language** provides the foundation to learning to read. It is impossible to understand what you read without a wide vocabulary.

**Comprehension** is the ability to understand what you read. Comprehension is made up of a toolkit of strategies such as prediction, questioning, visualizing, inferring and determining importance.



**Phonological awareness** is the ability to focus on the sounds of speech and an awareness of rhyme, and syllables.

**Phonics** involves learning about the relationship between letters and sounds. Beginning readers need to learn to blend sounds to read words.



**Vocabulary**- when children know the meaning of a word they are more likely to be able to read it and make sense of it within a text

**Fluency** is not just about reading quickly! It is reading with appropriate phrasing, expression and pace.



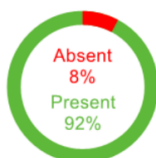
Volume of reading matters! So read to your child daily and ask them to read to you. Ten minutes every day will make a big difference.

Kind Regards,  
**Rebecca Read**  
Principal

### Attendance



Year to Date (2020)



Previous Week

### Reminder

If you have a Kindy aged child ready to commence school in 2021.  
Pop into to the Front Office to collect your 2021 enrolment pack

# Art in Room 8



In Room 8, we have been working on creating some colourful art works. We drew a big, loopy line and then traced it with permanent marker. We then had to choose our preferred medium; coloured texter or oil pastel. Each section of the loopy shape we created had to be coloured in a different colour. Check out some of the amazing work we have created!

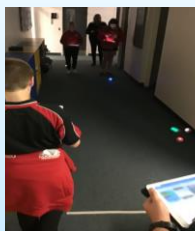








# Thank You



The staff and students would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped with the fundraising last year. Thanks to your fabulous efforts the school was able to purchase a set of Sphero Bolts (among other things) to enhance the students understanding of coding. They come in their own charging case and can be easily moved from class to class. The students have been very excited to try them out this week and I know the staff can't wait to start using them as a part of their STEM lessons.



## You said.....

You wanted the bag racks upgraded in the Red Unit

## We Did:

New bag racks have been delivered and Big Fish will install very soon.

*We value your suggestions and feedback*



SOARING TO SUCCESS  
CERTIFICATES

**CONGRATULATIONS TO**  
Harrison, Jessica, Amy, Skyler, James  
, Zach, Zenali, Summah, Ava.  
Absent: Faith & Harper

Dear Families,

If you are eligible to receive payments from Centrelink, such as Child Care Subsidy (CCS) and Family Tax Benefit (FTB), you may be asked to provide your family income estimate for the 2020-21 financial year.

You need to do this even though you aren't currently paying child care fees. This is because Centrelink will use this estimate to work out how much CCS and FTB you will get **next financial year**.

There's more information about [updating your family income estimate for the 2020-21 financial year](#) on the Services Australia website.

## Maz's Staff Stories



**Jonathon Graham**  
Our Amazing  
Year 4/5 Teacher

Jonathon lives at Noarlunga with his wife Kirstie, and their 18mth old black Labrador Luna.

Jonathon loves travelling every couple of years to Narrawallee NSW to catch up with his family but also for the Beachside Paradise.

Jonathon is a very fit person having played Football for Mt Lofty Football Club (AFL), Squash, Chess, and loves competitive sleeping. Jonathon loves to keep fit, watching his loved Brisbane Lions, in fact any footy and competitive eating!

Jonathan's favourite gifts are happy socks and Bunnings vouchers. His favourite foods are chocolate Bavarian's, sandwiches and protein shakes.

Jonathon's day never ends at 3.10pm but continues on for another 2-3hrs a night planning his next day, marking work, writing reports or helping in planning a school event and sporadically across the entire weekend, his teachers brain never turns off.

Jonathon likes working with kids and helping people and he especially enjoys helping students learn to believe in themselves, and no day is ever the same.

Thank you, Jonathon, for putting in the hard work helping your students and the school community enjoy their time at Coorara Primary School. Your actions and love of teaching shows in you every day.

"Holy moly.....guacamole" silence is golden.

**"Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today."**  
Malcolm X

## Super Seniors Award

Congratulations

to

**Paige Lillington**