



COORARA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 4/ WEEK 1

2024

2024 DIARY DATES

OCTOBER

Thursday 17 -23

Book Fair commences

Friday 25

Halloween Disco 5:30 pm - 7 pm
World Teacher's Day

Monday 28

Footsteps Yr 6

NOVEMBER

Friday 1

Assembly Hosted by Rm 8

Monday 4

Governing Council Meeting 7 pm

Tuesday 5

Footsteps Yr 6
Children's Uni Graduation

Thursday 7

Late Start Day 12:00 pm
Mary Poppins Jr Performance

Friday 8

STUDENT FREE DAY

Monday 11

Remembrance Day

Tuesday 12

Footsteps Yr 6

Friday 15

Assembly Music

Monday 18

"Ready for Reception" 9 -11:30 am
Dentist

Tuesday 19

Footsteps

Thursday 21

Dentist

Friday 21

AQUATICS Yr 6
Dentist

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.



Message from the Principal - Steph Tulloch

Welcome back to Term 4 – it will be a very busy 9 weeks, with many events coming up for all children. Please make sure you are following our planner (there will be an updated one coming out shortly) and keeping up to date with email alerts and Edsmart notes.

Farewell to Monica Bennetts, SSO, as she leaves us at the end of week 4 to have her baby. We wish her all the best and thank her for the fabulous job she has done supporting our students.

Welcome back to Renee Strenge, who will be working at Coorara every Wednesday for this term. She will be joining Sophie Panousakis in our Literacy intervention space.

Hat Time: Please can you ensure your child has a HAT for the term, and that it is clearly named. Children that do not have a hat will be directed to stay in the shade under verandas during break times.

Class Placements for 2025: I cannot believe we are already looking towards next year's class placements. Forming classes is a very complex process as we consider every child's learning and social needs. Leadership and teachers use their prior knowledge of students, friendship groupings and the specific needs of your child to place them into the best possible learning environment. We also gather information from children with regards to friendships.

As part of the process, parents are invited to share information which they believe should be considered in the placement of their child/children. This is not a time to request a particular teacher but a chance to inform us of any relevant information regarding your child's learning, social and or friendship needs.

Parents are asked to forward relevant information by email or in writing by **Friday 1 November**.

If you need to enrol your child to start with us in 2025 or 2026, please collect an enrolment form from the office (if you have not already done so). If you know your child will be going to another school in 2025 (excluding Year 6 to high school), can you advise us. This will help immensely with our class placements.

We have a range of events coming up this term:

Book Fair: Come along to the Library to see the Book Fair, commences on Thursday 17 October. It is open from 8:30am each morning, and until 3:30pm each afternoon until 24 October. We would love to see you come in with your child and pick up a treat or two.

World Teacher's Day: This is Friday, 25 October. We will be having a special celebration for our teachers with a whole-school picnic in the courtyard at 11:15 am. Canteen orders can be placed and will be delivered to students, or they can bring their own lunch to eat on the day. You are welcome to celebrate your child's teacher, or specialist teacher (Performing Arts, Science, PE) in your own way if you wish. I know it would be appreciated.

HALLOWEEN DISCO: This is to be held at school on Friday 25 October from 5:30 – 7 pm in the school hall. Tickets are available for purchase for your child. Our wonderful Fundraising Committee have been working hard for a few months now organising decorations, groovy music, games and tasty nibbles packs for students. It will be a fabulous night.

Children's University Graduation: Our children who have completed their year of 'study' will graduate on Tuesday 5 November, leaving school at 4 pm on the bus. It is such an exciting night for our students. For families interested, we will have information available at the start of next year for you to enroll your child.

Please turn over to continue the message from Steph

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Mary Poppins Jr: Our musical production is coming up fast, with students from all rooms working hard to perfect their roles. We will be performing at Wirreanda High School on Thursday 7 October. Due to the late night, school will start at 12 pm. OSHC is available for the morning if you require it. There will be **No OSHC** after school as all students will be at the high school. Tickets for our performance are available through the school. Please make sure you have purchased your tickets early to ensure a seat. **Adult \$15, child \$10, Family \$45.**

PUPIL FREE Days: We have 2 pupil free days this term with OSHC available on both days. Please make your booking through 'Fully Booked' on the OSHC website.

- **Friday 8 November:** (following Mary Poppins evening) where all staff will be finishing our Mathematics learning for this year. We have enjoyed working with Maureen Heggarty in this area and will finish off with a trip to another school to see maths interventions and assessments happening in action.
- **Friday 29 November:** This focus will be on 'FROG', a Department for Education interface that runs alongside the new Education Management System. All staff will be trained in how to use 'FROG' for the start of the 2025 school year.

Swimming and Aquatics: Year 6 students will be attending Aquatics on Friday 22 November at Port Noarlunga. Receptions - Year 5 will be attending swimming sessions for the week of the 2 - 6 December. Please make sure we have all your permissions and payments in at the office as soon as possible.

Graduation for Year 6 students: 12 December from 5:30pm. The cost for this is \$20. More information will be with you shortly.

Information still to come - keep an eye out for it:

Big Day Out: 11 December 2025 for Reception - Year 6 students

School Camps 2025: School camp for Years 4 - 6 in 2025, plus a day excursion for Receptions - Year 3 will be happening in week 4 of Term 1. We are finalising prices, and possible ways to alleviate some of the costs for you. Please be aware of this as you head into the new year.

Be mindful of the extra pressures on all staff this term with reports, musical and other events. Here is looking forward to a great Term 4.
Steph

SCHOLASTIC BOOKFAIR

Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the Library on Thursday 17 October
You can pop into the library before and after school to purchase books on Friday 18, Monday 21, Tuesday 22, Wednesday 23, Thursday 24 October.
Cash and card payments are available.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

The Year 6 Graduation note has gone out to all Year 6 students. Please follow this up with a \$20 payment for the Graduation Dinner on Thursday 12 December 2024.

HALLOWEEN DISCO



Halloween Disco will be held in the school hall on Friday, 25 October: 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm.

We request students do not wear fake blood or plastic knives.

\$8 per student will buy a ticket to the disco, a glow bracelet, drink and a packet of chips.

Please return your note with payment for the disco if your child wishes to attend.

Only Coorara PS students will be admitted to attend.

REMINDER

▶ **Mary Poppins Jr**

Thurs 7 November

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▶ **Book Fair**

Thurs 17 October

REMINDER

▶ **Aquatics Yr 6**

Friday 22 November

REMINDER

▶ **Student Free Day**

Friday 8 November

REMINDER

▶ **Student Free Day**

Friday 29 November

REMINDER

▶ **Swimming
Rec to Yr 5**

Mon 2 Dec - Fri 6 Dec

Upcoming Events

These are the upcoming events that will require a payment. You will be notified of these in the near future.

- Swimming lesson - Reception to Yr 5
- Mary Poppins Jr - Tickets
- Big Day Out
- Graduation - Yr 6