

# Coramba Public School

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## NEWSLETTER 18<sup>th</sup> February 2021 – Term 1 Week 4

### IMPORTANT DATES

MONTH	DATE	EVENT
February	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	CH District Swimming
March	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	P & C Meeting – Time TBA
	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Harmony Week – Monday to Sunday
April	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Last Day Term 1

### Messages from the Principal

Good afternoon Coramba families. Already Week 4 and we have hit the ground running with a strong focus on literacy and numeracy. We have started implementation of our new School Improvement Plan and this term's focus is spelling. This was identified as a key area of concern in our Situational Analysis undertaken last year. Teachers are participating in quality professional learning using evidence based research, and developing and implementing teaching strategies using this. Part of this is developing an inquiry based approach in the classroom and explicit teaching of phonics. You might like to ask your child what sounds they are learning in class, and how these translate into spelling. Spelling is a key life skill which directly impacts reading and writing. Not surprisingly, speech has a major impact on learning to read, spell and write. If you have concerns about your child's speech, please contact us as there are a number of resources you can access. Whilst we don't have access to a speech pathologist here at school, there are free services within the community that you can access.

Another key focus in our School Improvement Plan is improving attendance. The following information is taken from a publication from the Australian Institute for Teaching and Educational Leadership (aitsil). This research states that irrespective of the reasons for absences, non-attendance affects student outcomes.

# EVERY DAY COUNTS....

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

*Give your child every chance to succeed...*

**Every day counts!**



While the Australian attendance rate averages at 92%, the attendance level is actually 72%. In 2018, only 75% of students were attending 90% of school days. Looking closely at this data, the reverse suggests that 25% (1 in 4) Australian students were absent from more than 10% of school time, or 20 school days. These students are missing at least one month of school over the schooling year, which is 1 ½ years missed of school from Kindergarten to Year 12.

We see this pattern at Coramba Public School. Since school commenced this year, we have only had 60% of our students attending 90% of the time. So this means 40% of Coramba students have already missed 10% of the 15 school days into the new year. As part of our school plan, we will be looking at ways to improve this and reach our target of 95% of students attending 90% or more.

The research says that factors influencing attendance are complex and we are hoping to gain a better understanding of our particular situation. Some of the individual factors cited in the research that are most likely to produce a student's non-attendance include:

- Academic self-concept and self-esteem
- Not feeling safe at school
- Depression and anxiety
- Lack of sense of connectedness to school and peers

- Negative attitudes towards teachers
- Lack of motivation or goals
- Disliking school, boredom, pursuit of other activities outside school.

Over the next few newsletters I will be including more on this research to support you and your child. If any of these reasons resonates with your child we'd love to talk to you about it. Just like we have personalised learning plans for students, we will be implementing personalised attendance plans for students. We also encourage a good morning routine to avoid lateness. If your child is absent, please send in an explanation. This can be either via phone call, note or Seesaw message.



Yesterday we had a terrific visit from Healthy Harold with Life Education educator Lee. Each class learnt about a different topic including cyber safety, maintaining friendships and relating and connecting to others. The students all thoroughly enjoyed the experience and Lee gave me some terrific feedback on how engaged and enthusiastic the students were.

Is your child reading every night? All classes have a Home Reading Program and students are encouraged to read every night. At this stage, K-2 Gawiyarr is leading the way with 93% of students changing their home reader every day. We'd like to see this percentage for all our students, K-6.

Due to COVID guidelines, work commitments and other circumstances, we have not been able to run a P & C Meeting for some time. The existing members are not able to continue on the P & C this year. We will hold a meeting on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 to discuss the future. If you are interested in joining the P & C, we'd love for you to attend. The time is yet to be set, but stay tuned.





Our student leaders have made a great start in their new jobs, in particular our School Captains Payton and Jack. It has been wonderful to see them being proactive in the playground, organising games and taking on a leadership role. Other fabulous things happening at Coramba Public School include our lunchtime Textiles Club, run by our SLSO Sarah, our Dance Program with Rhianna and our Basketball Program with Robbie. Lastly, congratulations to Ruby, Mahleigha, Sam and Ali for making it through to the Coffs Harbour District Swimming Carnival next Tuesday.

**Julie Barker, PRINCIPAL**







### **OUR RESPECTFUL, RESILIENT ACHIEVERS**

**Alex, Sienna, Kai, Mason, Logan, Levi K**

#### **PBL**

Last week during our Positive Behaviour for Learning lesson we revisited our PBL matrix and discussed what it looks like to be a respectful, resilient, achiever at Coramba PS. We also talked about our positive behaviour system and the process followed for negative behaviour incidents. This week students modelled respect in different settings around the school, for example, using a quiet voice in the undercover area and including others in the playground. They made videos which will be added to in our next lesson.

#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

**SCHOOL UNIFORMS FOR SALE – AS NEW**  
**4 x Polo Shirts–Size 6, 2 x Hats–M/L,**  
**1 x Hooded Jacket–Size 6      \*\*\$90.00\*\*      the lot**  
**or can separate.....PLEASE CALL 0407 171 286 (Fay)**

## Newcombes Buses

### New Bus Pass System being introduced

Ready Tap Go - Newcombe Coaches is introducing a new contactless Student Travel Pass called OllyCard. It is a plastic card the size of a business card.

How to use your OllyCard

1. Tap the card when boarding the bus
2. Tap the card when leaving the bus
3. Also the cards can't have a hole punched into the card or they will not work

In the near future this operation will be available - by 'tapping' on and off we can be sure you are on the right bus, and mum can receive a smartphone notification telling her that you are safely on the bus.

For younger children we suggest using a luggage tag to securely hold the OllyCard.



## Creative Kids Play the Ukulele



**Redeem your Creative Kids Voucher  
and give your child the gift of music**  
(Instructions on back)

[www.ukoono.com.au/creative-kids/](http://www.ukoono.com.au/creative-kids/)

The Creative Kids Absolute Beginners online course  
has been designed so your child can work  
through each lesson at his/her own pace,  
slowly and methodically building the basics  
of how to play the Ukulele.






This project is supported through the  
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**Air League**  
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## NSW GROUP IS NOW ENROLLING






Since 1934 the Australian Air League has been teaching young boys and girls nationwide all about aviation, while helping them develop important life skills like leadership, discipline, self confidence and teamwork. When you join the league you will make new friends and take part in fun and exciting activities, on the ground and in the air.

Each week you will attend your local squadron where you will learn valuable skills and take part in fun and interesting activities and classes. Some of our classes include Meteorology, Navigation, Photography and Community Service. Squadrons also attend training camps, sport and recreational days, flying experiences and ceremonial drill.

We welcome boys and girls the age of 8 years old from all different cultures and backgrounds. Parents and families are welcome to support or even join their local squadron as a volunteer. All adult members and volunteers are Working with Childrens Checked.

The Australian Air League is running both a fun and educational programme that is making fine citizens out of our young Australians.



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