

# Coramba Public School

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## NEWSLETTER 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – Term 2 Week 2

### IMPORTANT DATES

MONTH	DATE	EVENT
May	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Dental Van Visit – RESCHEDULED - TBA
	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	CHD Cross Country - Rescheduled
June	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Guest Author Visit- Sarah Armstrong
	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Coffs Harbour Dance Eisteddfod-Selected Students
	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Life Education Van Visit
	To Be Advised	School Photographs
July	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day Term 2
		Reward Day

### Messages from the Principal

Good morning families

We have had a terrific, albeit wet, start to the term. Last week you would have received your child's attendance report for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of Term 1. Please take the time to read the information on the back of this report, as it has many handy tips for supporting your child with their attendance. If your child is absent, please let us know on the day or by the following day, as all unexplained absences are recorded as such and monitored closely at school and network level. Our aim is to reduce unexplained absences and improve our attendance rates overall. Our school target is for students to have an attendance rate of 95% or above. Over a five-week period, this equates to 1 day absent. For your interest, in our last reporting period the attendance rates were:

100% attendance - 10% of students

96% attendance – 33% of students

93% attendance - 8% of students

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## Every Day Matters

Make sure your child doesn't miss out on the important things like:

- Learning
- Strengthening friendships
- Emotional development

When it comes to attending school, every day matters.

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89% attendance – 12% of students

<85% attendance – 24% of students

Whilst there is much to celebrate here, you can see that almost one quarter of our students are in the 'Cause for concern' and 'Critical cause for concern' categories. We thank you for supporting our high expectations for student attendance and we are here to help should you require further assistance.

This term we are strongly encouraging all students to improve their home reading. This has a direct correlation on reading achievement at school, which then impacts on learning in every single subject. In my role as Teaching Principal, I have been running learning support interventions in reading for several years now. It is incredible to see how students who have a regular home reading practice – and high rates of attendance, improve far more rapidly in reading skills than those who don't. Learning to read is a complex and sometimes challenging process. The only way to get better is by doing it, practising it regularly and making time for it. Our teachers are working strategically (myself included) to ensure we are doing our very best to ensure our teaching of reading is based on evidence based practices. Home reading doesn't have to be a chore – just 10 minutes every day will reap rewards.

Reading with your child at home will assist their development. Some strategies include:

- set aside some uninterrupted time to read aloud with your child
- read to your child in your first language - research shows that using your first language will help your child when he or she learns to read English
- listen to your child read every day, even if only for a short time
- talk about books together - make reading a shared, enjoyable activity
- discuss the meanings of stories and words
- ensure there is a range of reading material for your child at home, both fiction and nonfiction
- give books as treats and presents
- join your local library - borrow books for yourself as well as your child

This term we are also running a competition between the classes on books borrowed from the library. Students have voted on the prize for the winning class, and we look forward to seeing our borrowing rates improve. To borrow, students need to ensure they have a library bag (any bag will do, even a shopping bag), and they have no outstanding loans.

Yesterday a select group of senior students attend the 'Great Debate' at Glenreagh Public School with students from the Orara Valley. From all reports they had an enjoyable, yet challenging day, putting their debating skills to the test. Congratulations to all students involved: Alexis, Carter, Tristan, Jathan, Lachlan, KB and Madison.

Have a wonderful Mother's Day and enjoy the weekend.

Julie Price, Principal

**OUR  
RESPECTFUL,  
RESILIENT,  
ACHIEVERS**

**Laila, Jathan,  
Carter, Kye,  
Kenneth, Maddi,  
Noah, Georgie,  
Asher, August,  
Willow, Mia, Ivie,  
Coco, Mahalia,  
Eden, Jack M,  
Jaxson, Evelyn,  
Leo**



**Dental Van Visit**

Unfortunately, due to mechanical issues the Dental Van was unable to attend our school on the scheduled days. It will be returning, at a later date, to be advised. Completed forms can still be returned to school if you wish your child to participate in this free program.



**Community News**

**Have you returned your child's dental consent form?**

National Road Safety Week 2024  
5-12 May

**DRIVE SO OTHERS SURVIVE**

TAKE THE PLEDGE  
[roadsafetyweek.com.au](http://roadsafetyweek.com.au)

**NEW EDITION AVAILABLE NOW**

**DIGITAL CHILD SAFETY HANDBOOK**

We are pleased to advise that a new edition of this valuable safety resource is now available online with updated safety content.

We urge all parents and carers to download this latest edition and discuss the safety content with your children.

Child Safety Handbook App available for download:

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**Child Safety HANDBOOK**  
A RESOURCE FOR PARENTS, CARERS AND TEACHERS



## SATURDAY MAY 25th

The Quality Accounting Coffs Coast Rally is happening in a forest near you.

Forestry roads in the Lower Bucca, Orara East, Wedding Bells, Conglomerate Forests will be closed for competitive stages on the day.

The event is being organised and run by **volunteers**. Positions are available to assist with road closures.

A road or track that meets the road closed for competition often needs a person at the site. This is called a manned road closure or MRC (**Also known as a private spectator point**).

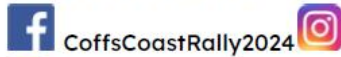
If you are interested in helping the event run, while having a fun experience in the forest please let us know. No previous experience is needed.

Kids are welcome.



Scan the QR code to access the sign-on page.  
Training is provided if required.

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CoffsCoastRally2024

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# Lismore's 32nd Annual Gemfest

Admission:  
Adults \$5  
Kids \$1

## Lismore Showgrounds

18th May 9am - 5pm  
19th May 9am - 3pm

ATM Available



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- Stay signed in and save your card for secure payments for fees and excursions
- Give consent, sign forms and respond to attendance alerts
- View the school calendar and news

