

NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 7TH JULY 2025

CORAMBA PUBLIC SCHOOL

REL PRINCIPAL: CATIE CROTHERS

IMPORTANT DATES

- **7th August** - Education Week Open Day and Book Week Parade
- **11th August**- Year 1 Phonics Screener
- **14th August** - 3-6 Digital Tech Incursion
- **14th August** - K-2 Art with Kristie
- **19th August** - MNC Athletics
- **20th August**- Indigenous Dance workshop
- **21st August**- 3-6 Art with Kristie
- **28th August** - K-2 Bus Safety Incursion
- **2nd September** - Yr 6 Orara HS Transition
- **4th September**- K-2 Art with Kristie
- **11th September**- 3-2 Art with Kristie
- **19th September**- 2026 Kindy Orientation



PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Welcome to Term 3! I hope you all enjoyed a restful break and are ready for an exciting term ahead filled with learning and growth.

This term brings new opportunities for our students to engage in enriching activities, explore their interests, and build lasting friendships. We are committed to providing a supportive and stimulating environment where every student can thrive.

We encourage you to stay involved in your child's education and take part in the various events and initiatives we have planned, including our Education Week activities.

At the end of Term 2, students in Years 3-6 completed the NSW Public Schools Survey. The survey draws upon current research on school and classroom effectiveness to report on key measures known to drive positive outcomes for students. Questions asked related to wellbeing, teaching and learning, inclusion, bullying and high expectations to name a few. The results of the Coramba PS survey not only demonstrated that students report experiencing a strong sense of belonging and motivation for school, they highlighted that students believe their teachers demonstrate high competence of explicit teaching, a focus area staff have been working hard in over the past year. Explicit teaching is an evidence-based practice where teachers clearly explain, demonstrate and model class material, breaking information into manageable parts, sharing success criteria, modelling skills, allowing time for practice, checking understanding and providing timely feedback. All students reported that our staff do this, and for that I am very proud. On the following page some further insightful data has been included.

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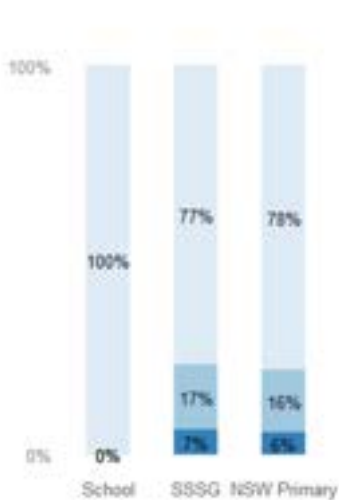
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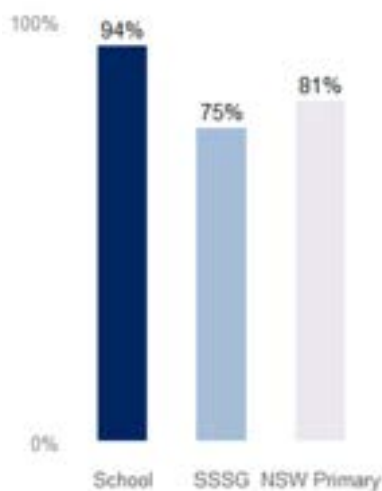
SURVEY RESULTS

Feel good about school

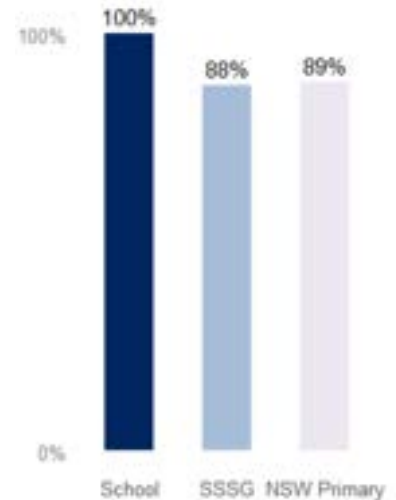
Strongly disagree/Disagree Neutral Strongly agree/Agree



Connectedness to school



Experiences explicit teaching



Strongly disagree/Disagree Neutral Strongly agree/Agree



Key

School= Coramba
SSSG=Similar School Groups
NSW Primary= average across state

SCHOOL CAMP

The 3-6 Lake Ainsworth camp is set for 22-24 October 2025, which is just under three months away. Thanks to our successful fundraising efforts, we have subsidized \$100 per student, which has already been deducted from your accounts.

The remaining balance is due by ****Friday, 12th September****. Payments can be made at the office or conveniently through SchoolBytes at any time. Please remember that you can pay any amount at your convenience; we encourage you to contribute regularly to ease the financial pressure as September approaches. Parents need to register their child/ren online. The links were sent via email to the parents. Please complete as soon as possible.

A note has gone home this week with your final balance owing. If you need any assistance, please feel free to reach out to us.



NAIDOC WEEK EXCURSION AND AQUARIUM VISIT

On the last day of Term 2, we were privileged to learn from Matt Flanders, who generously shared his knowledge of the local area, animals and plants with us during our excursion to Moonee Beach Reserve. We squealed when crabs ran at our toes, learned to identify native trees and most of all, developed our appreciation for the beautiful lands in which we live on. We then celebrated the end of the term with a trip to the aquarium where we learned that octopi have three hearts, sea cucumbers spit their intestines out at predators as a defensive mechanism and that all clown fish are born male.

Students were brilliantly behaved. A special shoutout to Matt Flanders for his knowledge and time, Kate from Solitary Islands Aquarium, Jake for accompanying us and Miss Stubbs, Miss C and Ebby for being the wonderful teachers they are and coming together to pull off a big day after a big week of reports and parent teacher interviews.

What a great way to end a massive semester of being respectful, resilient, achievers.



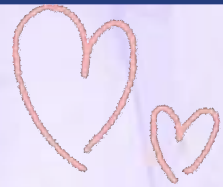
PRIMARY PRINCIPALS DAY

Primary Principals' Day Australia 2025 was on Friday 1st August and is an annual occasion dedicated to honoring the invaluable contributions of primary school principals across the nation.

Coramba PS would like to recognise and appreciate our amazing principal, Mrs Catie Crothers. Her dedication to creating a supportive and inspiring learning environment has greatly benefited our school community. Mrs Crothers is unwavering in her commitment to promoting the interests of Coramba Public School, providing invaluable support to both our staff and students.

Last Friday we took the opportunity to show our gratitude and appreciation for her dedication, hard work, leadership and the positive impact she has on our students every day.

Happy Primary Principals Day Mrs Crothers.



★ BEST ★
★ PRINCIPAL ★
★ EVER ★



DISTRICT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL



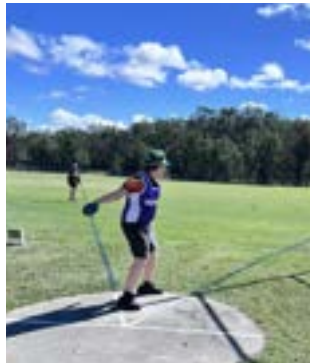
Congratulations to Noah, Alex, and Xanthie for their participation in the Orara Valley team at the Coffs Harbour and District athletics carnival held last Thursday.

The incredible effort displayed by our three students was truly commendable, as they each gave their all on the day.

A special congratulations to Alex, who has advanced to the MNC athletics carnival for discus, and to Xanthie, who has qualified in both discus and the 11 girls' 100m event. They will be competing at the MNC carnival held at the Coffs Harbour International Stadium on Tuesday, 19th August.

We wish them the best of luck on that day!

CONGRATULATIONS



ART WITH KRISTIE

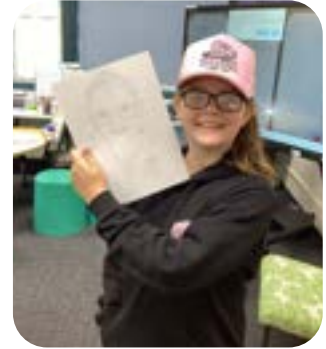
We are so grateful to one of our wonderful school mums, Kristie, who has generously offered to run art classes for our students during lunch times as an extra-curricular activity! Kristie's passion for creativity and willingness to share her time and talent will give our students an amazing opportunity to explore their artistic side and have fun with their friends in a new way.

Check out some of the talent from our K-2 students.



EDUCATION WEEK OPEN DAY

Today we opened our school gates and welcomed our community on site to celebrate Education Week- a week where we acknowledge the wonderful achievements of our students and staff. We began with a BBQ breakfast, followed by a special assembly, a book week parade and open classrooms. Thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedules to join us, it sure will be one to remember.



Our Year 6 students last Book Parade





EDUCATION WEEK ASSEMBLY



RETURN AND EARN

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Orara Valley Lions Club for supporting our school through their Return and Earn scheme. Thanks to the efforts of our school community, 1,877 bottles and cans were collected, raising \$187 – and with the Lions Club's generous top-up donation, we received a total of \$387! A special thank you to Kirri, Eden, Mitch and Peter for volunteering their time to sort and process all the items, especially on a Sunday. Together, we've not only raised funds, but also helped our students learn about sustainability and community spirit. Thank you!



ATTENDANCE

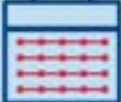
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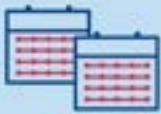
A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per **fortnight**
 = **4** weeks  = Over **1** year missed

1 day per **week**
 = **8** weeks  = Over **2.5** years missed



FUNDRAISING



CORAMBA SPRING FAIR Activity Day Saturday 4th October 2025



Coramba Hotel is hosting a fun-filled Spring Fair Activity Day. The idea is to create a vibrant, carnival-style atmosphere where each participating school can set up a stall or activity – think games, challenges, or creative experiences – and charge patrons a small fee to take part. At the end of the day, all funds raised from these stalls will be pooled and then divided equally among the participating schools. It's a fantastic way to foster community spirit, support each school financially, and provide a memorable day out for students, families, and the broader community.



CAN YOU HELP???



As this is in the holidays, we are reaching out to see if any members of the school community would like to help organize this event. If you're interested in taking on this responsibility, please notify the office so we can coordinate with the Coramba Hotel.



RETURN AND EARN



In partnership with the Orara Valley Lions Club, we will be collecting cans, bottles and cartons as a part of the return and earn scheme. Not only will we get the usual \$0.10c refund, the Lions Club will match the funds raised with a minimum donation of \$200 and a maximum donation of \$500.

PLEASE SEND YOUR
CANS/CARTONS/BOTTLES TO
SCHOOL. THEY MUST HAVE THE
BELOW LABEL TO BE ELIGIBLE.



REFUND AT COLLECTION
10c DEPOTS/POINTS IN PARTICIPATING
STATE/TERRITORY OF PURCHASE

We are unable to accept glass, apologies

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**Kindergarten
2026
Now enrolling**



Now taking Kindergarten enrolments for the 2026 school year. Please contact the school on 66544227 to express interest or to organise a tour.

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Penalties:

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- Fines for not wearing an approved helmet from \$410
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- On the spot fines for holding a mobile phone from \$410
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Stay safe and ride responsibly!