

# Coramba Public School

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## NEWSLETTER 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024 – Term 4 Week 6

### IMPORTANT DATES

MONTH	DATE	EVENT
<b>November</b>	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Orara Valley League Tag -K – 6 @ Coramba Sportsground
<b>December</b>	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Orara High School – Y6 Orientation Day
	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Kindergarten Transition – 8.50 am – 12 pm
	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Presentation / Farewell
	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Big Day Out @Woolgoolga
	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day Term 4

### Messages from the Principal

Good afternoon families

Only three and a half weeks to go! It has been a whirlwind of a term. We ended our week with a beautiful breakfast barbeque, courtesy of the Coramba Hotel. This was a result of their fundraising 'Burger Drive' which they held over recent months. Not only did Jodie and Kim cook us breakfast, we also received a \$250 donation to go towards running our school. If you bought a burger or two to support this, thank you!



I would like to congratulate our students in 3-6 Jaraan for their brilliant behaviour, engagement and maturity during our camp recently to Darlington Beach Holiday Resort. School camps are such rich experiences for students, as they learn to do all sorts of things they wouldn't normally do. They develop independence, resilience, problem solving skills and social skills in a safe and secure environment. It was wonderful to see our students do just this, as they tried new and challenging things in the Bear Grylls Missions and getting out of their comfort zone whilst surfing and bodyboarding. We loved having the K-2's join us on the Thursday for some water park fun as well. Thank you to Jake, our parent volunteer for coming along to assist on this day.



Increasingly, we have had reports on inappropriate behaviour online amongst some students through games such as Fortnite and apps such as TikTok. The eSafety website has extensive resources to help you navigate your child's online behaviour

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>. One of the many topics they cover is the question

## **'Are they old enough? How to navigate key online milestones for your child'**

The following excerpt is taken directly from this page:

*Parents and carers play a key role in guiding their children as they first encounter the online world and begin to learn through exploration, play and social interaction.*

*When is your child old enough to take their first online steps and begin to explore on their own? How soon are they ready for smartphones and social media accounts?*

*It is a good idea to protect younger children from online risks such as encountering harmful content, contact with [strangers](#) or missing out on physical activity. But it is up to you to decide when and how they take these first steps, and how best to support them as they begin their online journey.*

### **On this page:**

- [Should your preschooler be using online devices?](#)
- [Is your child old enough for a smartphone?](#)
- [When are they ready for social media accounts?](#)
- [Determine your child's readiness for social media](#)
- [Resources for parents](#)

For your reference, here are the age guidelines of some of the popular apps and games:

Fortnite 13+

TikTok 13+

Minecraft 10+

You Tube 13+

So, this means that of these, Minecraft is the only app that is regarded as appropriate for primary school children. The online safety basics is a great starting point for your family: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/issues-and-advice/online-safety-basics>

Here's another excerpt from this page:

### **Advice for parents and carers**

- *Keep the computer or device in an area of your home that can be supervised. Check in regularly with your child to see what they are viewing.*
- *Stay engaged with their online activity. Consider setting up your own accounts with the sites they use most, or simply browsing the content, so you can see how they work and understand the risks. Show good privacy habits by asking your*

child before sending them a 'friend' or follow request. If they say they don't want to connect with you online, it may be a good opportunity to talk about risks and rules.

- Explore the online world with them to help establish that you can share online activities as a family. You might want to play games with them or do a creative project together.
- Think about social media readiness. Most social media sites require users to be at least 13 years old before they can register, although some sites are created especially for children under 13. See [are they old enough?](#)
- Encourage respect and empathy. Teach your child to avoid sharing or posting things that may upset others. See [good habits start young.](#)
- Start building resilience. Explain to your child that there are ways they can deal with material that worries or frightens them. This includes immediately telling you or another trusted adult of any concerns or uncomfortable material. See [good habits start young.](#)
- Encourage them to learn about online safety by exploring the [kids](#) section of this site.

We encourage you to check this amazing website to support your child.

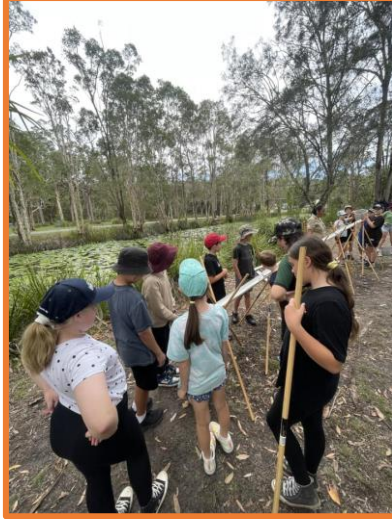
As the year comes to a close, we are busy writing reports and reflecting on all the achievements of your children. It has been a joy to see so much growth over the year and we are proud of each and every one of them.

Have a fantastic week!

Julie Price, Principal

## Darlington Beach Resort Camp





**OUR  
RESPECTFUL,  
RESILIENT,  
ACHIEVERS**  
**Jaxson, August,  
Eliza, Samuel**

Connecting our community, all welcome!



Check out the Facebook Event for updates or more information

# ORARA VALLEY GROWING TOGETHER

**Saturday 23rd November 2024**

Join us from 2 - 7pm  
at Len Towells Oval Nana Glen

**FREE Entry**  
Community Information  
Games and Activities for all ages  
Food and Refreshments  
Live entertainment

Orara Valley Community Action Network - OVCAN | Nana Glen Rural Fire Service - RFS  
Nana Glen Cricket Club | Nana Glen Community First Responders  
Get Ready Network - GRN | Nana Glen Food Collective  
Red Cross + CRT Community | Resilience Orara Valley Anglicans

**Thank you to all of the community groups and individuals who have contributed towards the event!**



**Getting to school by bus in 2025**

Will your child be catching the bus to school next year? Applications are now open for a Bus Travel Pass. As it's a busy time of year, we highly recommend you make this application before the end of the year. It's also good to check the bus timetable to make your child's journey to school as easy as possible. Here is how it works:

**Bus passes**

- All students catching the bus in 2025 will need a school travel pass.
- Under the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS), eligible students can apply for free or subsidised travel between home and school.
- For more information about the School Student Transport Scheme and how to apply for a school travel pass, visit <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/#/> from a desktop computer.

**Bus timetables**

Busways is the school bus operator that runs your schools' bus services. To find your child's school bus timetable visit the Busways website by using the following steps:

1. Go to [busways.com.au/nsw](https://busways.com.au/nsw)
2. Click on 'school services' in the navigation bar and then proceed to 'school timetables'
3. Enter the school's name in the field that says 'enter a school name'
4. Select the school's name and the timetable should open on your device. If you are unable to find or search for the school's name, use the drop-down menus on the same web page to find the school.
5. Once the timetable is opened, you will be able to identify which school bus services are available in your area for your child to use.

**FREE**

# CHRISTMAS FAMILY EVENT

**Date: Thursday 5th Dec Time: 5pm - 8pm**

**Details**

Join us for an evening of fun!  
Santa and Mrs Clause will visit!  
Games, Face Painting, Fire truck, SES Truck, BBQ, Glitter Tattoos,  
Christmas Craft Activities, Community Group Stalls, Popcorn, Slushies,  
Photo Booth for free family photos,  
Coffs Critters, and More!

Book your spot today, limited spaces



**BUNNINGS warehouse**



# Book Club Orders due by Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

**CLARENCE VALLEY FIRE to FLOURISH**  
Strength through community-led action

## COMMUNITY FORUMS

Fire to Flourish Clarence Valley is inviting you to a resilience planning community forum for the Caring for Country and Youth funding round. This is an opportunity to listen, respect and connect with Aboriginal community representatives and for the broader community to contribute to the vision and priorities that will guide funding decisions for this round.

Fire to Flourish will share the application process, including key dates, guidelines and funding criteria. Come along if you have a project idea or want to collaborate.

A \$30 gift voucher will be provided to each participant (up to 20 participants per forum/ one per household) as a thank you for giving their time and insights.

Following the forum, grant writing support will be available from December 9 - 13 and 13 Jan - 3 Feb from Fire to Flourish and Northern Rivers Community Foundation. Applications will close 3rd February 2025.

**Wed 4 December - Copmanhurst Hall**  
**Thurs 5 December - Brooms Head Hall**  
**Fri 6 December - Coutts Crossing Hall**  
10am - 1pm

RSVP by 29th November  
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