



Coorow Primary School

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Our school is built on the land of the Yuat people – the Yuat are part of the Noongar nation. We respectfully acknowledge that the Yuat have been the custodians of this country for many thousands of years and we pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

It's hard to believe that the 2023 school year is all over.

As always, it has been a big year of growth and change. Our 3Ups are ready to start kindy, our Pre-Primaries are reading and writing independently, and our Year 6s have matured into young adults ready to step into the world of high school. Every student in every year has learnt so much! When I look back at the pages in their workbooks from February, the progress is huge. It is hard to believe that it all happens in 200 school days (minus a few public holidays.) I would like to thank our teachers, Miss Turk, Miss Johns, Miss Stevens and Miss Herbert for all their hard work – the planning, preparation, assessment, feedback, and clean-up – that keeps the learning happening, every day of the year. A very big thank you, too, to every other member of our staff. Without your support, organisation, and management continuously in the background, we would not be able to do the work of teaching and learning

Dates to remember 2024



Wednesday 31 January	Year P-6 students First Day 2024
Monday 5 February	Kindergarten First Day 2024
Tuesday 27 February	Respectful Relationships Event



We've had some big events this year, particularly the Tour de Coorow, Blue's Walkies, and a 3-minute showcase in federal parliament featuring students' contributions to Durack's Biggest Survey. For all these things, Miss Herbert deserves special thanks. I hope you have all enjoyed them. I know that they have been important in building the children's sense of community and being part of something bigger than just their family and their school.

And now, for 6 weeks, the school will be quiet and the rooms will be empty: no voices, no laughter, no hum of concentration...until we all come back on January 31!

Sadly, there will be a few familiar faces missing next year, as today we say goodbye to the Martin, Parnham, Cullen and Meyer families. We wish them all the very best for the future in new schools and / or new homes.

On behalf of the staff, I would like to wish everyone a wonderful Christmas with your family and friends. Enjoy the break from routine, and the wonderful, hot Coorow summer. We are looking forward to seeing you back, ready for a new year of 'Learning for Life' in 2024.



Our vision
At Coorow, we strive to do our best. We are confident and resilient. We laugh and learn and grow together.

Library upgrade update - We would like to take this opportunity to thank the following organisations for their funding through grant applications for the upgrade to our school library— Coorow PS P&C, CBH Group, Bright Energy Investments and Community Bank Geraldton.

Our students are enjoying the new furniture and the cool split system. We have recently been advised that the planned ceiling replacement is not going ahead during January so the room isn't completely finished.



Community Bank
Geraldton

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GOPP

CBHGROUP

Bright Energy
Investments

<https://www.brightenergyinvestments.com.au/>

Save the Date- Tuesday 27 February

Coorow Primary School in collaboration with Starick are organising a whole community event on Tuesday 27 February commencing at 12.00pm.

The event will include guest speakers including:

Mark O'Hare - Family Domestic Violence

Kayelene Kerr - eSafeKids

Caroline Tuthill - Starick

Year 4-6 student sessions will run from 12.00pm and continue until 2.35pm. Parent and community sessions will run after school. We will provide a creche for children.

More details to follow when we return to school.



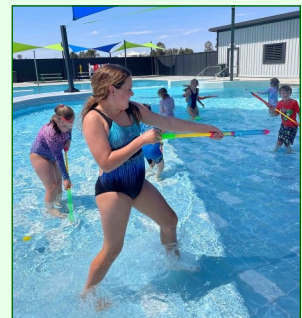
Kindergarten and pre primary students enjoying their swimming lessons.



200 nights home reading reward



Well done to the students and their families who have worked through out the year to improve their reading by reading for 200 nights or more. 17 students earned an invitation to the end of year celebration.





Graduation Dinner 2023

Well done to our year 6 graduates Tom, Ava, Albert, Heidi and Joel. We wish you all the very best in high school and beyond and look forward to hearing from you in the years to come.





2023 End of Year Awards

Academic Award	Heidi
Sportsmanship Award	Joel
RSL Citizenship Award	Ava
Junior Endeavour Award	Aaron-Kojo
Senior Academic Improvement Award	Tom
CWA Awards	Albert
Carnamah DHS School resilience Award	Ash
Melissa Price STAR Award	Joel

Congratulations to the students who were award recipients at our End of Year Awards night for 2023. Thank you to our special guests, parents and community members who attended.

Tom – Classroom Award for Academic Improvement

This year Tom has demonstrated outstanding dedication and improvement in his academic studies, especially in reading. He started the year with a positive attitude and set an optimistic goal to read at least 200 nights. Not only did Tom persevere and achieve this goal, he well and truly surpassed it, reaching over 300 nights reading this year. This increased dedication to reading



has been reflected in his literacy studies, with exceptional improvement in reading fluency and comprehension.

Tom, your commitment to setting, attaining, and surpassing your goal has set a commendable standard for your peers to aspire to. This achievement is a testament to your hard work and dedication.

Ava Parnham - RSL Citizenship Award

Ava has easily met the obligations and extra duties of being a Year 6 student leader while consistently demonstrating the RSL values of citizenship.



She 'is a good mate', always demonstrating inclusivity and tolerance of others, she is often the first to stand up for her peers and maintains a respectful demeanour throughout all interactions with both adults and fellow students. Ava 'works effectively as part of a team', whether is taking the role of leader or following direction from another, always taking responsibility for herself and for others as required, she shows self-control and maturity well beyond her years. Ava 'pulls her weight', consistently making a positive contribution to the school and community, she is not afraid of a challenge, doesn't give up easily, and sets an excellent example for other students with regards to effort, behaviour and perseverance.

Ava takes pride in herself and is respectful to others, making her a well-deserving recipient of this award. All the best for high school Ava.

Joel - Sportsmanship Award

Throughout the school year, Joel has displayed many qualities that make him a worthy recipient of the Sportsmanship Award. He enjoys participating in

all sporting activities and has represented Coorow Primary School in various Interschool events throughout the year. Joel is an outstanding leader



who always ensures

games are played fairly and everyone is included no matter what their age or ability. He has strong, positive relationships with all staff and students which enables him to communicate and solve conflicts in a respectful and calm manner. Joel has been an exceptional role model this year and consistently sets an outstanding example for others. Well done, Joel!



Albert - CWA Community Citizenship Award

Albert is a model of the CWA values. He willingly goes the extra mile with any task asked of him and goes out of his way to help other people. Albert quietly works to help others achieve positive outcomes, standing up for those who need her support and never seeking reward or recognition. He has all the qualities of a future leader, showing kindness, caring, thoughtfulness, inclusivity, tolerance, and respect for all.



Albert has taken her roles as a student leader and faction captain very seriously by encouraging others and being a supportive team member who never gives up and always gives his best. All the best for high school Albert.

Joel – Melissa Price Star Award

The Melissa Price Star Award was established to recognise Durack students who exhibit the commendable qualities of STAR. These attributes are: S-Strive; T-Thrive; A-Achieve; and R-Resilience. An individual's successes extend beyond academic achievements. Success also consists of personal growth, determination, and the ability to demonstrate positive impact on the school community.

Joel embodies the essence of the STAR Award, consistently demonstrating STAR qualities throughout the school year. He regularly displays resilience and perseverance in the face of challenges both at school and in his home life. Joel's positive influence on his peers and his determination to give his best every day serves as an inspiration to the entire school community.



Heidi Smyth - Academic Award

Heidi's studious nature and dedication to study have helped her persist with her studies throughout this year, consistently achieving high grades in class and external assessments, including a Credit in the Computational and Algorithmic Thinking competition. She is determined to do as well as she possibly can; indeed, Heidi thrives on challenges. Appropriately, she was chosen to participate in PEAC extension in Years 5 and 6 and has generously shared the learned

information with her peers. Heidi responds well to feedback and applies teachers' suggestions to her work to improve. As a

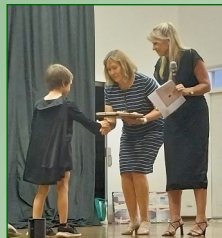
result, she has consistently received high grades. Heidi, as we will cherish the positive memories, we have shared with you, we hope that these experiences and memories will stay with you and set you up for a '*journey of lifelong learning.*' We look forward to hearing about your future accolades and achievements.



Ash – CDHS Resilience Award

Ash has shown tremendous resilience this year by persevering with all challenges set before him. He is patient and adapts his coping strategies to various situations while also encouraging resilience in others. Ash demonstrates the ability to manage all sorts of situations and still keep a smile on his face.

Ash's ability to persevere during both good and tough times will hold him in good stead for any future endeavours he chooses to pursue.



Aaron – Kojo - Classroom Award for Endeavour

Aaron is an exceptional student who has a great love of learning. He approaches every task with enthusiasm and consistently listens to his teachers and peers to enhance his knowledge and understanding. He is so dedicated and passionate about his learning, he not only works extremely hard inside the classroom, but he also works hard at home to achieve his own personal goals. It has been a pleasure teaching Aaron this year and it has been lovely watching his passion and love of learning grow.



