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## THE COOROW QUILL

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 is lovely to be back at Coorow Primary after being so unexpectedly away for all of first term. I would like to thank all of the staff, especially Miss Johns who stepped into the principal's position, for ensuring that the school kept operating smoothly. It tells us that all our policies and procedures are in place, and that the staff own and support these, when everything keeps running as it should despite a sudden change of leadership.

I'm lucky that I missed the hottest part of a very hot summer, and now I am enjoying the beautiful season of Djeran, my favourite. I think we all feel that Djeran is hanging around a little too long this year, though, and I wish that Makuru would hurry up and arrive. Makuru brings the cold fronts and the precious rains to grow our crops and replenish all the natural water sources, both above and below the ground.

### Dates to remember



Friday 24 May	P&C Day WA
Monday 3 June	WA Day
Tuesday 11 June	Faction Cross Country
Tuesday 25 June	Assembly
Wednesday 26 June	Road Safety Day
Friday 28 June	Picnic @ The Hill
Friday 28 June	End of Term 2



### Junior Recognition Award

Congratulations to Declan and Khloé who were presented with the Shire of Coorow Junior Recognition Award at our assembly on Tuesday. They are the first recipients of this new award.

The award is for primary school students living in the Shire of Coorow who engage in out-of-school activities that both take them out of their comfort zone and contribute to our community in some way. Declan and Khloé received their awards for speaking at Anzac commemoration services this year – a big challenge and a big achievement for Year 2 students. They worked hard to practise their presentations and showed a lot of courage speaking in front of a large group of strangers.

The Shire of Coorow has set the criteria for this award and awardees are selected by Council. Nominations for the award must come from the principal of Coorow or Leeman Primary School. If you know of a student who lives in our shire and who has done something beyond their usual school or Saturday sport commitments that has helped to build our community in some way, please contact me so I can make a nomination.



**Coorow**  
Primary School  
Learning for Life

### Our vision

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

**Student assistance Payment**

The cost of living has skyrocketed and money is tight.

The WA student assistance payment is a \$150 for each child in kindy to Year 6, to help you get the things you need for your children. Fewer than half the students in our school have received the payment. Don't miss out! Download the Service WA app, locate your child's WASN (WA student number) on the cover of their last report and you are ready to claim. Please contact the school for assistance if you have any problems.

**After school**

After school, many families like to stay for a while so their children can enjoy the playgrounds. We know we have the best playgrounds in town, and we love to have you here.

At this time, please leave dogs at home if you can. Any dogs on school grounds must be on a leash and under adult control at all times. Some students are afraid of dogs and we need to consider their security.

Also, please ensure that your children are under your supervision. This is a requirement of our insurance. Children should not wander to other areas of the school grounds without you, and they must not enter the classrooms. Any teachers who are on site after school are working to prepare for the next day, and interruptions disturb their work.

**School gardens**

Many plants in our school gardens have succumbed to the hot dry weather. I have applied for another Seedling Bank grant and we will be holding a planting day soon to replace these. We plan to do some work to build up the soil in the front gardens first, and then plant tubestock - tubestock are smaller to begin with, but they establish more quickly and form better root systems than larger plants. We would like parents to help their children plant some of our tiny new plants - more information about the planting day will follow, once we know when the new plants will arrive.

I'm happy to report that most of the baby trees we planted last year have survived. All but two of those that were supplied by the nursery at Walkaway are doing well. Those that haven't made it were leftovers from tree planting on a local farm and had been in their little pots for a bit too long, I think. Mrs C took some of those home with her. She has repotted them and is nurturing them along while she is on sick leave following her surgery. We will plant them out before the weather gets hot again.

A big thank you to Hannah who has generously supplied and planted a beautiful silver princess to replace one of the trees that didn't make it. Thank you, Hannah.

**School Board**

Coorow Primary School is an independent public school, so we have a school board. The board is made up of parent, staff, and community representatives. Its purpose is to support the principal to make sure that the school's plans and activities reflect the needs of our students, and that school resources are used effectively to support the learning and wellbeing of students.

Our board members, other than the principal, are:

Hannah Smyth (board chair), Jos West (secretary), Luhan van den Heever, Elly-Mae Curley, Emma Hegarty, Shannon Kenyon, Catherine McIver (staff rep), and Giulia Stangle (shire rep).

During their term 1 meeting, the annual school budget was explained to board members and they had the opportunity to ask questions about it.

At the term 2 meeting on May 27, I will explain to board members how we teach English, Science and Technologies, and they will be able to ask questions. They will discuss our progress towards one priority in our strategic plan (Creating a Safe and Supportive Learning Environment), and they will provide some input into our future planning in this area. They will consider our data collected from the 2023 National School Opinion Survey which many of you completed last year. Board members will also approve the new School Dress Code. The dress code applies to students and staff. It was sent home to all families on Monday. I hope you will read the code and if you have any feedback or suggestions, you can approach one of the board members before May 24 so that they can bring your comments to the meeting.

### Queries and Complaints

We try to make sure that the school runs smoothly and provides a positive and welcoming environment for children and families. We set high expectations for our students, and we work hard to help them to do their very best and meet their potential. We try to make sure everyone knows what is happening and when it will happen. Sometimes things go wrong, and sometimes you can sense that they are going wrong before it becomes obvious. Sometimes you just need more information. If you have a query or a complaint, please let us know. If we don't know, we can't fix it.

This chart explains who the best person is to approach with the complaints you may have, and what to do if you are not satisfied. (Please note that Mrs Millsteed works Monday to Thursday, and Miss Hall works Tuesdays only. Ms Whyte is available by phone in the office on Friday, but emails to [coorow.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:coorow.ps@education.wa.edu.au) will not be checked.)

If you need more information, please call the office for a copy of our Complaints Management Policy. (Hopefully our new website will be up and running soon, and all policies will be available to you there.)

Your query is about	Who to approach
School policies	Principal – by phone, email or appointment
Confidential queries about the welfare of your child	Principal– by phone, email or appointment
Problems with the class teacher	Firstly contact the class teacher by note, email, appointment, or by phone after 3.05pm. If the problem is not resolved after contacting the teacher, contact the principal, preferably by email.
Bullying or other problems with friends	Class teacher by note, email, appointment or by phone after 3.05pm
Classroom routines, academic work or homework	Class teacher by note, email, appointment or by phone after 3.05pm
Picking up or dropping children at school, or changes to bus routines	Denise Millsteed or Shannon Hall (and the bus driver for bus changes) or email <a href="mailto:coorow.ps@education.wa.edu.au">coorow.ps@education.wa.edu.au</a> Fridays, please phone the office
Student absences, illness, or medications	Denise Millsteed or Shannon Hall or email <a href="mailto:coorow.ps@education.wa.edu.au">coorow.ps@education.wa.edu.au</a>
School events or excursions	Denise Millsteed or Shannon Hall or email <a href="mailto:coorow.ps@education.wa.edu.au">coorow.ps@education.wa.edu.au</a>
Payments including voluntary contributions, events and excursions, or queries about payments	Denise Millsteed or Shannon Hall or email <a href="mailto:coorow.ps@education.wa.edu.au">coorow.ps@education.wa.edu.au</a>
Purchasing secondhand school uniforms	Denise Millsteed or Shannon Hall
Purchasing new school uniforms	P&C Uniform Coordinator - Tash Tomkins Uniform shop open 8.30am—4.00pm on Thursdays

**We can't wait to celebrate!**  
**Friday 24 May 2024**  
**#pandcdaywa**

**P&C DAY**  
**WA**

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## Honour Certificates

**Harris** for showing kindness to other students and younger children when they need support.

**Olive** for being a great problem solver, thinking of useful ways to help your friends in the playground and in the classroom.

**Emmy** for always trying your best in every activity, listening to , and acting upon feedback to improve your work. You have a great attitude towards your learning.

**Shanté** for setting goals and celebrating each success in mathematics, however small.

**Kira** for consistently approaching all learning tasks with a positive attitude, actively engaging in lessons and always embracing feedback to improve. Keep up the fantastic work Kira!

**Charlotte** for her improved enthusiasm towards learning tasks. It has been great to see you excited and engaged when learning new things. Keep it up Charlotte!



## Year 3-6 Camp 2024

Our year 3 to 6 students, along with year 4-6 students from Perenjori Primary School were fortunate to attend Camp in April, staying at Ern Halliday Campsite in Hillarys. Students spent the week enjoying educational activities such as visiting the Law Society of WA and being involved in a mock trial, participating in team building exercises such as the flying fox and crate climbing and attending the WA Museum. They joined the ANZAC Dawn Service at North Beach, visited the Perth Zoo and completed the Yanchep Tree Ropes. Everyone had a great week away from school learning outside the classroom. Thank you to Ms Whyte, Miss Stevens and Reece Bodinner for joining the students at camp, it is much appreciated. Without willing staff and a willing male parent our students would not have the opportunity to enjoy these experiences.

Also a big thank you to Coorow PS P&C for heavily subsidising the camp.





### Mother's Day

We are very lucky at Coorow Primary School that our students have supportive and loving, mothers and carers.

Mums, grandmas, aunts and other special guests, were invited to school to celebrate Mother's Day! We started off with a picnic lunch together. There was a choice of activities that everyone was able to participate in, including a music showcase, drama skits with props, showing our artistic skills with art in the ECE, making jewellery using beading or cubism craft in the Senior Room.

It was a lovely afternoon and the students enjoying spending time with their mums and other special ladies in their lives. Thank you to everyone that attended.





### Unlock the magic of reading with the Premier's Reading Challenge

Our school is participating in the Premier's Reading challenge 2024. There are prizes to be won, fun to be had and stories to uncover.

It started last Monday, 6 May and runs through until Friday , 6 September. We would love as many families at home to get involved with their children in reading as many books as they can during the challenge time.





# 2024 3-Ups



Welcome to Coorow Primary School 3-Ups program for 2024. If you would like your child to attend 3-Ups can you please complete an enrolment form available from the office, or alternatively contact us on 9952 2800 and we will email one to you.



We have a new teacher commencing in the ECE in semester 2, relieving while Mrs McIver is on long service leave. Due to this 3-Ups will commence in week 4, **Wednesday, 7 August.**



Please join us from 1.30pm to 3.00pm every second Wednesday of term. You will need to bring a hat, drink bottle and snack. Please also pack a spare set of clothes for your child in case they get wet or messy.







**P&C DAY**  
**WA**

**Friday 24 May**

**Join us to celebrate P&C DAY WA, the one day dedicated to recognising what our P&C does everyday.**

**Where: Cooro w Primary School, Friday 24 May at 10.40am in the s taf f room**

HAPPY P&C DAY WA! You all contribute so much to our schools. Your dedication and passion to help provide WA students with the outstanding educational experience they deserve is incredible. At last count, on average WA P&Cs donated an estimated total of almost \$12 million and nearly 500,000 volunteer hours each year to Western Australian school communities. Today, we recognise and acknowledge that each hour volunteered and dollar donated helps ensure students across WA

**#PANDCDAYWA**

**P&C Day WA 2024 is proudly supported by the WA Department of Education and FreshSNAP - Fresh School Nutrition Advisory Program**



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# Career Conversations

## Pathways and opportunities 2024

### Career information for families

As parents/carers, you are the greatest influencers of your children's career decision making. Together with schools we can prepare young people for the many opportunities and challenges ahead.

We all need to be having career conversations beginning much earlier than secondary school.

Armed with accurate, up-to-date information, families can explore together the full range of options and pathways open to young people.

Join the conversation about post school options at our free events in your local area. Come and learn about:

- where to find accurate, up-to-date career pathway information
- exploring university and training pathways
- career pathway information for young people with disabilities
- where the jobs are
- what employers and industry are looking for.

### Register for an event

[trybooking.com/eventlist/careerconversations](https://trybooking.com/eventlist/careerconversations)

### Full event listings

[education.wa.edu.au/careerconversations](https://education.wa.edu.au/careerconversations)

Region	Location	Date
<b>Metropolitan events (6:30 pm to 8:00 pm)</b>		
North Metropolitan	Joondalup	<a href="#">Tuesday 28 May</a>
	Midland	<a href="#">Tuesday 14 May</a>
	Morley	<a href="#">Thursday 13 June</a>
	Wembley	<a href="#">Thursday 25 July</a>
South Metropolitan	Bentley	<a href="#">Monday 27 May</a>
	Cannington	<a href="#">Tuesday 23 July</a>
	Mandurah	<a href="#">Monday 5 August</a>
<b>Regional events (6:30 pm to 8:00 pm)</b>		
Goldfields	Esperance	<a href="#">Wednesday 24 July</a>
	Kalgoorlie	<a href="#">Tuesday 4 June</a>
Kimberley	Kununurra	<a href="#">Wednesday 7 August</a>
Midwest	Carnarvon	<a href="#">Tuesday 20 August</a>
	Exmouth	<a href="#">Wednesday 14 August</a>
	Geraldton	<a href="#">Wednesday 22 May</a>
Pilbara	Karratha	<a href="#">Tuesday 30 July</a>
	Newman	<a href="#">Thursday 22 August</a>
	Port Hedland	<a href="#">Wednesday 31 July</a>
	Tom Price	<a href="#">Wednesday 28 August</a>
South West	Albany	<a href="#">Tuesday 14 May</a>
	Bunbury	<a href="#">Wednesday 29 May</a>
	Busselton	<a href="#">Tuesday 28 May</a>
	Collie	<a href="#">Tuesday 27 August</a>
	Denmark	<a href="#">Thursday 16 May</a>
	Manjimup	<a href="#">Wednesday 19 June</a>
	Margaret River	<a href="#">Tuesday 18 June</a>
	Mount Barker	<a href="#">Wednesday 15 May</a>
	Katanning	<a href="#">Monday 12 August</a>
Wheatbelt	Merredin	<a href="#">Thursday 9 May</a>
	Narrogin	<a href="#">Tuesday 13 August</a>
	Northam	<a href="#">Wednesday 8 May</a>
<b>Online events (5:00 pm to 6:00 pm)</b>		
All	Online	<a href="#">Tuesday 6 August</a>



eSafeKids has teamed up with GameAware to bridge the gap between gamers and parents through education.

GameAware is uniquely positioned to support gamers and their families:

- Minimise gaming compulsion and escapism by building resilience
- Reduce the conflict around gaming at home
- Develop self knowledge and a greater sense of fulfilment
- Learn how to play intelligently and sustainably

GameAware also offers a [Neurodivergent Gaming Club](#). GameAware has mentors who are either neurodivergent, or specialise in Autism and ADHD.

I've teamed up with GameAware to offer the eSafeKids community a **33% discount** on a self-paced parent course. I hope you find this helpful.

**GameAware**  
Bridging the gap between gamers and parents through education and intelligent gaming.

Parent Course  
Neurodivergent Gaming Club & Mentoring  
Educator Professional Development  
Student Sessions & Lesson Plans  
Esports Performance Coaching

eSafeKids has partnered with GameAware to offer our community a discount. Learn more: [www.esafekids.com.au/post/gameaware](http://www.esafekids.com.au/post/gameaware)



Did you know we need to protect our eyes when using screens?

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Every 20 minutes  
Take a break for 20 seconds  
Blink your eyes 20 times  
Look 20 feet away (6 metres)  
Move your body

eSafeKids  
[www.esafekids.com.au](http://www.esafekids.com.au)



eSafeKids provides books and resources to teach children about social and emotional intelligence, respectful relationships, diversity, resilience, empathy, gender equality, consent, body safety, protective behaviours, cyber safety, digital wellness, media literacy, puberty, pornography and so much more!



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# The WA Student Assistance Payment

Helping you get  
the things you need  
for your kids.

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## \$150

For each Kindergarten  
and primary school student

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## \$250

For each secondary  
school student

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To help ease cost-of-living pressures on families with school-aged children, the State Government is offering the WA Student Assistance Payment.

This payment is to help you get the things you need for your kids. From new school shoes, backpacks and sports equipment to uniforms, healthy meals, school excursions and more.

### Get ready to claim

Download the ServiceWA app to your mobile device.

Available from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

Locate the student's 8-digit WA student number (WASN).

You'll find it on:

- school reports
- previous NAPLAN results
- secondary student's SmartRider

If you have trouble locating the number, contact your school for assistance.

Claims open Monday 15 April

For more information about the WA Student Assistance Payment and how to claim, go to [education.wa.edu.au/wasap](http://education.wa.edu.au/wasap)

Claim on the  
ServiceWA app





# BREATHE BASKETBALL MEGA CAMP

DIRECTOR: DAN HUNT      LEAD COACH: LIAM HUNT

**JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

**DATES: 1ST, 2ND, 3RD & 4TH OF  
JULY 2024**

**TIME: 9AM - 2PM EACH DAY**

**AGES: BORN 2013 - 2009**

**COST: \$200**

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## OPEN DAY

**Thursday 27 June 2024**

**Gates open from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm**

Activities • Displays • Demonstrations  
Prospective parent & student information sessions  
11.00 am & 1.00 pm timeslots in the farm classroom

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## Calling all Juniors

Nothing to do on the June Long Weekend?

The Coorow Golf Club have you covered

Come and join other juniors your age for up to 9 holes of golf

Get to see what golf is all about in a safe and fun environment, or put into practice what you have learnt

Open to ages 8yo – 15yo

**Junior Participation Day**

Saturday the 1<sup>st</sup> of June

Names in by 12pm

Hit off 1pm

Sausage Sizzle and debrief after golf

For more information, please contact either Kylie Tremlett  
0427 651 350 or Phil Smyth on 0429 891 175

