



The *mini* Quill

Term 1, Week 2

Coorow Primary School *Learning for Life*

We're all back at school now and working hard. It has been a great start to the term. It was lovely to see so many mums and dads in the classrooms, bringing their kids in on the first day of school last week. You are welcome to visit our classrooms and have a look at your child's work any day before or after school.

If you want to touch base with the teacher, just make an appointment for a meeting so they can speak with you undisturbed. You don't have to have a problem to ask for a meeting – sometimes it is just nice to check that everything is running smoothly or find out some ways that you can help with applying your children's learning to the real world.

Class meetings I'm currently consulting with the P&C to select the best day for our class meetings, and I will confirm the date and times as soon as I can.

Interruption free week We try to run 5 interruption free weeks per term. This means that we don't hold any incursions, excursions or special events during those weeks. Our 'interrupted weeks' can feel a bit crazy as a result because there can be more than one event, but the interruption free weeks give teachers a chance to focus on teaching and learning in the classrooms.

French lessons Yr 3-6 students will begin their French lessons next week. This year, they will be learning online through the School of Isolated and Distance Education. Lessons will be on Thursdays and Fridays and sessions and will last 40 minutes each. I will be supervising the online lessons.

Week 2	
Monday 10 Feb	Breakfast club
Tuesday 11 Feb	
Wednesday 12 Feb	Breakfast club
Thursday 13 Feb	
Friday 14 Feb	Breakfast club P&C Welcome BBQ – to be held at school. Time TBC

Board members forum As we are currently writing our new school plan, some of the board members joined staff on Tuesday for a discussion that will help to set the strategic direction of the school.

They have suggested many ideas that will be included in the plan. My key takeaways were that the board members want their children to have a sense of belonging to their community. They want them to engage with local places, businesses and services, and they want them to grow

up knowing that Coorow will be a good place to come back to when they have finished their education, so ensuring the sustainability of the town.

Sustainability of the environment is important to them too; the concept of caring for the environment is something they want their children to learn and value.

They are supportive of the school's educational program, and of our efforts to improve. They appreciate the Facebook posts of the things we are doing, and especially the See-Saws that allow them to see and respond to their children's work. They want to be engaged with the school and with their children's classes in meaningful ways and would like us to provide more opportunities for this.

If you have any ideas that you believe should be included in our strategic plan, please feel free to email me or come in and see me. The more representative the plan is of our community's ideas, the more valuable it will be to us all.

Have a great week,

Jancy