



# Coomandook Area School

Term 4, Week 2

Newsletter

25<sup>th</sup> October, 2016

From The Principal

Kaye Fitton

## ATTENDANCE – Why is it so important?

At Coomandook Area School, we are aiming for higher standards of learning achievement across all year levels and all curriculum areas. By creating high expectations we want to maximise every student's learning to help them to become successful learners, confident individuals and informed citizens. Continuity in the learning is absolutely critical.

Success at school is strongly linked to regular attendance and appropriate participation in educational programs. It is crucial that children and young people develop habits of regular attendance at an early age, even from the time they are enrolled in a preschool setting. Students who have poor patterns of attendance are at risk of not achieving their educational, social or psychological potential and are disadvantaged in the quality of choices they are able to make in later life situations. Both Australian and overseas research, provides clear evidence about the importance of regular attendance for all students and the benefits for their future.

## Benefits of regular attendance for students

- Getting the maximum benefit from school will optimise your future life choices.
- Completing SACE means you have completed a world class certificate that is recognised not only by educational institutions, but employers across Australia and beyond.

Calendar Dates

Term 4

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October

Cricket Coaching Clinic Rec – Year 10

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October

Choir Murray Bridge

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November

Super 8 Cricket at Tintinara

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November

Year 10 Careers Week

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November

Maths Apps Exam – Year 12

**All newsletter items must be submitted by Monday 9am prior to printing. The Newsletter is printed every fortnight.**

**Thank you.**

- Attending school regularly will develop skills and attitudes that will help you to be successful in your later life. These include self-discipline, punctuality, being organised, persistence, resilience and sticking to routines.
- Regular attendance leads to an increased likelihood of being successful at school. Success leads to happiness!

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- Attending regularly leads to making friends and learning to maintain relationships over a length of time.
- You will learn the personal skills necessary to live and work successfully with others.
- You are safer at school than “on the streets.”
- People will be more positive about you if you have a good attendance record.
- Attending school provides opportunities for socialising with your friends.
- The more you attend, the more your brain develops and you develop skills such as critical and creative thinking.

### **Benefits of regular student attendance for parents/caregivers**

- By encouraging regular attendance you will know you have positively influenced your child’s education.
- You will know that your child is safe at school and not at risk elsewhere.
- You will know that your child is learning more appropriate things than if they were truanting.
- Regular attendance by your child will ensure that you have fewer contacts with government agencies.
- You will have peace of mind in knowing that children who attend school regularly, are less likely to break the law and go to jail in later life.
- You will enjoy more structured family routines.
- Your child is more likely to finish Year 12 and have broader opportunities.
- You will avoid a fine or legal action due to your child’s poor attendance at school. (Where a child fails to attend school as required by the Education Act, each parent/caregiver of the child shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a monetary penalty.)

We understand that there are legitimate reasons why students are absent from school. Valid reasons for parents to keep student/s away from school include:

- the student is too sick to leave the house or has an infectious disease like conjunctivitis or whooping cough
- the student has an injury preventing movement around school

- the student is going with his or her parents on a family holiday which cannot be arranged in school vacations. This should be arranged with the Principal prior to the absence by applying for a [school exemption](#).
- the Principal is provided with any genuine and acceptable reason preventing the student's attendance.

Currently our school’s attendance rate is below DECD expectations. Improving attendance is one thing that will need to form part of the new Site Improvement Plan for 2017. But we need a shift in perception about **attendance** and that starts now. I would ask that all families review their child(ren)’s attendance and ensure that absence from school falls within the legitimate reasons.

Agriculture

Philip Roberts

### **Coonalpyn Show Schools Farming Challenge**

This year we again entered two teams in the Coonalpyn Show Schools Farming Challenge. There were 6 teams competing, two from Tyndale College, Tintinara Area School and Unity College.

In the Blue team were Denzell Cross, Josiah Peter, Riley Matter, and Alistair Neumann. The White team consisted of Lauren Stansborough, Sophie Watts, Silas Peter and Jonathan Schmerl.

The competition consisted of a firefighting drill, fencing, hay stacking, making orange juice, drinking milk, ear tag hunting and tagging a lamb. It was a fun day and students participated with enthusiasm and good sportsmanship.

Coomandook Blue team took out the challenge with Unity College second, Tyndale #1 team third and Tintinara fourth.

Coomandook Area School would like to thank the major sponsor Landmark Murray Bridge for their continued support.



School Reminder

Melissa Prosser

Please remember that all students need to be wearing hats this term. Hats can be purchased from the front office for \$8 each. If students don't have a hat they will be required to stay in the shade.

Student Teacher

Melissa Prosser

For the first 4 weeks of Term 4 you may see a student teacher, his name is Stuart Bond. If you see him, please introduce yourself and say hi.

Farewell

Melissa Prosser

Last term we farewelled Sue Stopp from the Reception/Year 1 class. Sue has taken on a contract at Coonalpyn Primary School and we wish her well at her new school.

Teacher Information

Melissa Prosser

We have Tanya Cornish that has replaced Sue Stopp Monday & Tuesdays in Reception/Year 1 class and also Tanya is in Year 2/3/4 class on Wednesdays. We welcome Tanya back to our school.

Student Free Day

Kaye Fitton

Our Pupil Free Day on the first day of Term 4 was a resounding success. It was the first opportunity for me to meet and work with our whole staff about what matters the most – our students and our future directions. We spent two sessions examining all our formal data for students – Running records, NAPLAN, the recent PAT-R and PAT-M testing, school grades and SACE results. Our guiding questions were:



Student Information

Melissa Prosser

Jonathan Schmerl volleyball

Jonathan was picked to play in the State Volleyball Competition held at Coomera Sports Park in Brisbane.

His team won the bronze medal for the Under 17 development side. Jonathan said that he has grown a lot through this experience and he hopes to continue his volleyball journey in the future.

Jonathan would like to thank Coomandook Area School for their support and donation towards his Competition. He found it challenging and exciting and he said that he learnt a lot from playing and watching the other states.



What do we see in the data?

Why are we seeing it?

What, if anything, are we going to do about it?

In relation to the recent Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT), staff were able to pick out key areas for improvement in Literacy and Numeracy. They committed to action in Term 4, devising the “Literacy Big 3” and “Numeracy Big 3” for all students from Years 1 to 10.

We also discussed a new strategy from DECD – “Teaching For Impact: A Strategy to Support Teacher Development.” This will be the basis for future teacher development and a foundation for a new performance development policy in the school.



As a whole staff we also spent time reviewing other aspects of schooling – the school’s behaviour policy and procedures, our school values, our technology needs for the future, communication and website improvement. There is much to be done and staff are highly committed to improving our policies and procedures to make Coomandook Area School a place where the learning thrives. There will be additional opportunities for parents to continue to contribute to the process including the VALUES SURVEY attached to

this Newsletter. One of the questions I have asked staff is:

Are our current values still relevant or can we improve them?

I would appreciate if families would complete the attached “Values Survey” and return to school ASAP and preferably by Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October (Our next Governing Council meeting). It should only take a few minutes to complete. Replies can also be emailed to the school email address: [dl.0729.schools@sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.0729.schools@sa.edu.au)

SRC News

Melissa Prosser



We would like to welcome our new inductees to the 2017 Student Representative Council.

**President – Alana Kahl**

**Vice president – Charlie Seidel**

**Treasurer – Keely Liebich**

**Secretary – Kendel Pickering**

Students were asked to nominate as office bearers and their peers elected the new SRC committee.

Alana, Charlie, Keely and Kendel were sworn in by Ms Fitton at an assembly attended by all staff and students. The new committee pledged a commitment to their school, the students, each other, staff and the Governing Council.

Ms Fitton thanked the outgoing SRC committee, Kaicee, Taylor, Victorie and Tallulah and wished the new members all the best for a productive year ahead.



School Fare Raffle Winners

Stacy Seidel

- 1st-** 2 night accommodation for 2 Adults at Westbrook park, valued at \$400. **Winner J Tyler**
- 2nd-** 1 night stay at the "spa villa", for the whole family up to 7 people, Riversedge Caravan park. Valued \$220. **Winner J Barrie**
- 3rd-** Socket Set, valued at \$133 donated by Jaensch's Garage. **Winner L Bishop**
- 4th-** Gift pack valued at \$120 donated by SA Motorcycles. **Winner P Pedler**
- 5th-** Gold Coin, Commemorating 100 years of Railway Station, valued at \$55, donated by Coorong Council. **Winner R Brodie**
- 6th-** Avon Gift Pack, valued at \$55. **Winner K Stolarski**
- 7th-** Electrical Gift Pack, valued at \$50, donated by Langton Electrical. **Winner J Applekamp**
- 8th-** 2.4kg Mouse Bait, valued at \$50, donated by Landmark Cooke Plains. **Winner B Williams**
- 9th-** Chai tea gift pack, valued at \$45, donated by Cafe 20b. **Winner E Brodie**
- 10th-** Sauce and jam gift pack, valued at \$30, donated by Poppy's Pickles. **Winner A Mickan**
- 11th-** Bottle red and white wine, valued at \$30, donated by Riverside Hotel. **Winner J Applekamp**
- 12th-** Gift pack, valued at \$30, donated by Zavesti Hair and Body. **Winner S Dean**
- 13th-** Avon Makeup Gift pack, valued at \$30. **Winner L Slape**
- 14th-** Foodland Gift Pack, valued at \$30, donated by foodland. **Winner D Peter**
- 15th-** Avon Gift pack, valued at \$20. **Winner J Brodie**
- 16th-** Gift Pack, valued at \$20, donated by Hughes Newsagency. **Winner K Stolarski**
- 17th-** Gift Pack, valued at \$20, donated by Tailern Bend Pharmacy. **Winner K Dunn**
- 18th-** Money box Gift Pack, valued at \$20, donated by Bank SA, Tailern Bend. **Winner D Peter**
- 19th-** Drink Bottle Gift Pack, values at \$20, donated by Bank SA, Tailern Bend. **Winner D Petersen**
- 20th-** Bottle of Wine, valued at \$15.50, donated by Coomy General Store. **Winner G Brodie**
- 21st-** Shampoo Gift Pack, valued at \$15, donated by Kay Millard Hairdressing. **Winner B Williams**
- 22nd-** Himalayan Salt Candle Holder, valued at \$10, donated by Sindy Richards. **Winner R Watts**
- 23rd-** Coomy Cookbook, valued at \$10, donated by Coomy School. **Winner B Kielow**
- 24th-** Box of Roses, valued at \$8, donated by Foodland. **Winner G Ballard**
- 25th-** Box of Roses, valued at \$8, donated by Foodland. **Winner F Finch**
- 26th-** Crystal Jewelry set, valued at \$45, donated by Jo's jewelry creations, Absolute. DVD, Tailern Bend. **Winner L Gogel**
- 27th-** Bowen Gift Voucher, valued at \$60, donated by Bray Bowen Natural therapy. **Winner S Eckerman**
- 28th-** \$50 Food Voucher, donated by Jager's Tailern Bend BP. **Winner K Cameron**
- 29th-** \$50 Food Voucher, donated by Jager's Tailern Bend BP. **Winner F Finch**
- 30th-** \$50 Food Voucher, donated by Jager's Tailern Bend BP. **Winner D Brodie**
- 31st-** \$50 Fuel Voucher, donated by Barrett Fuels, Caltex Tailern Bend. **Winner Rodney**
- 32nd-** Fitness Voucher, valued at \$50, donated by Pumpfit Fitness, Tailern Bend. **Winner M McGinty**

**33rd-** \$50 Food Voucher, donated by Tasty Chicken, Tailem Bend. **Winner D Niehus**

**34th-** Tyre Rotation and Balance, valued at \$35, donated by Smedley Tyre Service. **Winner R Ballard**

**35th-** \$30 Cash, donated by "poppy's Pickles". **Winner N Clarke**

**36th-** Free Pizza, valued at \$30, donated by Tailem Takeaway and Pizza. **Winner J White**

**37th-** Shell Gift Voucher, valued at \$25, donated by Flo at Shell. **Winner T Kahl**

**38th-** \$25 Voucher, donated by Coronation Meat Store, Tailem Bend. **Winner J Payne**

**39th-** \$25 Voucher, donated by Coronation Meat Store, Tailem Bend. **Winner T Wilson**

**40th-** \$25 Voucher, donated by Coronation Meat Store, Tailem Bend. **Winner A Hunt**

**41st-** \$25 Voucher, donated by Coronation Meat Store, Tailem Bend. **Winner L Gogel**

**42nd-** \$20 Voucher, donated by Tailem Bend Bakery. **Winner K Dunn**

**43<sup>rd</sup>** – Coomy Fasta Chef School polo shirt valued at \$20. **Winner S Eckerman**

**44<sup>th</sup>** – Active knapsack. **Winner K Stolarski**

**45<sup>th</sup>** – Active knapsack. **Winner D Neumann**

**46<sup>th</sup>** - Coomy Fasta Chef School polo shirt valued at \$20. **Winner G Pier**

**47<sup>th</sup>** - Coomy Fasta Chef School polo shirt valued at \$20. **Winner M Smith**

**48<sup>th</sup>** - Coomy Fasta Chef School polo shirt valued at \$20. **Winner R Watts**

Primary School Pen Pals

Kelly Farrier

During the term holidays I was fortunate enough to venture to Canada and spend some time in Canadian Schools. Granum Middle School in Alberta welcomed me for one day where I was able to experience time inside of a 2/3, 4/5 and an 8/9/10 class. It was

interesting to witness the students, so similar to ours here at Coomy, trudging off of the yellow school buses with their thick winter jackets, snow boots and beanies and making their way through the knee deep snow. Students were welcomed inside where they enjoyed a school breakfast provided by the districts breakfast initiative.

I spent majority of the morning inside the 2/3 classroom where I was able to share what life was like in Australian schools. They were interested to learn that recess and lunch was always played outside with no inside cafeteria, and that we did not have kangaroos and koalas as residents in our classrooms.

Finally, I was able to hand out pen pal letters from our 2/3/4 class. They were thrilled and wrote back within a matter of days. Hopefully our students can keep this up and remain pen pals for the years to come.



Community News

**AUTHOR EVENT**

Lunch and book signing with  
**Victoria Purman**

**Presenting: *The Three Miss Allens***  
**Proudly hosted by the**  
**Tintinara Coonalpyn Community Library**

**Thursday 10 November 2016**  
**at The Tintinara Bowls Club**  
**12 noon for 12:30 p.m.**



**\$30.00 for two course meal**

**Bookings essential**

**Phone: 8757 2120**

Tickets available from the library

**Catered by: *Fancy Some Food***

Cash bar available



**Workplace Compliant First Aid Training**

At the Coonalpyn Community Hub

30<sup>th</sup> October 2016, 9am-5pm

\$160 (full) \$110 (CPK refresher, half day)

**BOOK BY PHONING 0885711018**

**OR EMAIL [hub1@internode.on.net](mailto:hub1@internode.on.net)**



**Coonalpyn Primary School**

With support from SA Ambulance Service  
of Coonalpyn & Coomandook

Invite you to a

**“QUIZ NIGHT”**

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October,  
6.45pm for 7pm start!

**Coonalpyn Football Clubrooms**

**\$5-00 per player**  
(Under 10 years old free)

Bookings of 8 – 10 per table  
to Coonalpyn Primary School  
phone: 8571 1019

**BYO Soft Drinks and Nibbles**

**This is an Alcohol Free Event**  
(Tea & Coffee available)

**\*All proceeds to Coonalpyn Primary School  
to keep ICT equipment up to date.**

We are still looking for quality items for our auction.  
If you are able to donate please deliver items to the school.

DOUGHNUTS    STEAK    SANDWICHES    SHOWBAGS

**TAILEM BEND**  
**PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**FETE DAY**

POPCORN    5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

10am - 3pm    RAFFLES

If you are interested in having a stall at our fete day,  
please don't hesitate to call Kirsti Downs 0419821015 or  
Tailem Bend Primary School 85723266 for more  
information.

KIDS CRAFT    LOTS OF STALLS    FUN GAMES



# Coomandook Area School

"Striving To Make The Difference"

SCHOOL VALUES SURVEY – PARENTS/CAREGIVERS Term 4 2016

Our school recognises the importance of core values to the community. These values represent the aspirations and beliefs of the Australian community as a whole, including its concern for equity, excellence and the promotion of a caring, civil and just society. Our core school values should be shared across the community and in classroom contexts. Examples of values include integrity, excellence, respect, responsibility, cooperation, participation, care, fairness, courage, commitment and so on. We would like the opinion of families about our current school values.

Please rate the current School Values 1-5 (where 1 is the most important and 5 is the least important):

- Confidence
- Honesty
- Persistence
- Organisation
- Working Together

Do you feel the current values are relevant? What do you like? What don't you like?

Do you have any suggestions for new values?

Briefly describe what your suggestion/s "look like" at school:

Any further comments?

PLEASE RETURN TO SCHOOL ASAP and NO LATER THAN MONDAY 31<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2016

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# CAS Term 4 Planner, 2016

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
Week 1	<b>17<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>PUPIL FREE DAY</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> October</b> SRC Induction assembly & morning tea.	<b>19<sup>th</sup> October</b> Yr 8 Camp	<b>20<sup>th</sup> October</b> Yr 8 Camp Yr R-7 Excursion to Lameroo	<b>21<sup>st</sup> October</b> Yr 8 Camp
Week 2	<b>24<sup>th</sup> October</b> Art Moderation	<b>25<sup>th</sup> October</b> Cricket Coaching Clinic Yr R-10	<b>26<sup>th</sup> October</b> Choir ICT Committee Meeting Wellbeing Meeting Finance Meeting Asset & Grounds Meeting	<b>27<sup>th</sup> October</b> Education Committee meeting	<b>28<sup>th</sup> October</b> Super 8 Cricket
Week 3	<b>31<sup>st</sup> October</b> Library Board Meeting Governing Council Meeting	<b>1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> November</b>
Week 4	<b>7<sup>th</sup> November</b> Yr 10 careers Week	<b>8<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> November</b> Maths Exam	<b>11<sup>th</sup> November</b>
Week 5	<b>14<sup>th</sup> November</b> Biology Exam	<b>15<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> November</b> Chemistry Exam SAPSASA Cricket/tennis try-outs	<b>17<sup>th</sup> November</b> PE Exam	<b>18<sup>th</sup> November</b> Assembly Staff Dinner
Week 6	<b>21<sup>st</sup> November</b>  SAPSASA Cricket State Carnival	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> November</b> ICT Committee Meeting Wellbeing Meeting Assets & Grounds Meeting Finance Meeting	<b>24<sup>th</sup> November</b> EDU Meeting	<b>25<sup>th</sup> November</b> →
Week 7	<b>28<sup>th</sup> November</b> Governing Council Yr 11 Exams	<b>29<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> December</b> Yr 12 Dinner-Riverside →
Week 8	<b>5<sup>th</sup> December</b> Yr 10 Exams Yr 11 Work Experience	<b>6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> December</b> → →
Week 9	<b>12<sup>th</sup> December</b> Presentation Night	<b>13<sup>th</sup> December</b> Excursion Day	<b>14<sup>th</sup> December</b> Carols	<b>10<sup>th</sup> December</b> Activity Day	<b>11<sup>th</sup> December</b> Assembly <b>END TERM 4</b> School finishes 1hour early

**Please Note: these dates may be subject to change at short notice**

*Communities for Children*  
**Murraylands**

Brain expert **JOHN JOSEPH**

is coming to the Coorong

*Join us for an evening with light refreshments and a FREE seminar with John Joseph for parents of children & teenagers*

**WAKE UP TO THE IMPACT  
OF SLEEP**

*Funded by Communities for Children Murraylands & supported by*

*Coomandook Area School*

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2016**

**Tailem Bend Town Hall**

**Nibbles from 6:30pm**

**John Joseph Seminar 7:00-9:00pm**

A free crèche will be available

Bookings essential by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November

For bookings or questions, contact -



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