## Important Dates

### JULY
- **Thursday 23rd**
  - OVLC Athletics Carnival
- **Monday 27th** – **Friday 31st**
  - Education Week
- **Monday 27th**
  - P & C Meeting – 6.00 pm
- **Wednesday 29th**
  - Whole School Assembly – K-2, 2.30 pm

### AUGUST
- **Thursday 6th**
  - Coffs Harbour Cup–1/2 Day Holiday
  - School closed at 12.00 pm
- **Wednesday 19th**
  - CAPA Enrichment Day
  - RSPCA Cup Cake Day
- **Thursday 20th**
  - RSPCA Information Talk
- **Monday 24th** – **Friday 28th**
  - Book Week
- **Wednesday 26th**
  - Book Week Parade – 2.00 pm
- **Friday 28th**
  - OVLC Softball/T-Ball Carnival
- **Monday 31st**
  - P & C Meeting – 6.00 pm

### SEPTEMBER
- **Wednesday 2nd**
  - Whole School Assembly – 3-6, 2.30 pm
- **Friday 4th**
  - Jump Rope for Heart
- **Tuesday 8th**
  - K-2 Enrichment Day – Ulong PS
- **Friday 18th**
  - Last Day Term 3

## Messages from the Principal

### OVLC Athletics Carnival

We apologise to all that the Orara Valley Athletics Carnival, that was due to be held today at Coffs International Stadium, was cancelled by the Stadium organisers. An alternative date has been arranged for **this Thursday, 23rd July** with the same arrangements as for today. Please listen to 2CS Radio station on Thursday morning if the weather is looking unfavourable. We will also post a message on our Facebook page early on Thursday if the event is cancelled again. Many thanks to the parents who assisted in transporting children back to school. Sometimes we have no control over external events. Hopefully all will be sunny on Thursday.

### State Cross Country

Paige Luck represented the Mid North Coast (and Coramba School) at the State Cross Country meeting held at Eastern Creek. Despite the coldest day in Sydney for 31 years, Paige ran a fantastic race and came 11th in her 11 year age race. Great resilience and confidence was shown by Paige. Well done to Paige and all students who continue to train, take part, persevere and put in great amounts of effort to keep improving; in sports and in other personal choice activities.

### Private Conveyancing Semester 1 Payment

Transport for NSW has been reviewing PVC subsidy claims for accuracy because it has introduced a new computer system and this has caused a delay. This has also deferred for a short time, the attendance days collection process for all schools. We understand this overall will lead to a delay of several weeks compared to the usual processing time. Transport for NSW has advised us they are apologetic for the inconvenience.

### Name Change

As from July 1st 2015, the NSW education system will now be known under the new name of Department of Education. This is in alignment with other changes to NSW Government departments and is part of the multiple reforms that are currently occurring.
Musica Viva
We were delighted to host another combined Orara Valley activity at Coramba Hall on Monday where students from Glenreagh, Lowanna and Ulong joined us to take part in the Musica Viva experience. This year the group Tigramuna entertained and educated the students about Latin American music. The students were all involved in dancing, playing instruments and listening to the musicians from Chile and Brazil. This quality experience is part of an ongoing commitment to improve students learning through regular participation in playing and listening to a wide variety of music.

Teacher Transfer
We received notification from the Department of Education this week that Mrs Morgan has been transferred to another school starting next year. Mrs Morgan will be starting at Karangi Public School from Term 1, 2016. We will be sorry to see Mrs Morgan leave Coramba but are happy that she will remain in the Orara Valley and will still be a part of the Orara community. As we were informed late last year, our current student numbers did not allow for 3 fulltime teachers at the school for 2015. We were fortunate that we have been able to keep Mrs Morgan as an additional member of staff for the whole of 2015. Next year, if our enrolment numbers do not increase to 51, we will continue as a two class school. We will continue to provide high quality education for all students.

3D Printing experience
Following on from the successful 3D printing day several students recently attended at Ulong, Mrs Reynolds has offered to bring her own 3D printer to school and teach class 4/5/6 how to design and create using 123D design software and a 3D printer. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to learn more about creating using technology and hopefully will spark some artistic/engineering ideas in our older students. Mrs Reynolds will be at the school on July 29th.

Community Meeting
Last Wednesday there was an opportunity for the Orara Valley community to attend an information evening about the Mental Health support services available to the community. Interrelate and Connect are just two services that can talk to and support families to maintain positive mental wellbeing for everyone. This also ties in with the recently published Student Wellbeing Framework that has been produced for schools. This framework, details of which can be found here, http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-the-department/our-reforms/supported-students-successful-students/behaviour-code-for-students will assist schools to provide safe, supportive and responsive learning environments for all students. Coramba Public School continues to work towards students being successful by ensuring high quality learning experiences for ALL students.

Bunnings BBQ
A huge thank you to our P&C president Katie Collins and the P&C volunteers who turned up on Sunday, July 19th to organise and work at the Bunnings BBQ fundraiser. This event, which is always difficult to book, was a great success for the P&C fundraising efforts and demonstrated what a dedicated small team we have. Please remember that the P&C is open to all members of the community and we are always looking for more people to attend meetings and suggest ways of supporting the school. This year has been a very successful year for funds; Nadeen has organised the P&C canteen to attend many local events. This support is greatly appreciated by everyone at the school. We know that although we may be a small school, we always provide quality rather than quantity. Thank you.

NAIDOC
Two students have been selected to represent Coramba School at an interschool NAIDOC public speaking challenge. This celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander achievements and culture will take place at Coffs Harbour Public on Thursday, 30th July. Linda Collins and Paris Knight will be speaking for 4 minutes on the topic of “We all stand on sacred ground: Respect, Learn, Celebrate.” I am sure they will enjoy the whole experience and represent Coramba well.
Music Lessons
We are really proud that so many students have chosen to take up the opportunity to have private music lessons at Coramba School. This arrangement with the Coffs Harbour Regional Conservatorium is almost unique in the Coffs Harbour area as we have worked hard with the Conservatorium staff to ensure that students receive the best quality music lessons as a school and for individual students. We currently have students learning violin, keyboard and guitar in private lessons. These lessons are organised through the Coffs Harbour Conservatorium. If you would like you child to join one of these groups or receive individual lessons, please contact the Conservatorium on Ph: 6652 1592. They will happily talk to you about your requirements and to arrange payments.

Government Sporting Schools Grant
We have been successful in gaining a new Sporting Schools Grant from the Federal Government. This grant is to assist primary schools in providing a variety of sports activities to students to help with the development of gross motor skills and fitness. At Coramba we had already been providing this variety through basketball, AFL, swimming, cricket etc. This grant will assist in covering costs for transport to swimming in Term 4 and engaging a sports organisation activity for students in Term 3. This will significantly reduce the cost to parents for these activities.

Kindergarten Enrolments 2016
In Term 3 we are already planning for Kindergarten enrolments for next year. We can expect several new Kindergarten students to start at Coramba next year, which we are delighted to hear. There will be a Kindergarten information session planned late in Term 3 for any parents wanting to hear about what to expect for their Kindergarten child in 2016. We always welcome any enquiries in regard to enrolling in any year group at Coramba so if you know of anyone who may be interested in their child attending Coramba School, please ask them to contact the office. We already know what a wonderful, quality, supportive environment is provided at Coramba and would like to encourage others to come and see what learning is happening at this great school.

Coffs Harbour Cup – Holiday
A half day holiday has been declared for the Coffs Harbour Cup, Thursday, 6th August. The school will be closed at 12 noon on this day. Please make arrangements to collect children by 11.45 am. NO bus service will be available at this time. There will be no supervision of students after 12 NOON.

SALE - SPORTS SHIRTS
We currently have an excess of White Sports Shirts in stock. We are therefore having a big sale of 50% off. White sports shirts will be only $10. Rush in to buy a new shirt whilst stocks last.

P & C News
The next P & C meeting will be held next Monday evening, 27th July at 6.00 pm at the school. All Welcome!

Canteen News
A canteen roster will be sent home shortly.

Community News
We are excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. Just collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths from now until Tuesday 8th September 2015. We will redeem these for awesome educational resources for our school. Simply pop them onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and once it’s completed, just bring it back to school or drop it into the Collection Box at your local Woolies. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. There are thousands of products available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn program, and we’d like to get lots of new gear! Products in the range include resources for mathematics, English, science, art & crafts, through to sports gear, library supplies and more. We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you’d like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn
NSW households throw away more than $2.5 billion worth of edible food per year.

Find out how you can save up to $1000 a year on your grocery bill!

A FREE Love Food Hate Waste Community Workshop will help you buy, cook and store healthy food to save money and reduce waste.

When: Monday 3 August, 12.45pm to 3pm
Where: Cavanbah Centre, Room B - 191 Harbour Drive Coffs Harbour.
Register: By 4pm Thursday 30 August to Leanne Cheali on 0649.4084 or email leanne.cheali@nchc.nsw.gov.au.

Workshop presented by Julie Ferguson, coordinator of REAP Food Rescue Coffs Harbour.

A light lunch, tea and coffee provided free to all participants.

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DESTINATION: COFFS HARBOUR

VENUE: Opal Cove Resort
ADDRESS: Opal Boulevard,
Coffs Harbour NSW

DATE: 3 AUGUST 2015
EVENT: WORKSHOP FOR PEOPLE WITH COMPLEX COMMUNICATION NEEDS (CCN)
COST: FREE
TIME: 10AM-1PM

*Individual consultations will be available after the workshop (2pm-4pm). Book by calling 02)9912 5814 or emailing EveryoneConnects@nsw.gov.au.

Very interactive workshop! Best part is being able to touch and see the devices. (Person with CCN)

Enjoyed the excitement and energy in the room throughout the learning process. (Clerk)

Please register using this link: www.surveymonkey.com/s/EveryoneConsultations
Or call 02)9912 5814 for a paper copy of the registration form.

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Aussie Hoops is kicking off at CHBA on Sat 25th July from 9am til 10.30am
Cost is $100 per person for kids 5-10yo
8 week program, Come and get involved!

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Free Courses for Parents

Toormina – High School
Loving Your Angry Teen
- Thursday 23rd and 30th July
Toormina – Primary School
Bringing Up Great Kids (6 weeks)
- Tuesday 28th July to 5th September

Urunga – Neighbourhood Centre
Managing Conflict in the Home
- Thursday 27th Aug and 3rd September

Day courses – 9.30am to 12.30pm
Evening courses – 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Free childcare available

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
To register contact the FrSP team at CRANES on 0642 7257 or email admin@cranes.org.au
Spaces are limited so book early!

Full course calendar available at www.cranes.org.au