

# COORANBONG PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## Important Dates to Remember

Fri	28 June	Reading Rewards afternoon 2-3pm
Mon	1 July	Art Attack 3-5pm
Tue	2 July	Children's Uni to Newcastle Uni
Thur	4 July	Recognition Assembly @ 1.45pm
Fri	5 July	Last day of Term 2
Mon	22 July	Staff Development Day
Tue	23 July	Students return for Term 3

will be on duty during this time. Also over the break the painting of our buildings will continue and finally the gutters will be cleaned out. Our annual tree inspections should be completed over this time.

## Projects

At the recent P&C meeting some important projects were discussed – Outdoor learning space; front grassed area to be upgraded; sandpit; adventure trail through our paperbark trees; mini farm yard. Yes all these are costly items and we will be discussing ways of financing these at our next meetings.

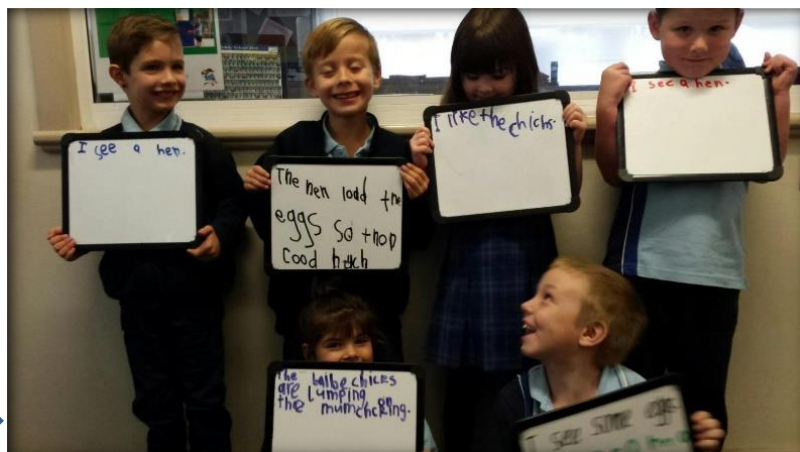
## Term 3

The Staff Development Day is on Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Students return to school on the Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> July. We welcome a new staff member Mrs Wendt who will be filling the role of Instructional Leader, assisting our K-2 teachers with literacy and numeracy.

To all students their families and staff have a happy and safe Winter holiday.

Jim Myers  
PRINCIPAL

We are very proud of our Kindergarten students whose writing skills are improving day by day!



## PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

Dear Parents and Carers,

As Term 2 ends we can think of the old saying " *the days are long but the years are short*".

**A BIG, BIG THANK YOU** to our staff for all their efforts, going far beyond what is expected. A job well done.

## Holidays

A safety message to all students to be careful in their holiday activities and also to take attention to the cyber safety hints that were given out by the local police.

Over the holidays our school playground will be open under the "Shared Space" program. A security person

**SCHOOL SECURITY PHONE NUMBER DURING THE  
HOLIDAYS IS  
1300 880 021**

## **K-6 Update**

### **K-2 Excursion**

The Civic Theatre excursion was a hit this Wednesday. We are proud of all of our students showing respect, being engaged and safe during the day. A big thank you to the parent volunteers and staff for a wonderful experience.

### **Stage 2 Taronga Zoo Excursion**

Today our Year 3 and 4 students travelled down to Sydney to visit the famous Taronga Zoo. Please check out our next newsletter for more details of the day.

### **Police Visit**

On Monday Year 5 and 6 were visited by one of our local police officers. The visit demonstrated to our students the importance of being safe online and the impacts of cyber safety. Thank you to Happy for an engaging lesson. Our students are being more proactive in staying safe online.

### **Playground Changes Week 10**

Next week we are trialling a new playground roster. Note that this will not impact on lunch orders, however, there will be a seated eating time in both breaks. This is to ensure that all students are eating their lunch and recess to keep them sustained for their learning day.

### **Reports**

Please see the note explaining the change of reports. The reports will be sent out early next term.

### **Reminders**

Our school has been a beacon of opportunity this term with various visits and excursions happening. Here is a list of events happening next week:

- Children's University Excursion – Tuesday July 2.
- Recognition Assembly – Thursday July 4.
- PBL Rewards Day – Friday July 5- last day of term.

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### **Update of Contact Information**

We recently sent home notes showing the contact information we have for your child on record at school. Please return these notes to the office as soon as possible so we can adjust our records accordingly. Please return the sheet even if there are no changes, please write "*no changes*" on the sheet. Thank you for your assistance.

### **Premier's Reading Challenge**

Congratulations for completing the Premier's Reading Challenge for 2019 Adrianna J! I am looking forward to naming many more students in the newsletter for finishing the challenge. Each student who completes the Premier's Reading Challenge will also be rewarded with a merit certificate.

Keep reading for the PRC which closes at the end of August. Happy Reading!

*Mrs Candice Gibson – Teacher Librarian*

### **Gardening Group**

The Gardening Group have enjoyed watching sunflowers grow, planting trees from Landcare and harvesting cabbage, baby spinach, carrots and white Fairy Floss strawberries.

We are looking forward to moving into our new green house next term. A huge thank you to Mr McGrath for putting it up for us! ☺



## P&C News

I would like to thank all the families who continue to support our P&C fundraising. We would especially like to thank all the parents and teachers who gave up their time to help at our P&C Disco. A special thank you to the Smith Family for donating their time to run the disco. All the children had a great time!

Next week we will be sending home a new Canteen Price List. This new menu will begin Term 3.

I hope you all have a safe and joyous holiday – see you all next term!

Tracey O'Sullivan  
P&C PRESIDENT

## Domestic Violence Group

A four week group for women who are currently, or have been in the past, controlled by their partner  
Gain awareness of equal versus unequal relationships and build skills for positive change

Community Activities Lake Macquarie  
(CALM) located at  
77 The Boulevard, TORONTO



Thursdays 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd August  
(Attendance at Week One is essential)  
9.45 am (10.00 am start) to 12.30pm  
Cost \$20 for 4 weeks  
Morning tea provided  
Expressions of Interest: Phone 49682511

Preference given to those who have not attended this workshop before



Funded by Hunter New England Local Health District



## Circle of Security PARENTING SERIES

Parenting can be tricky for everyone at one point or another. Circle of Security provides a roadmap for parents to look beyond their child's behaviours and develop an understanding of how to meet their child's underlying needs they are expressing. Circle of Security focuses on the relationship we have with our children, so we can give them the emotional security they need.

Come along and join **Jen** from Nar-un-bah and **Kath** from Community Activities Lake Macquarie in this 6 week group.

**When:** Commences Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2019. Runs for 6 weeks!  
**Dates:** 16<sup>th</sup> August, 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 30<sup>th</sup> August, 6<sup>th</sup> September, 13<sup>th</sup> September & 20<sup>th</sup> September  
**Time:** 10.00 am – 12.00 pm  
**Where:** Narunbah Schools as Community Centres  
Fennell Bay Public School, Bay Road, Fennell Bay  
**Bookings:** Please phone Kath on 4950 3855  
**Child minding:** Limited places available

**Bookings Essential**





# Use your brain



**MARK HUGHES**  
FOUNDATION

Mark Hughes Foundation Authority to Fundraise: CFN24839

## TAKE THE BUS TO SCHOOL AND MAKE BEANIES COOL

You may be surprised to learn that, in Australia, brain cancer kills more children than any other disease and more people under 40 than any other cancer, yet it is one of the most underfunded and under researched cancers of all time. Your participation in Beanie for Brain Cancer Day will enable us to increase awareness of this terrible disease, and raise much needed funds for brain cancer research.

Your school community can help us by participating in our Beanie for Brain Cancer campaign. It's easy, fun, and a great opportunity for students to experience first hand how a small effort by many can make a big difference!

On Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2019, Hunter Valley Buses will be donating 10 cents per school Opal tap for school students using their school bus.

Transport for NSW will be providing Hunter Valley Buses with the total school Opal taps for the day so we can contribute to finding better treatments and ultimately to finding a cure for brain cancer.

Participating is simple, wear your beanies and tap on and tap off with your school Opal card when boarding and alighting your school bus.

Make your taps count... to apply or update your child's details visit <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts>

## Your child's first smartphone – are they old enough?

Children often have access to devices, including smartphones, from a very young age. Whether it's watching their favourite program through streaming services on your phone, using educational apps or simply viewing photos with you and the family, they are engaging with devices in one form or another.

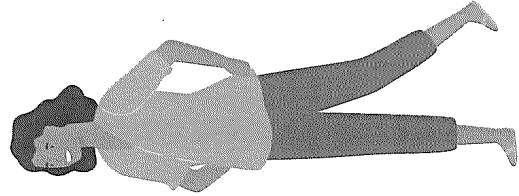
But when is my child old enough to be given their own mobile phone?

In 2012, the Australian Bureau of Statistics revealed children as young as five years old owned a mobile phone – two percent of children aged between five and eight years old, and 29 percent for children aged five to 14 years. This figure is likely to be higher now!

For many parents and carers, five years old would seem too young. For others, it might offer them peace of mind and security to know they can keep in touch with their child—especially in an emergency.

The right age for your child will depend on their level of maturity. It's worth asking yourself the following questions before handing over a digital device.

- Does my child have a good sense of responsibility?
- Are they able to stick to the rules?
- Do they show a good understanding of actions and consequences?
- Do they come to me or another trusted adult when they are distressed or encounter problems?



*My child has their first smartphone – now what?*

When your child receives their first smartphone it's a great opportunity to instill safe online behaviours early on, so they can carry these skills through to their teens and beyond.

Here are some tips for getting them on board with good online habits.

### Establish rules at the outset with clear boundaries

Talk about expectations and the consequences for not meeting these rules. Depending on the age of your child, you might want to set up a written signed agreement which lists the rules.

Here are some you may want to agree on:

- No phones after a certain time (i.e. 8.00 pm) – unless in an emergency.
- Keep to daily screen time limits (i.e. 1 hour per school night).
- Family time is a no-phone zone (i.e. dinner).