



COROWA PUBLIC SCHOOL



KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION 2023



LITTLE LEARNERS

Our 'Little Learners' transition class has been designed for the benefit of your child. The purpose of the class is to orientate your child to our school, encourage a sense of belonging and develop an understanding of what happens at 'big school'. Research has shown that allowing children to attend a transition program lessens any anxieties they may have about beginning school and increases their learning potential in Kindergarten.

The program is play-based, with the aim of providing interesting, educational and enjoyable experiences for your child. The program is delivered in a structured and supported learning environment which allows children to develop academically, physically, socially and creatively.

Your child will be encouraged to develop a readiness for skills associated with literacy and numeracy skills.

Benefits of the Little Learners program:

- a sensitive, smooth transition into school;
- familiarity and security with school surroundings and staff;
- a sense of belonging;
- play and planned curriculum continue to meet children's developmental needs;
- early identification of learning difficulties and/or special needs, enabling us to access support to ensure these needs are catered for.

**CONNECTION, COLLABORATION AND
CURIOSITY ENHANCE CREATIVITY**



DATES & TIMES

'LITTLE LEARNERS' TRANSITION CLASS DATES AND TIMES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

TERM 3: 9.30am - 11.00am

- Aug 29

- Sept 5, 12, 19

Term 4: 9.30am - 1.00pm (these sessions will include a lunch break in the playground)

- Oct 17, 24, 31

- Nov 7



HANDY TIPS

WHAT TO WEAR

Please dress your child in play clothes. Clothing should be comfortable, washable and easy to manage when your child uses the toilet.

Please make sure that all of your child's items (including clothing, bag, hat, drink bottle, etc) are clearly labelled with names.

WHAT TO BRING

- A backpack for carrying belongings
- A hat
- A drink bottle
- A change of clothes (to be kept in your child's bag) - this is handy if children get wet or have an accident.
- Term 3 sessions will require a piece of fruit or snack.
- Term 4 sessions will require a recess snack and a packed lunchbox with lunch.

DROP OFF & PICK UP

Our School Leaders will meet you at the front gate and welcome you and your child into the school hall.

At pick up time, parents can meet staff and their children inside the hall.

DUTY OF CARE

Every child at Corowa Public School is known, valued and cared for.

We have a duty of care to ensure that each child is safe at school and leaves our grounds with the correct person.

Please let staff know if your child is to be collected by any person other than a parent or primary caregiver.

For their safety, children will not be permitted to leave the program with any person who does not have the parent's permission or any person who is unknown to staff.

FIRST WEEK

DAY 1: TUESDAY JANUARY 31 2023

START TIME: 9.30am

FINISH TIME: 3.00pm

Please bring the children to the hall at 9.30am. Members of our friendly staff will be available to guide parents, if needed.

Our Kindergarten teachers will be there to greet you and inform you of your child's class. Teachers will escort students to their new classroom, parents can follow but are asked to settle the students quickly and, after a kiss and cuddle, leave your new learners to explore their learning space. Photos are welcome.

At the end of the day, the children will be brought to the front gate by the Kindergarten teachers where they will meet parents and hand over your new Corowa Public School student.

If your child is to go on the bus, please advise the class teacher when you arrive in the morning as little people often forget arrangements made prior to the start of the school day. A teacher will also accompany them to bus lines and then to the correct bus.

WE ARE CARING, RESPECTFUL AND RESPONSIBLE

DAY 2: WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 1, 2023

START TIME: 9.00am

FINISH TIME: 3.00pm

From day 2 onwards, children can arrive at school between 8.30am and 9.00am. There will be a teacher on duty to supervise children's play before class begins. Children will place their bag into their designated area before going to play.

Every afternoon children will be escorted by a teacher, to the front gate to meet parents or to bus lines to catch the bus home.



BREAKS

FRUIT BREAK

At the beginning of each day, children are encouraged to eat a piece of fruit to assist their learning. Students are also asked to bring plain water in a drink bottle as the start of the year is very hot.

LUNCH

Lunch is eaten with teacher supervision between 11am and 11.10am. Play occurs from 11.10am until 11.45am.

RECESS

Recess is eaten with teacher supervision from 1.05pm until 1.15pm. Play occurs at 1.15pm until 1.35pm.

Lunch boxes, drink bottles and hats must be clearly labelled with student names so that teachers can easily return lost items to students.

Corowa Public School is developing into a rubbish free school and so all items need to be in take home containers or the students will bring packets home for disposal.



OFFICE INFORMATION

Welcome to Corowa Public School.

Please find below some helpful information to assist with a smooth transition to life at school. All staff at Corowa Public School are happy to answer any of your questions. Please feel free to call into the office or phone with any questions you have.

LATE ARRIVALS / EARLY DEPARTURES

All students who arrive at school after 9.00am or are leaving prior to 3.00pm need to be signed in and out at the office. If you are collecting your child during the day, please call into the office to collect an early departure note.

The office has an intercom system to convey messages and call your child to the office to be collected.

VISITORS

All visitors to the school must sign in at the office. If you have something to pass on to your child, it may be left at the office rather than interrupting classes. The office staff will arrange for delivery to the classrooms.

FIRST AID

Sick and injured children are cared for in sick bay. Parents or emergency persons will be contacted to pick up your child from school if deemed necessary. Sick bay is a First Aid station and children should be picked up as soon as possible to allow room for other children who may come into the sick bay throughout the day.

In the event of an emergency, an ambulance will be called and parents/carers contacted immediately.

MEDICATIONS

If your child requires medication at school, please deliver to the office staff together with written instructions including the original packing with the child's name, dosage and time for medication.

Students who require long term medications will have their medication held in the medicine cabinet in the school office. Parents are required to complete a medication administration request form available from the office.

Students are not to have medication in their bags. All medications must be handed to the front office. If your child suffers from asthma or anaphylaxis, please speak with office staff to assist with management of

these medication conditions

All students who require an asthma reliever or anaphylaxis EpiPen are required to provide them to the school office.

STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child is absent from school, a note must be provided with an acceptable explanation of the child's absence.

Absence notes may be hand written and handed to the class teacher, however the preferred option is to use the school app. Instructions to download the app are attached.

Absence notes must include child's name, class, date/s of absence and an acceptable reason.

Acceptable reasons for a child to be absent from school are:

- Sick or injured
- Doctor, dentist, specialist appointments
- Approved leave by Principal

EXCURSIONS/PERFORMANCES/EVENTS

Events and activities organised by the school which require parental/carer permission and payment will require a permission note from parents/carers. This includes excursions, day trips, performances, sport activities, extra-curricular activities etc.

Students will receive a note with full details of the activity which includes a permission note to be completed and returned to the school office. If payment is required for the activity, the amount will be included on the permission note. There are money envelopes available at the front office for return of payment. Payments can be made by Cash, Cheque, Eftpos or online.

All activities have a due date for notes and money being returned. It is important to return notes and payment by the due date to avoid the disappointment of your child being unable to attend. Should you require a payment plan or extension, please contact the school office to discuss. All notes and payments are to be placed in the front counter slot at the school office.



UPDATING DETAILS

It is important for schools to have up to date family information. If you have changes to telephone numbers, address, email address, emergency contact details or student medical details, these need to be updated at the office. Please collect a green form from the office to update any details.

It is also important to provide an emergency contact in the event that staff are unable to contact parents/carers, especially in the case of an emergency.

NEWSLETTER/COMMUNICATION

Our fortnightly school newsletter provides families with current happenings at the school, award recipients, information about upcoming events and community information. The newsletter is produced on every even week and is provided to families and community via email, the Corowa Public School Facebook page and our school app - Seesaw. It is important to ensure you provide a current email address to receive the fortnightly newsletter.

Communicating with families and the community is an important part of school life. Messages may be sent out on the Seesaw as an alert to notify families of changes to school routines or upcoming events.

Corowa Public School has Facebook and Instagram pages which highlight student learning in classrooms and activities happening around the school.

If there is anything we can help you with, please don't hesitate to visit the school office, call on (02) 6033 1606 or send an email to corowa-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

Mrs Melissa Glare and Mrs Linda McGrath

LIBRARY

The school library has always been a haven at Corowa Public School in which students may develop and extend their love of reading.

Every student will visit the library during class time once a week and develop an appreciation for literature. Students are encouraged to treat the books with care and regularly borrow. Borrowing consistently supports students in their literacy progress in the classroom.

The library is also open most lunch times for the students to share quiet activities with a small group of friends.

Each year, Federation council donates a library bag to every Kindergarten student at Corowa Public School.

Many activities occur in the library throughout the year including Book Week celebrations and Book Fairs.

Mrs Anna Brewster, Librarian

STUDENT SUPPORT

P&C

Corowa Public School is supported by the Parents and Citizens committee (P&C), a parent committee of volunteers, who support our school by fundraising, social interactions and canteen support.

Parents are a huge component of our school community and parent involvement is very important in teaching the students the value of contributing to their extended community.

The P&C committee meets once a month and the meeting time is kept to a limit. Please come along and meet our current executive, we welcome both new and present parents, because many hands make light work! Keep in mind that not all members need to hold a position of office, but the input of all members is highly valued.

The Students are supported in a variety of ways at our school and some of these include our wonderful staff members. The obvious one to mention is our teaching staff, but did you know that there are other staff members who support our students?

SCHOOL LEARNING SUPPORT OFFICERS (SLSO)

We have a fantastic team of School Learning Support Officers at Corowa Public School who assist in classrooms and the playground to support students in both learning and wellbeing.

SCHOOL COUNSELLOR

We also have a specialist trained school counsellor who supports students when difficulties arise. Our counsellor also supports teachers to deliver the best learning programs for students to suit their individual needs. Our school counsellor can be contacted through the office and an appointment will be made through the Wellbeing Team.





CANTEEN

Welcome to all our newcomers for 2023. I hope to see a lot of you at the canteen over the coming years.

Our canteen provides lunch and recess for all students and we always have plenty of fruit on hand if you are running short for fruit break. The canteen menu will be sent out at the start of the school year.

ONLINE ORDERING

QuickCliqu has made meal ordering quick and simple. Once you have registered online, the site will walk you through the ordering process. We also use the paper bag system and the orders are placed in a bucket in the office in the morning before school.

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS

Some days can be very busy in the Canteen and I welcome adult helpers. Your children love to see you at the window serving their friends at recess and lunch. You only need to be here for an hour, maximum an hour and a half. You will be surprised how easy it is and how much your children will enjoy having you in the school.

To keep our canteen running at the present capacity, we need the support of our families, so I look forward to meeting you and having you support our canteen.

Narelle O'Donoghue, Canteen manager

HOW TO ACCESS QUICKCLIQ FOR ONLINE ORDERING:

www.QuickCliqu.com.au

Sign up, add your child, and add credit

To place an order:

1. Select a student
2. Select date
3. Add items
4. Confirm the order

To seek help: 1300 116 637

PARENT TO-DO LIST

Download the Family App



The Seesaw Family app is compatible on iOS and Android along with Kindle Fires. You can also access via the internet. Chrome and Firefox work best with the app!

Your student's teacher will give you a code or send you an email to gain access. This will allow you to see in real-time what your student is doing in the classroom!

Create your parent account!



Seesaw

I'm a Teacher

I'm a Student

I'm a Family Member

You will need to select I'm a Family Member. From there you will be prompted to join your student's class with the code provided by the teacher. This is where you will be able to see completed work from your student.

Seesaw

The Learning Journal

Welcome to Seesaw

We are excited to use Seesaw to bring families closer to our classroom this year!

Each student will have their own journal set up in their 'Class'. They will be able to add things to it, like photos, videos, drawings, or notes.

The teacher will also send important messages and reminders using Seesaw.

When there are new posts or messages, you'll be notified and can see what's new!

Seesaw is private.

You'll only see posts created by your child.

Each child can add up to 10 family members so share the code with grandparents and relatives.



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