Calendar of events 2014

**Tuesday 4th March**
Parent-Student-Teacher Meetings
Pancake Day Breakfast
Bring along a Gold Coin donation and have a pancake in the MPC

**Friday 21 March**
Harmony Day

**16 March—22 March**
Cultural Diversity Week

**Friday 4th April**
Term 1 ends at 2.30pm

**REMINDER:** Icy-poles are for sale for $1 Monday – Thursday in the MPC

Traffic Safety Concerns—please do the right thing for the safety of all

Parking around the school is always an issue at drop off and pick up times. Most parents are fabulous and do the right thing every day but get very frustrated by the few who endanger the lives of our students. Our road is a 40 zone at all times to assist with safety, driving and parking safely can only help further.

Remember:
You must be safely parked in a designated car park (not in the staff car parks or double parked) before your child exits the car.
Parents MUST NOT enter car parks to drop off or collect children between 8.45-9.05 or 3.20pm-3.45 unless requiring disabled access. The gates will be locked during these times if this continues, it is a safety issue to have cars coming in and out when students are crossing the paths.
Parents MUST NOT perform u-turns on Coral Drive.
There are enough roundabouts to keep the traffic flowing. Do not turn into driveways to turn the car around either, this causes a risk to students AND blocks the traffic flow.
I have requested Highway Patrol officers to be in the area more frequently to assist with our concerns, so please make sure you are doing the right thing or fines will occur.

NEXT TUESDAY

Tuesday March 4th is Shrove Tuesday or Pancake Day. Shrove Tuesday is the day preceding Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent a celebration in the Christian and Catholic calendar. Shrove Tuesday is determined by Easter; its date changes annually. Pancakes are associated with the day because they were a way to use up rich foods such as eggs, milk, and sugar, before the fasting season of the 40 days of Lent. Uniting Care raises money to support their work with people in need, including people without a home, disadvantaged children, families in crisis and those with disabilities. In 2014 Uniting Care are using money raised from Pancake Day events around Australia to support those who are homeless. On Tuesday 4th March bring a gold coin donation and join in the pancake eating fun. The money raised will be sent to Uniting Care to assist them to continue to help families in our community.

School Photo envelopes are coming home today, School photos will be taken on Tuesday 1 April.
The message of Harmony Day is Everyone Belongs. Our Australian Story is diverse. We come from many countries around the world. Let’s take the time to celebrate our diversity. It’s a way we can learn and understand. Everyone has a story to tell and a recipe to share.

On Friday 21st March students are invited to dress in their cultural clothes, colours of the flag of their heritage or orange – the colour of Harmony Day.

Parents are invited to watch the concert performed by students in the afternoon in the MPC.

From My Country To Your Plate

At Coral Park Primary School, 2014 will see the launch a family recipe book “From My Country To Your Plate”

We come from many countries around the world with many different culinary styles and tastes. We each make up the pages of the bigger Australia story we share today. From the Dreamtime to the Eureka to the Snowy River, from the outback to the city, in wartime and in peace, some stories may be heart wrenching but also inspirational.

Let’s take the time to celebrate our diversity and go beyond the cover of the book and wander through the pages of each other’s story and into their kitchens. It’s a way we can learn about and understand each other. Everyone has a recipe to share and a story to tell.

We invite all families to help us produce a cook book. Our aim is to collect as many recipes from the various cultures of our families, along with a story (if they like) about the child’s/families/parents journey to Australia or even as to why the particular recipe is important to you (limit 600 words). We will then collate these stories and recipes to produce our book, ‘From My Country To Your Plate’ which will be available for sale once completed. The cut off date for recipes and stories is Friday 21st March. Harmony Day is Friday 21st March.

Cultural Diversity Week runs from the 16th March - 24th March.

Our main celebrations this year will be on Friday 21st March. On this day, we encourage all students to come dressed in their cultural clothes, colours of the flag of their heritage country or wearing orange - the colour of Harmony Day. On Thursday 20th March between 12 - 3pm students will participate in learning some dance moves from Foot Steps dance company. On Friday buddy grades will get together and put their cooking skills to the test (times will vary for each class). Parents are invited to come and have lunch with their child/children in the classrooms. Students are welcome to bring something from their culture to share (students will also need their regular lunch!!). Don’t forget assembly in the afternoon. Throughout the week there will be a focus on multiculturalism. There are endless resources on the websites: http://www.harmony.gov.au & http://multicultural.vic.gov.au
Fun & Fitness
Every Morning 8.30am till 8.55am
in the MPC with Bill

Monday: Mixed indoor soccer
Tuesday: Table Tennis
Wednesday: Badminton
Thursday: Running Club on oval
Friday: Mixed indoor soccer.

Lunchtime Activities
Lunchtime Clubs are available for our students throughout the week.

So... What's on this term?
Mondays  Garden with Leanna or Piano with Mr Tilley (All students)
Tuesdays  Middles & Seniors running Club with Matt, Katrina & Gill
          Skipping with Linda (everyone)
          Band members practice with Mr Tilley
Wednesdays Middle & Senior basketball with Bill
             Recorder (for anyone) with Mr Tilley
             Guitar with Jerome (Paid for students only)
Thursdays Junior & Middle Zumba with Stephanie
          Guitar with Mr Tilley (interested students)
Fridays Junior activities with the SLCs in the Junior area

HOMEWORK CLUB
Every Wednesday from 3.30pm to 4.15pm
in the Library with Linda & Tony.

Crafty Nature - Middle Elective
This term the students have collected bits and pieces of nature from their backyard, school ground or on the beach. The students have created some clever pieces of art using natural products. They are on display in the office area.

Make sure you come and have a look!

Student Accident Insurance
Parents are reminded that the Department of Education & Early Childhood Development does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. The DEECD and school cannot advise parents/guardians on whether to purchase a student accident policy or which policy to purchase. It is recommended that they seek assistance in this matter with their insurance broker or find a suitable personal accident insurer in the Yellow Pages or online. We do at times have flyers from companies at the school office for you to have a look at also.

Student Diaries
We are trying to increase home-Middle and Senior School communication through more effective use of student diaries. Messages will be placed in diaries regarding events, notes, behaviour, effort throughout the term. Please ask your child about their diary and make comments if you haven't already.

GRADE 6 2014 TOPS
Orders for grade six tops need to be placed by Tuesday 4th March at the front office. They are $33. If parents want to check their children's top size they can see Mr. Baker in S13. No late orders can be accepted.
Congratulations

These children won a prize last week in the Healthy Food Raffle:-
Nuria, J1 for having a sandwich, milk and water.
Nilofer, S11 for eating a salami sandwich, apple and rockmelon.
Rosdom, M16 for eating an apple, peach and cucumber.
Chase, M18 for having a salada, sandwich, apple and water.
Vasco, S14 for having a sandwich, apple and yoghurt.

Birthday Books

Thank you to Haze, Hoki, Bailey & Danijela for donating birthday books to our library.

We wish you a very happy birthday.

If you would like to donate a birthday book to the school, please see Linda in the library.

Has your child ever been to the dentist?

Recently, the school nurse visited all of our prep students, she was astounded by the lack of oral hygiene care in many of our students. Quite a few have been referred on to dental services.

Are you aware there is a School Dental Service?

All children aged 0-12 years are eligible. Children aged between 12-17 years are also eligible if their parent or carer holds a current health care or pensioner concession card.

All general dental treatment is provided including dental check-ups and advice, dental sealants to prevent decay, teeth cleaning and fillings.

How much does it cost?
If you hold a current health care or pensioner card, the service is free.
Non-concession card holders pay a fee of $29 per child per course of care which includes a dental examination and all general treatment.

Where do I go?
Cranbourne: 140-150 Sladen Street Ph: 5990 6226
Dandenong: David Street Ph: 9554 1085 or Level 3, 229 Thomas St Ph: 8792 2300
Berwick: 28 Parkhill Drive Ph: 8768 5141

Did you know?
Thorough tooth cleaning with the correct technique is required for the maintenance of healthy teeth and gums. Good oral hygiene at an early age will reduce the likelihood of gum disease later in life.
Encourage your child to clean their teeth at least twice each day after meals and before bed. Most children do not have the coordination to use a tooth brush properly before the age of 6 or 7 therefore, you should assist young children to brush. All Prep and Junior students received a healthy teeth fact sheet which includes correct brushing technique with today's newsletter. If you would like one, please collect one from the front office.

Do you want to play basketball?
Are you in grade 3 or 4 and interested in joining a basketball team and learning new skills?
Hampton Park Basketball Association are looking for new players.
Come to the MPC next Thursday at lunchtime and meet Chris and Mark, they will help you to learn some new skills and see if you want to join a team.
Thursday 6th March in the MPC at lunchtime.
Come and try and have some fun.