Calendar of events 2014

March

Friday 14 March
Assembly item J8 & J9
Senior Summer Lightning
Premiership Day

Wednesday 19 March
Parent Session on
Helping Your Child with reading
9am in the staffroom

Friday 21 March
National Day against Bullying
Harmony Day Celebrations
12.50 bring a plate of food from
your country to share with your
child’s class
Come along to assembly to see
the students perform cultural
dances—get involved with your
child

16 March—22 March
Cultural Diversity Week

APRIL

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

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

School Council Elections — We need your votes.

As you know we are currently undergoing the election process for School Council members. For the first time in many years, we have more nominations than positions vacant, this means we need to go to a community vote.

Please read the information below for the 4 nominations received. Sue Mueller, Kahl Richardson, Adina Hoareau and Liz Huggins would all like to be members of School Council. Thank you to each of them and Ngarelle Gordon for nominating. As Ngarelle is a Department of Education and Early Childhood Development employee, she has withdrawn her nomination for the Parent Category and will happily attend meetings as a volunteer Community member. Thank you to Ngarelle and welcome aboard School Council. The other four members now need your vote to be elected in to the two vacant positions. We also have a third casual vacancy to fill which is only a one year term. The third placed successful applicant will fill this position. The fourth candidate will I am sure be happy to continue working with council as a Community Member also.

Introducing your candidates: Susan, Kahl, Adina and Liz

My name is Susan Mueller and I have two children attending Coral Park Primary School. We live locally and have been a part of the school community for three years. In recent times, the school has supported my family, especially my children and for that I am very grateful. I wish to become a member of the school council to be more involved and to show my appreciation.

My name is Kahl Richardson and I have a son in Grade 1 at Coral Park Primary School. I would like to be a member of the School Council because I would like the opportunity to work with the school to make Coral Park Primary better. I believe that I can bring something new to the School Council from my personal experiences as well as my volunteering at this school.

My name is Adina Hoareau and I am the mother of Mayson who is in grade one (J9) at Coral Park Primary School. I really wish to be part of the School Council of this school. I would like to be involved and be part of school council matters as I strongly believe that education is one of the most important things in a child’s life.

My name is Elizabeth Huggins (Liz), I have 2 children who attend this wonderful school, Chase M18 and Tayleah J4. I also have a 3 year old who attends playgroup. I am running for School Council mainly because I believe I would have a good input and some great ideas. I am currently helping out in playgroup that runs here on Monday mornings and I am a friendly and welcoming person to all members of our school community, I especially love the multiculturalness of it. I have a big interest in helping out around the school with students, parents and staff. Please take the time to consider my nomination.

All School Community members are asked to complete the attached ballot form and nominate their preferences for School Council election voting. Please nominate in preference order only two candidates. Please place the number 1 beside your preferred candidate and a number 2 beside your second preference, place in a sealed envelope and return to the school office. The envelope must have your details on the back, this ensures all votes are validated, please do not write them on the voting form. All forms are to be placed in a sealed envelope and placed in the silver voting box at the school office by Thursday 20th March. Good luck to our nominees.
On Friday 28 February at assembly we formally welcomed the following students into the Student Leadership Council.

From Phoenix: Amy-Lee, Eva, Alicia L and Prabhu. From Lynx: Melissa, Nathan, Eleni and Ariel
From Scorpions: Mason, Tateana, Raj, Jianne, Bunrany and Hema and from Pegasus: Lauren and Denisha

We also have some students who have shown a keen interest in being members of the SLC. These students are on probation and are currently proving themselves by being at school each day by 8.45 to assist with reading in junior classrooms, completing all homework, being in school uniform every day, regular attendance and being generally great role models. We wish them the best on continuing their journey into leadership.

These students join our house and vice captains as members of the SLC. Some of the roles they will fulfil in term 1 are: organisation of the whole school assembly, raffles, selling icy poles, setting up SLC café and helping in the school canteen, tidying the grounds, helping with jobs around the school and helping in junior classrooms.

Students give up their lunchtimes on occasion to run clubs, lunchtime activities and keep our library tidy.

The SLC’s first task of 2014 was to learn how to set a table for formal dining thanks to Jianne, Justine and Joana’s Grandma Tita. The students had a great time, setting the table and learning napkin folds. Thanks to Tita and Jessie for coming into teach out students new skills.

Next Thursday afternoon our 4 School Captains are off to meet the Mayor of Casey, Mr Geoff Ablett. They are attending the Casey Leaders Reception at Berwick Church of Christ with Gill and Brandon and will listen to a special guest speaker and be presented with some special badges. They will inform you all about it in next weeks

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District Swimming Carnival.

On Wednesday 5 March, some Coral Park students travelled out to Noble Park Aquatic Centre to participate in the district swimming. Everyone did their best and the school is very proud of them.

Two students qualified through to the district finals yesterday. Congratulations to Alicia Baker who swam in the under 12/13 girls backstroke and butterfly and also Chloe Wills who swam in the under 11 girls backstroke. Well done girls for making it to this event, you swam your best and did yourselves and the school proud!

Bill Hains, Sport Coordinator.
Session times:
Before Care – 6:45am - 8:45am
After Care – 3:30pm - 6:00pm

Have you met Jess, our Kids Club Coordinator?
Come along and introduce yourself to her in the art room before and after school. Jess can inform you of the great activities she provides for our students at C.P.P.S.

To enrol your child into the Coral Park OSHC Program, complete an OSHC Registration Form which is located on the Camp Australia website - www.campaustrialia.com.au. Parent Portal located on the Camp Australia website. Once enrolled be ready to get involved in FUN, QUALITY and ENGAGING experiences in a SAFE and HAPPY ENVIRONMENT.

To sustain the before school care program, we need more students in the morning. Come along and join us for breakfast and join in the fun 'wake-up' activities.

Camp Australia are asking for feedback—What activities would you like to see in the program? Are there any changes you think we could make? What would encourage you to use their program? Please leave any feedback at the school office. Your feedback is highly valued and can only help improve the program.

Contact Us
Kids Club Direct: 9799 6182
School office phone: 9702 8398

Harmony Day
21st March

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.

DON’T FORGET HARMONY DAY IS 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.
12:50 - 1:15—come along and have lunch with your child or children in their classrooms and bring something from your culture to share.
Parents are invited to watch the assembly and concert performed by students from 2:30—3:25 in the MPC.

2014 family recipe book
"From My Country To Your Plate"

We invite all families to help us produce a cook book for Cultural Diversity Week this year. Our aim is to collect as many recipes from the various cultures of our families, along with a story (if you like) about the child’s/families/parents journey to Australia or about life in Australia including why this 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. Please send in your work either on paper so it can be typed here at school or already typed as a Word document and sent to the school email address (preferred) at coral.park.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au please type the heading recipe into the email subject line.
Congratulations
These children won a prize last week in the Healthy Food Raffle:
- Yashfah, J2 for eating a salad roll, peach, apple and water.
- Darcy, J1 for having a sandwich, grapes and water.
- Jenny, M18 for eating a ham sandwich, grapes and water.
- Tearike, M18 for eating a fruit salad, grapes and an apple.
- Joel, S12 for having a sandwich, fruit and water.
- Joalin, S12 for having a healthy lunch.

Birthday Books
Thank you to Cindy Le for donating a birthday book 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.

HAVE YOU SPONSORED RILEY?
Very soon Riley will be getting all his lovely locks shaved off at the World’s Greatest Shave Fundraising Day between 13-16 March.

Donations can be made to assist Riley in raising funds at the school office. Thank you for your support.

Reading with your child
Would you like to know how to best help your child read a book? Then come along to our parent session hosted by teacher Kelly Oakley who will present a short session on how to use a range of strategies to help your child develop their reading skills. This session will also be very helpful for all the parent helpers who have given us their time to support literacy in the classroom.

When: Wednesday 19th March & again on Wednesday 26th March
Time: 9:00am
Where: Staff Room
Tea and coffee provided

Women’s Friendship Café
All Women welcome.

Friendship
Tea and conversation
Cooking
Sewing
Children’s activities
Learning
Information

Each Wednesday
During school term time
9am to 12pm...Starting Feb 5th 2014
River Gum PS, Fordholm Rd
Hampton Park, 3976
Kids welcome

Each Thursday
During school term time
9am-2pm...starting Feb 13th 2014
Arthur Wren Hall, 16-20 Stuart Ave
Hampton Park, 3976

Enquiries Mobile 0427593577
Email w.friendship.cafe@hotmail.com
Facebook Women’s Friendship Café

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