Calendar of events 2014

Friday 1st August
Assembly item with J3 & J4

Tuesday 5th August
Parent Life Ed session for all interested parents beginning at 9am—come along and find out what the juniors are learning about in the mobile classroom.

Friday 8th August
Assembly item with S12

Thursday 21st August
Chocolate money due back

Friday 22nd August is a Curriculum Day.
This means students do not come to school while staff have a professional learning day.

Before and After School Care

Before and After School Care has a new home, they are now in the MPC each day.

After School Care promotes a healthy and active lifestyle, encourages friendships and support students to develop new skills—all while having fun.

Coral Park has partnered with Camp Australia to provide After Hours School Care for our families. Come along and introduce yourself to Jess in the MPC before and after school. The program combines active games with planned and unplanned play, quiet time, homework time and a healthy snack. Did you know, one session can cost as little as $6 with full rebates available.

To enrol your child into the Coral Park OSHC Program, complete an OSHC Registration Form which is located on the Camp Australia website - www.campaustralia.com.au/parents.aspx. Once enrolled be ready to get involved in fun, quality and engaging experiences in a safe and happy environment.

www.campaustralia.com.au

Life Education Parent Information Session

Have you ever considered the following?
What is my child learning in Life Education?
Have you seen inside the Life Education mobile classroom, or know of Harold?
What drug education is appropriate for primary school students?
Why do we have health and drug education?
How is health and drug education integrated into your school’s curriculum?

Want to know more? It’s FREE and gives you the chance to know what your child is learning about. NOW IS YOUR CHANCE.

The Life Education Parent Session will be in the mobile classroom at our school (based in in the junior school end car park) on: Tuesday 5th August AT 9.15 am. Meet Harold at assembly this week.

The ‘No Helmet No Ride’ competition

Primary school students from Prep to year six are encouraged to enter the competition ‘No Helmet No Ride’. ‘No Helmet No Ride’ is an initiative of KidSafe Victoria and is a state wide competition promoting the message of the importance of wearing helmets when riding a wheeled device, by working together to develop materials focused on the theme, ‘No Helmet No Ride’. The competition is free and entries close on 12 September.

Entries can be submitted in the following categories:
Make a video: Prep – Grade 3 & Make a video: Grade 4-6
Make a radio ad: Prep – Grade 3 & Make a radio ad: Grade 4-6
Create an illustrated story: Prep – Grade 3 & Create and illustrated story: Grade 4-6

Find out more information about the ‘No Helmet No Ride’ Competition:
We hope you enjoyed the Ned Show. Here's what some students thought:

Crystal S12 said; Nicel Cool! I liked it when she did the spiderman trick.

Tirena J3 said; Don’t forget, NED stands for Never give up, Encourage others and Do your best!

Ben S14 said; COOL! It was interesting the way she did her tricks. I’ve learnt the Forward Pass, Round the World and Gravity.

Emily S12 said; It was fun and exciting!

Rahzel J6 said; It was funny when she walked the dog and when she talked about the big green aliens.

Lakmini M17 said; I thought it was fantastic! I also thought it was funny.

Lachie J3 said; Funny! I’ve been practising Gravity.

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NED RULES

Many students have bought some of the yo-yo’s from the Ned Show. These have all been labelled with students initials, if they aren’t on the yo-yo, then please ensure you name them as so many are in the school and we take no responsibility for lost ones.

Students need to be safe and cool and follow NED’s rules:

- At school, use yo-yo’s in the NED Zone ONLY
- Stay at least an arm and string length apart
- No swinging tricks at school

A reminder to all students that yo-yo’s can not be used in general playing areas or they will be confiscated and sent home. This is for the safety of all students.

This week we have a NED Zone each day. Next week it will be a Monday lunchtime club so only bring your yo-yo’s on Mondays.

Yo-yo sales finish Friday morning at 9am.
Healthy Lunchboxes are GREAT!
* Sandwich
* Fruit
* Water
* Sultanas
* Crackers

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA):
The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided by the Victorian Government to lower-income families to help with education-related costs.
If you have a child under 16, and you hold a valid Health Care Card, Pension Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible to receive the EMA. The allowance is paid in two instalments, one in March and one in August.
The payment is intended to assist with education-related costs such as; uniforms, excursions, textbooks, and stationery. You can elect to have your EMA paid in one of the following ways:
◊ Paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into your own nominated bank account; or
◊ Paid to the school to be held as credit which you can use towards education expenses; or
◊ Paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection.

In 2014, the annual EMA amount per student is:
◊ $200 for prep students (instalment one $140, instalment two $60).
◊ $150 for students in years 1 – 6 (instalment one $105, instalment two $45).
◊ $300 for year 7 students (instalment one $210, instalment two $90).
◊ $250 for students in year 8 – until age 16* (instalment one $175, instalment two $75).
* A pro-rata amount is payable for students turning 16 in 2014.

How to Apply: Contact the school office to obtain an EMA application form.
Closing Date: You need to obtain an EMA application form* from the school office and return by 1 August 2014.
* Parents who received the first instalment EMA payment through this school don’t need to lodge another EMA application form to receive the second instalment payment.
For more information about the EMA, visit http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/financial/Pages/default.aspx
Don’t forget, this is the last year that EMA is available to parents.

Coral Park Playgroup Monday AND Friday
Playgroup is now open on Friday mornings also! Sessions are on each Monday 9-11 and Friday 9-11. Please come along and meet new friends from our school community.

Cadbury Fundraiser
WOW!! So many boxes of chocolates have been sold and money returned already! Keep up the great work. If you wish to sell a second (or for some families fourth) box, then by all means, please ask at the office.
Each box has 50 chocolate frogs to be sold for $1 each. The $50 needs to be returned to school as soon as possible, you can do this after selling all chocolates or send in the $50 and sell them at your leisure. Don’t forget, all monies are due to be returned by Thursday 21st August.
Don’t forget: Chocolate needs to be eaten in moderation—so share the love with family and friends and help raise money for a good cause.
For every box sold (or equivalent donation) a raffle ticket is written in your family name. There are some great prizes up for grabs.

THUMBS UP TO:
Thumbs Up to the Playgroup Mums who have been busy cleaning our Playgroup kitchen.
Thumbs Up to all students following the NED Rules and staying in the NED zone with their yo-yo’s.
Thumbs Up to all students who are arriving by 8.55am each day, keep up the great work!
Thumbs Up and thank you to the families who have returned their Parent Opinion Surveys.
Thumbs Up to the many families who have returned their chocolate money already.
Thumbs Up to the families who have sold more than one box of chocolates!
Thumbs Up to Stephanie, the business Manager for organising the Cadbury Fundraiser to raise money for our students.

STUDENT BANKING DAY-REMINDER
Student banking is processed each Tuesday with the Commonwealth Bank. If you wish to open a school bank account, please collect a form from the school office. The Commonwealth Bank offers incentives and certificates for junior savers. They include collecting tokens and redeeming them for bookmarks, erasers, pencil cases, a school bag and much more.
Don’t forget, school banking day is Tuesday!
Annual report to the School Community

Our 2013 Annual Report to the school community is now available in the State Register on the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority’s website: http://www.vrqa.vic.gov.au/StateRegister/Search.aspx/SearchType=0.

The annual report is a key legislative and regulatory requirement, but it is also an important way to keep our school community informed about how we are performing and what is being done to improve the learning, engagement and wellbeing of our students.

Providing information about our school in this format helps the community to become involved and engaged in discussions about the school and how further improvements can be supported. I encourage you to have a look at our report. Printed copies are available from the school office.

Wet weather = we need spare clothes

Of course the wet weather seems to bring puddles with it often causing children to find them and oops, fall in them!!

Can junior parents please pack a spare change of clothes in their child’s bag just in case of accidents. If you have any old uniform that no longer fits, donations will be graciously accepted.

Birthday Books

Thank you Connor and Noah for donating birthday books to our library. We hope you had wonderful birthdays.

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

REMEmBER! Students are expected to be in classrooms by 8.55am

Ensure your child is at school every day.
Every day counts and every minute in the classroom counts.

Arrive by 9 for optimal learning time.
NO excuses.

Once a Week, Take a Peek

All families are asked to please check each child’s hair for head lice each Sunday before they return to school. Please treat immediately if an infestation is found. The incidence of head lice would reduce significantly if this quick check was undertaken weekly by all families. So remember, Once a Week, Take a Peek!

HOMEWORK CLUB

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

Every day counts

Primary school attendance