Welcome back to the school term.

I hope you all enjoyed a relaxing holiday time and kept safe. It was pleasing to see so many smiling faces return and to welcome a few new ones also. Our attendance raffle will be held tomorrow at assembly for all students who had two or less days absent for the first half year. Good luck to those students.

Next week our senior students are off to camp Rumbug for 3 days, lets hope the amazing weather we have had recently holds out for their trip.

I was saddened to hear that three more of our students had a parent or grandparent pass away over the holidays or very recently, our condolences go out to these families and our thoughts are with them during these difficult times.

This year tragically, we have had quite a few students who have lost a significant person in their lives, 5 of those being parents. Please ensure the classroom teacher is aware of such important events in our students lives so we can support them in every way possible. The school can offer counselling for these students, if you require this please call in and see either the classroom teacher, myself or the assistant principal, Bek Smithett. This can be individual counselling or a group session, whichever you prefer, but it is good for children to have someone outside of the family that they can talk to without feeling they are burdening others going through the same thoughts.

On a happier note, we are working closely with the Coral Drive Pre-school this term to help get the kinder students ready for school-life. Some of our senior students are their buddies and assisting with sport motor program activities, story time and book borrowing sessions. A reminder that if your child is beginning school next year, they need to be enrolled as soon as possible. Our ‘Ready, Set, PREP!’ transition sessions with our 2014 preps will begin in term 4. We look forward to meeting them all.

As you know, we have a new Assistant Principal at Coral Park, I thought it was time to introduce Bek through the newsletter to ensure you all know who she is. Bek’s main role is working on Whole School Curriculum and Teaching and Learning at Coral Park. She also assists with Welfare and all other school roles. If you have any questions or require any assistance with your child’s needs, don’t hesitate to drop in and see Bek.

“By now many of you will have seen me around Coral Park. In my short time here I have definitely been made to feel very welcome. I have really enjoyed chatting with and getting to know everyone. I haven’t managed to remember everyone’s names yet but I’m getting there. When you see me around the school don’t forget to check if I’ve remembered your name, if I haven’t keep reminding me and eventually I’ll remember them all. I’m really looking forward to working with everyone and being a part of the Coral Park School Community.” Bek

Here’s to a great term.

Gill Gray, Principal
Welcome back to term 3. The 3-6 team hope parents have enjoyed viewing all their child’s learning in the portfolios over the holidays and are happy with the progress that students have made so far this year. Can you please ensure that all portfolios are returned by tomorrow so we can add more great work for the second semester.

The middle integrated unit of work is ‘Our Changing Earth’. Students will focus on the Earth’s rotation and tilt and how it causes day, night and seasons. They will also look at weather, climate and erosion caused naturally and by humans. Later in the term there will be a visit from Star Lab.

The senior integrated unit of work is ‘Thriving and Surviving’. Students will visit the adjacent wetlands and focus on the purifying process of the wetlands, identifying plants and animals and how humans affect the wetlands. We are also excitedly packing for our camp at Camp Rumbug which begins next week on Monday.

During writing students will be learning about two text types, explanations and descriptions. To assist students in writing fantastic explanations and descriptions we will focus on verbs, adjectives, similies and punctuation during our grammar sessions.

Problem solving will be a major focus during our numeracy sessions, where students use their addition, subtraction, multiplication and division knowledge to solve worded problems.

Looking forward to another exciting term filled with learning!

The 3-6 team

Prep Team

The preps are all very excited to be learning all about fairytales this term. They will be learning how to describe the setting, characters and problems in classic stories. They will be practising their speaking and listening skills through retells and group performances of their favourite fairytale. They will be learning how to use their design skills to create all sorts of magical fairytale objects. Later in the term they will be participating in an incursion from Fairytale Fiasco.

Junior Team

Junior students are keen to learn all about different types of transport both from the past to today. They will be learning the science of push and pull, floating, sinking and flight. Students will be putting their design skills to practice creating their own vehicle while participating in a woodwork incursion. All students are already excited at creating their own futuristic transport which will be displayed in a junior transport expo at the end of term.

SCHOOL WORKING BEE

Saturday 27 July - 9am to 12pm
All families welcome! Please come along and help us keep our grounds tidy and well looked after in our first working bee in years! Bring along gardening tools and gloves and meet Leanna at the M.P.C.

Please remember that we don’t charge school fees or grounds fees so an hour of your time would be a great help.

Light refreshments and snacks will be provided.

If there is someone with a trailer who is available to collect some pre-ordered timber from Bunnings and bring to school on Saturday morning, please contact the office. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated!

Please let the office know if you are able to help on the day.
Would you like to learn how to make parenting fun?
Would you like to learn some new tips and strategies?
Would you like to have a better relationship with your children?

Come along to our free 5 week program to share your experiences and hear from other parents.

When: Wednesday mornings for 5 weeks
7th August to 4th September 2013
9.30am-12pm

Where: Outlook Community Centre
24 Toomuc Valley Road
Pakenham 3810

Who: Open to Parents, Carers, Step Parents & Grandparents of children aged 0-12

Booking: Please call Bree Greene on 1300 984 011 or email bree.greene@anglicarevic.org.au or Outlook Community Centre on 5940 4728 to secure your place

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Participants needed: FREE study for overweight young people looking for help.

Murdoch Childrens Research Institute at The Royal Children’s Hospital is running a randomised clinical trial of an online weight management program for overweight adolescents. Participation involves completing height, weight, blood pressure and waist circumference measurements and an online questionnaire at baseline, 3, 6 and 12 months. Parents are also invited to participate. Every 3 months there will be a draw for a $100 gift voucher for those participants who have kept their appointments. The results will demonstrate the feasibility and effectiveness of using the personalised, targeted Staying Fit program for addressing weight-related behaviours during adolescence. Recruitment has commenced and we are looking for 550 overweight young people aged 12-17 living in metropolitan Melbourne.

Enquiries Louise Canterford 9345 6954 stayingfit@mcri.edu.au For more info: www.rch.org.au/cah/stayingfit

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EMA

If you did not apply for EMA at Coral Park PS in term 1 and have a current healthcare/pension card, please complete an application form at the front office.

All EMA forms are due in by Friday 2nd August.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

There will be no sports academy this term. Remember Home work Club will be on every Wednesday 3:30 to 4:15pm

Second Hand Uniform Sale every Friday before and after assembly. $2 per item.

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Save lives together

JOIN YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUP IN MAKING A BIG DIFFERENCE

HAMPSTEAD PARK MOBILE UNIT
Hampton Park Community Hall
Stuart Avenue, Hampton Park

Wednesday 31 July 1:30pm - 7:30pm
Thursday 1 August 9:30am - 3:30pm

To book your appointment please call 13 14 95

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Get the FACTS on FATHERHOOD:
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For: All dads including new dads, step-dads and grand-dads.
Dates: Wednesdays 24 July – 28 August 2013
Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm
Venue: Living Learning Centre, 9D Henry Street, Pakenham
Cost: Gold coin donation

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Congratulations
These children won a prize during the last week of term in the Healthy Eating and Playground raffle:
Riley, M15 for playing nicely.
Satwat, J7 for a salad roll.
Eleni, M18 for helping the teacher.
Eva, S14 for having an apple, banana and a pear.
Maddison, S10 for helping the teacher.
Kiannah, J2 for a mandarin, apple and water.

BIRTHDAY BOOKS
Thank you to Rosdom and Katrina for donating birthday books to our library.
We hope you both had a very happy birthday.

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

Before School Care Services at Coral Park.
Unfortunately Camp Australia have informed us that our Before School Care service will be closing as of 26 July as we only regularly have an average of 3 students each morning. We have tried to find a way for us to keep the service and have negotiated for all of last term for this to remain however, it is just not a viable option with so few students.

Of course, we don't wish to lose our families due to this. After investigating other options that can best offer services to our families, we have found that the Hampton Park Community House offer a service that opens at 6.30am and transports the students to school at 8.45am in their mini bus. I urge you to contact them if you require before school care as soon as possible.

Please note that after school care here at the school is not affected, this will continue through here at the school at least until the end of this year.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact either myself or Bek, the assistant principal. We apologise for the inconvenience this causes but have no other options. Gill Gray

Fun times in before and after school care with Yvonne. Register your place at www.campaustralia.com