Calendar of events 2014

Friday 21st February
Assembly item- M17

Tuesday 4th March
Parent-Student-Teacher Meetings
Pancake Day Breakfast

Friday 21 March
Harmony Day
16 March—22 March
Cultural Diversity Week

Friday 4th April
Term 1 ends at 2.30pm

REMEMBER: Icy-poles are for sale for $1

Term 1 2014
No hat, No play

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 for a gold coin donation you will be able to go to the MPC to eat pancakes. The money raised will be sent to Uniting Care to assist them to continue to help people in our community.

Buddy Grades Having Fun. On Tuesday J1 and J2 had a picnic with our buddies. We had our picnic in the Junior playground. We talked to our buddies. Mrs Heard took a picture of us and our buddies. Brandon took a big photo of all of us. We has the best time ever. By Jayden, J1

Before and After School Care

Do you know what happens at Kids Club? Well keep reading to find out about the plan for this week. This week is our first week trialling footy Friday and Pancake day, we are really excited to make the pancakes and kick the footy around!

Kids Club is also a place where we love to use our imagination. We’ve has so much fun pretending to be Jedi’s from Star Wars. Last week we started making family tree’s to get to know each other a lot better by finding out more about each other’s families. This week we will be continuing getting to know about each other’s families. We cannot wait for next week, ‘friendship week!’ Thanks so much for reading and we hope to see you at kids club very soon!

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.
School Council Elections

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school. Nominations for membership of the School Council are being called this week. With an important responsibility for governing the school this group plays a very important role in our community.

Michelle Hunt and Lisa Blaschak have been parents members of the school community and on School Council for a number of years and been an excellent support to the upkeep and decisions of the school. As they are both now working at the school, their positions on School Council must conclude. Due to Cathryn Fosters son moving on to Secondary College, there is a third vacancy available. I sincerely thank Michelle, Lisa and Cathryn for their fantastic efforts over the past years in assisting with the running of our school. Their support to the school has been fabulous and they will be sadly missed as councilors. Michelle Steel will continue for her second year on council and Matt Brand is our current DEECD School Council Secretary. I urge parents to strongly consider these positions and to become a part of the School Council team of Coral Park.

We currently have one casual vacancy and two full-term positions. In general, the term of office is for two years, should you have the need to stand down from Council within that time, a casual member is appointed. You can become involved by considering standing for election as a member of the school council or encouraging another person to stand for election. Parents need no special experience to be on school council. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future. Nominations are now being sought for (3) Parent Member Category. I urge parents to consider this.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself. Nomination Forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00pm on Thursday 6th March 2014. If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies a ballot will be conducted. If you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do ask at the school for help or contact the principal for further information. If you would like to view a School Council meeting prior to nominating, our first one for the year is on Monday 24th February at 4pm. Please contact the office to let us know you are coming for catering purposes. All are welcome.

If anyone would like further information about becoming a School Councillor please contact the school or talk to one of our existing School Councillors and/or School Council President Michelle Hunt. A nomination form is available from the office for parent members.

Prep for Parents

Did your child start Prep this year? Would you like tips on how to support your child in their first year at school? Then subscribe to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's new weekly Prep for Parents email.

You will be sent an email every Wednesday during the school term that will include tips, advice and information about the day-to-day experiences children have in the classroom and things you can do at home to assist and encourage your child.

To subscribe to Prep for Parents, see: http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/primary/Pages/p4p140312.aspx

The First Weeks of School

How your child reacts to starting school will depend on their personality, their background and how prepared they are for this next big step in their lives. By now they'll probably be responding to school in a variety of ways – they might be really excited and looking forward to going to school each day. They may be showing signs of not wanting to go or taking school as just a part of their daily routine. Or they may go through all of these reactions depending on how they feel on any particular day.

Most children will be experiencing some change - after all they'll be learning, playing and interacting with new people and getting used to a whole new environment - it will take them some time to settle in.

Some things you can do to help your child adjust to school include:

- Ensure they have a healthy breakfast - this is important for energy to get through the day.
- Aim to get out of the house on time in a calm, relaxed manner to set up a positive tone for their day. To help you achieve this, try giving your child some simple tasks like putting the cereal or fruit for breakfast on the table or collecting their hat, sunscreen and drink bottle and putting them into their school bag. Don't worry if they are slow or make mistakes with these tasks at first. They will get the hang of it, and it'll be one less thing you'll have to do. Ensure you arrive at school on time to help reduce the anxiety of walking in late.
- Make time to chat to your child about what they did at school that day. This will give you a good idea of what they enjoy doing and how they are getting on in their new environment. Remember, your child's emotional reaction to going to school may vary a lot, especially during the first few weeks.
- Develop a bedtime routine so your child can wind down at the end of the day and get a good night's sleep - children aged five need around 10 to 11 hours sleep a night.
- Try not to put too many expectations on yourself or your child; if they are happy and enjoying school, that's a real achievement. You know your child best. If you have any questions about how they are settling in at school, contact your child's teacher so you can talk things through together. You can contact your child's teacher in person, over the telephone or via email, whichever suits you and your situation best.
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.

Help support the research for families living with a child with Heart Disease. The fundraiser runs until 1st March, 2014. The link to get to Jack’s Fundraising page is:
https://treetopfundraiser.everydayhero.com/au/jack-ian-mueller-farley

Thanks for having a heart

GARDENING
Middle and Senior Electives.
This term Leanna is taking the Middle and Senior students for a gardening elective.
Each week they weed, plant new things and pick the crop.
Thank you to Dave one of our Grandad’s who also helps out with the watering, planting and picking. In the last few weeks our fruit and vegetable crops have been cut and shared for students at recess.
Drop by and say ‘Hi’ to our green thumbs and have a look at our beautiful garden!

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

So... What’s on this term?

Mondays  Gardening with Leanna or Piano with Mr Tilley (All students)
Tuesdays  Middle & 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

Cranbourne Blue Light Disco
Cranbourne Hall 6-9pm
Dates in 2014
15 Feb, 15 March, 19 April, 17 May, 21 June, 19 July, 16 August, 20 September, 18 October, 15 November. For students in year 4-8
If you would like a ‘free entry pass’ to a disco we have 20 Blue Light Free Passes at the office. The first 20 students to return a note from a parent/carer giving permission for students to attend may collect a pass from the office.

Blue Light Disco’s are run by Victoria Police.
Birthday Books

Thank you to Joanne 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.

Congratulations

These children won a prize last week in the Healthy Food Raffle:
Eliza, J1 for eating a sandwich, apple and water.
Yashfa, J2 for having noodles, banana, fruit salad and water.
Zaidyn, J1 for eating yoghurt, a sandwich, banana and cheese.
Marcus, J2 for eating a banana, grapes, apple and water.
Tjaise, M17 for eating a carrot, mayonnaise, lettuce, capsicum and cucumber sandwich.
Stephen, M15 for having a sandwich, nectarine and water.

Is your Lollipop person the sweetest?
Nominated your Lollipop person for the 2014/2015 School Crossing Supervisor of the year award.
Pick up a nomination form online at www.schoolcrossingsvictoria.com.au.

Your support of this program will help ensure your School Crossing Supervisor is shown the appreciation they deserve for their commitment to the ongoing safety of our children.

Closes Friday 2nd May 2014

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