Calendar of Events

TOMORROW Friday 1st November
Middle and Senior House Athletics Day

Monday 4th November
Curriculum Day
(Pupil Free Day)

NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY

Friday 8th November
NO ASSEMBLY

Friday 15th November
Senior Lightning Premiership
Assembly item—Matt

2013 End of Year Concert
Coral Park P.S. presents

‘A NIGHT AT THE MOVIES’

Thursday 28 November 2013
River Gum Performing Arts Cent
(Located on Hampton Park Secondary College Grounds)

Tickets: $5 per person
Children under 5 are free if sitting on your lap.
(Coral Park Students performing do not require a ticket.)
On sale Monday 11 Nov from the front office.
(eftpos available/ No EMA)

First Show: 5:00—6:30pm
( Unlimited seats available to be purchased)
Second Show: 7:00—8:30pm
(Tickets are limited to 4 per family for this show)
All students are required to perform in both shows and remain with school staff between shows.
(Students will need to bring a snack to eat - no hot food)

Wearing School colours—Student Dress Code

The Student Dress Code Policy states that it is an expectation that all students wear school colours each day, except of course on our special days where students may choose to participate in fun day activities. Recently, as we generally find towards the end of each year, some students, our seniors in particular believe it is OK to come to school wearing different colours. The school colours are and always have been royal blue and yellow/gold, not pink, green, blue and white stripes nor is it black pants or green undergarments as seen recently. Our Policy has not changed and it is expected that all families adhere to our School Council ratified policies.

On all excursion permission forms it clearly states that students must be in school colours whilst out of school grounds, this is a safety matter making our students easily identifiable. As part of the school Dress Code, it is also an expectation that all students wear broad brimmed hats to school each day between September and May (not just on sport days so they can attend). We are most appreciative to the students and families who abide by policies and school rules. Don’t forget, second hand uniforms are available for purchase each Friday before and after assembly for only $2 per item. Students can see Linda at any recess time also with their gold coin.

Remember, ‘SAFETY IS OUR PRIORITY—EVERY CHILD HAS THE RIGHT TO BE SAFE.’
Safety Expo
In the MPC

To celebrate Children’s Week this year all Coral Park students had lots of discussion about safety and worked on creating pieces of art work for a Safety Expo.

All students were involved in creating pieces of art work, demonstrating different ways students can be safe. Topics ranged from getting safely to and from school, being safe at school and at home, being safe on the internet, cyberbullying and bullying. The students then used their ICT skills in making movies and audio recordings to accompany their art work! Their work was then linked to QR codes and ipads were used at the expo to view all their hard work. J6 & J7 shared their version of the Helmet Rap, a song reminding all students to wear their helmets. If you haven’t had a chance to view the expo yet, please come along and see it before assembly on Friday. It was a fantastic effort from everybody!

The eLearning team
VANDALS IN OUR COMMUNITY, COSTING US MONEY

This week you may have seen the graffiti that was done at the school over the weekend. Sadly, we had a significant amount of ‘tags’ placed around the school. This occurred between 11pm and midnight on Saturday night. Some of the ‘tags’ are regular ones seen around the community which sadly is becoming worse. Fortunately, we haven’t had a great deal of vandalism this year but on the weekend, these irresponsible youths felt the need to deface many of our brick walls and the huts in the main courtyard. Our CCTV footage did manage to catch some of the culprits but not all. They looked to be teenagers approx. 16-19 years old. For legal reasons, we can’t show the community the footage however, this is passed on the Police who visit local secondary colleges to try and identify offenders. If you recognise any of the ‘tags’ and know who the offenders are or if you have any factual information regarding who may have vandalised our school, I urge you to contact Cranbourne Police who took the report. This has come at a cleaning cost to the school of $1200 and I am sure you don’t either. I urge anyone with information to come forward and help protect our community. Although I don’t wish to promote their ‘artwork’ through our newsletter, it is a sad fact that a parent may in fact recognise this as their own older child’s work and have the need to take them for a visit to the Police station themselves, this has happened before. It is a very sad day when someone needs to do that but it needs to be done once you know what your child is actually out there doing in the community. I certainly hope this is not the case but often we find, it is past students who know our school well who feel the need to ‘express themselves in a most negative way’, always at great cost to someone and in this case our school. However, when it happens in your community, it is at cost to your council, putting your council rates up higher each year.

Have any of your contact details changed?
Home phone? Mobile phone? Or Emergency contacts for your children?
For the safety of your child, please ensure you keep these details updated at the office regularly.

Interschool Sport

The rain held off last Friday, for a fantastic day of interschool w sport with our close neighbours, St Kevin’s. The results of the day were as follows. St Kevin’s had wins in the girls and boys basketball, and girls and boys cricket. They were also victorious in the boys’ soccer and softball team A.

Coral Park had wins in bat tennis, softball team B, and it was a draw in the girls’ soccer. Our next game is with River Gum P5 on the Monday the 18th of November. Well done to all the Coral Park Students for their excellent skills and efforts along with fabulous sportspersonship shown during the various game held at our school. Cheers Bill Hains Interschool sport coordinator.

Victoria Police Bands

Are you aware that the Chief Commissioner of Victoria Police has decided to disband the Victoria Police Showband and the rock band Code One.

We have had the pleasure of Code One performing to our students on a number of occasions helping out with special celebrations at different times. They are a fabulous band and help demonstrate to the students that Police are people to with talents to share, they inspire our students and always talk about safety whilst here at the same time presenting some students with awards. We value their fun times we have shared with them and their expertise. In fact, many within Victoria believe that The Victoria Police Bands are an important and essential resource to both Victoria Police and the Victorian people as they promote a positive image of Victoria Police to the community.

These bands spend much of their time performing in schools providing entertainment and safety messages to many of Victoria’s young people.

BandTogether (a support group founded by partners, families, friends and other supporters of Victoria Police bands) have started a petition to try and reverse the decision to disband these groups.

If you are interested in signing this petition a copy of it will available for you to sign at our front office until Monday the 18th of November.

Safety Before School

We still have many students arriving at school before 8.30am. This is the last reminder to all parents that students are not to be at school before 8.30am. Staff are not on duty in the school grounds before 8.45am.

Students who arrive before 8.30am will be placed in Before School Care at a cost to parents.

BIRTHDAY BOOKS

Thankyou to Mikayla and Neil for donating birthday books to the library.

If you would like to donate a birthday book you can purchase a book from the shops and donate it to the school or you can purchase a book at school for $10.

Please see Linda in the library.
Thumbs up to S13 & J4 for great attendance last week.

Remember: “It’s COOL to be at school!”

Education Maintenance Allowance in 2014
EMA is continuing in 2014 with the same arrangements as this year.

EMA payments to parents will continue to be:
$200 for parents of eligible Prep students
$150 for parents of all other eligible primary school students
$300 for parents of eligible Year 7 students
$250 for parents of all other eligible secondary school students up to the age of 16.

Please collect an EMA form at the front office.

Do you have a child ready to begin prep in 2014? Have you enrolled them at school yet?

It is important that all students beginning the school year in 2014 are enrolled as soon as possible. This term we begin planning for class sizes and staff employment. Your child needs to be enrolled to ensure the correct class sizes and teachers for the year. If you haven’t enrolled your child, this needs to be done immediately.

If you are planning on leaving Coral Park in 2014, please let us know at your as soon as you can and ensure your child is enrolled at their new school.