Calendar of Events

Friday 22nd November
No Assembly
Senior Lightning Premiership

Monday 25th November
Whole school concert rehearsal

Tuesday 26th November
Whole School Transition 9-12

Thursday 28th November
School Concert
A Night at the Movies
At River Gum Performing Arts Centre 5pm & 7pm

Friday 29th November
Concert finale at assembly

Tuesday 10th December
Year 6 Orientation Day
Year 6 Graduation Night

Friday 20 December
Last day of term 4, last school day of 2014
2.30pm dismissal

2013 End of Year Concert
Coral Park P.S. presents
‘A NIGHT AT THE MOVIES’
Thursday 28 November 2013
River Gum Performing Arts Centre
(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.)
TICKETS ARE SELLING FAST DON’T MISS OUT!!
(purchase from the school 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 to be brought to the stadium)

Principal’s Report:

I have recently noticed many students arriving at school very early in the morning. During this last week I have arrived at 7.30 or soon after most mornings and notice an increasing number of students arriving when I do, or already at school. I remind you that there is no supervision of students prior to 8.45am. Staff commence yard duty at 8.45 am each morning. Fun & Fitness begins at 8.30am each morning and the library opens at 8.30am also. Camp Australia conduct our before school program and I would advise you to give them a call if you require to drop your children off at that early hour of the morning. If your children are here that early and there are no staff around on duty, they may injure themselves and not be able to get assistance. This could be really dangerous and is a safety concern. Student arriving before 8.30am will receive a notice to be sent home with Camp Australia’s details.

I have been very pleased with the response to our request to wear correct uniform to school. Most students are now following the uniform policy and look fantastic in their full school uniform. I would like to remind parents to write a note if your child is unable to wear school uniform on any day, explaining the circumstances. This note is to be given to the classroom teacher. A reminder also that second hand uniform is available each Friday before and after assembly.

Good luck to our senior students tomorrow at their Lightning Premiership. Parents and visitors are welcome to attend and watch and cheer our seniors on. Soccer is being played at Lawson Poole Reserve, Basketball and Softball will be at Lyndhurst PS and Bat Tennis and Cricket will be at St Francis PS Lyndhurst. We hope you have a great day.

Remember, there is no assembly tomorrow, students are busy rehearsing for our concert next Thursday night. I hope you have your tickets, it’s going to be a great show.

Regards, Gill
Keep up to date with the latest news and events.

Does your child suffer from any allergies?

We love to share in Birthday and Christmas celebrations and it is lovely to enjoy a nice treat for student celebrations but please keep in mind, many students have allergies so please do not send in any food with traces of nuts. A reminder to parents of children who do have allergies, please ensure the classroom teacher is aware that your child has an allergy and you have discussed an Emergency Action Plan with the office staff.

Personal goods are brought to school at owner's risk

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. Please note the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it will not pay for any loss or damage to such property. Staff and students are discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school or do so at their own risk. All valuables should be locked safely away throughout the day.

GARDENING CLUB AT C.P.P.S.

Every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon between 2.45pm and 3.30pm members of the ‘Gardening Club’ are working in the grounds to:

- Keep the vegie patch tidy and growing, tidy garden beds, spread mulch, pull out weeds, sweep paths and plant out new garden beds.

This dedicated group of students along with Leanna and Dave (our great grandad green thumb of the school) would love some parent and grandparents to come along and work together to help keep our grounds tidy and maintained. You do not need to be a ‘gardening expert’ just have an interest in helping to maintain an attractive learning environment for our students.

They would love you to join them.

HEADLICE:

Parents must check their child’s hair for head lice each Sunday before they return to school. Please treat immediately if eggs or live lice are found. The incidence of head lice would reduce significantly if this quick check was undertaken weekly. Students with live lice will be sent home for treatment and must be treated before they return to school.

REMEMBER From September to May

No hat = No outside play!

Hats are available at the school office for $10

BIRTHDAY BOOKS

Thankyou to Michelle and Steevie Lee 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.

LEARNING TIME STARTS AT 8.55

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Booklists are due back 28th November.

Remember, ‘SAFETY IS OUR PRIORITY—EVERY CHILD HAS THE RIGHT TO BE SAFE.’
Thumbs up to J9 for great attendance last week.
Remember: “It’s COOL to be at school!”
Thumbs up to the McKigney family for donating lovely toys to our Playgroup.

Coral Park Primary School After School Care

With Government subsidies such as the Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate, after school care has never been more accessible!

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Join your friends at Camp Australia and have fun after school with arts and crafts, sports, exciting group games and a whole lot more!

BOOK NOW! 1300 105 343 or Register online: www.campaustralia.com.au/parents

Save 50% or more on Out of School Hours Care, with the child care rebate, almost all families are eligible. To find out more call the Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343.

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, $150 for students in years 1 – 6, $300 for year 7 students, $250 for students in year 8 – until age 16*.

* 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 28 February 2014.

For more information about the EMA, visit http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/financial/Pages/default.aspx

Prep Transition
Tuesday 26th November 9:00-12:00
With Parent Session ‘Getting Ready for School’
Tuesday 3rd December 9:00-12:00
With Parent Session ‘How to help at home with Literacy’
Tuesday 10th December 9:00-12:00
A visit from the school nurse and Parent Session ‘How to help at home with Numeracy’

ALL parents are welcome to attend these sessions.

House Points Tally

- Scorpians
- Pegasus
- Phoenix
- Lynx

Term dates 2014

Term 1
Tuesday 28th January teachers commence
Thursday 30th January
All students start school. Preps attend 9am-1pm
Friday 4th April—Term 1 ends.

Term 2
22nd April—27th June

Term 3
14th July—19th September

Term 4
6th October—19th December
Blind Cord Safety in the Home

Tragically, at least 15 Australian children have died in strangling incidents related to blind and curtain cords since the early 1990s, including two Victorian infants in 2009. Children - particularly infants - can become entangled in looped curtain and blind cords. This includes cords they can reach from furniture, beds or cots. **Why are loose cords dangerous?** A child can place the loop over their head and/or get tangled in loose cords when they are:

- in a cot or bed where cords are hanging
- playing near cords, or
- standing on a chair, sofa or bed to look out of a window.

**Free safety kit**

Make your curtain and blind cords safe by requesting a free safety kit from Consumer Affairs Victoria. The safety kit contains a device that tensions looped cords to a window frame so they are no longer loose, reducing the likelihood of strangulation.

Although safety standards now apply to new curtain or blind cords, all cords in the home should be checked to make sure they are safe. Request a free and easy-to-install safety kit from Consumer Affairs Victoria on 1300 55 81 81.