Calendar of events 2014

Term 1 ends tomorrow at 2.30pm.

TERM 2
School starts
Tuesday 22nd April
(Monday 21st April is
Easter Monday Public
Holiday and Friday 25th April is
Anzac Day.)

If you will be away in the first
week of term due to a family
holiday, please inform the school
before going.

Happy Holidays

Term 1 Attendance

Congratulations to the many students who had only one or nil absences during term 1, what a fabulous effort. A total of 65 students had no absences all term, that is a
super effort and all are to be congratulated on coming to school regularly to maximise
their learning opportunities. 133 students have had less than 4 days away. Well done
to our year 6 students who have the best attendance rates followed closely by the
year 5 boys, these students have had the lowest number of absences so far this year.

Term 1 consisted of only 46 school days and 1 public holiday. Sadly, 25 students had
more than 8 days absent in term one. A total of 62 students have had between 3-8
days away.

It is essential for students to attend every day unless they are too unwell to come to
school. They need to be at school as much as possible to MAXIMISE their learning
time. Parents have a legal responsibility to ensure maximum attendance and provide
notice to the school for absences, don’t forget, new laws have been put in place
allowing parents to be fined for frequent and unexplained absences. If your child is
unwell and won’t be attending school, please ensure you call the school office on
9702 8398 to explain their absence.

If your child has already had too many days away, expect a reminder letter next week
as we highly value your child’s education and attendance at school. Remember, they
must be here to learn and learning time starts at 9!

THUMBS UP to :

The 65 students who were at school everyday in term 1.
To the 133 students who had only 1 or 2 days of absence in
term 1.
To the year 6 boys and girls and the year 5 boys who have the
best average attendance rate so far this year.

Facebook and cyberbullying

Did you know that Facebook is really only for children aged thirteen years and above
and even then the recommendation is only for children aged 15 to 16 years and above.
This therefore means that no children in Primary School should be on Facebook. We
have already experienced some cyberbullying because of young children/other
members of the household telling a lie about the age of the member, then being
harassed and not being old enough to cope with this type of criticism.
Please supervise your children on social networking pages at home as they are at risk!
Remember don’t talk to strangers and never give out personal information.

Once a Week, Take a Peek

Families please check your 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!
Safety when travelling in cars

Often we talk about student safety within school, online and around school crossings. The National Guidelines for the Safe Restraint of Children Travelling in Motor Vehicles have been developed by Neuroscience Research Australia (NeuRA) and Kidsafe – The Child Accident Prevention Foundation of Australia. This is to ensure the safety of all children when travelling in motor vehicles.

Children of different sizes and ages need different types of restraints. The guidelines recommend that children use a booster seat until they are too tall for the booster seat or can achieve good seatbelt fit as assessed by the 5 Step Test.

A good adult seatbelt fit is generally not achieved before children are approximately 145-150 cm tall or 10-12 years of age. The Child Restraint Guidelines also recommend that children under 12 years of age are safest in the rear seat.

The Guidelines include an easy 5 Step Test to assist parents to assess whether a child is ready to use an adult seatbelt. VicRoads recommends parents use the 5 Step Test to ensure their children’s safety at all times.

1. Can the child sit with their back against the vehicle seat back?
2. Do the child’s knees bend in front of the edge of the seat?
3. Does the sash belt sit across the middle of the shoulder?
4. Is the lap belt sitting low across the hips touching the thighs?
5. Can the child stay seated like this for the whole trip?

To access the Child Restraint Guidelines, see: www.kidsafe.com.au/crguidelines

M15 Assembly Item

Last Friday M15 presented information about Australian states and territories.

VICTORIA
Shreta, Aaron, Luke and Alice spoke about our own state, Victoria. The population of Victoria is 4,917,400 people.

QUEENSLAND
Rinda, Leilani, Farman and Johnathan talked about Queensland. The Great Barrier Reef is a natural landmark and happens to be one of the Seven Wonders of the World.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA
Kierra, Emmanuel and Raj spoke about Western Australia. The black swan is the bird emblem and the numbat is the mammal emblem.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA
South Australia was presented by Clyde, Stephane and Millysha. The population is 1,567,000 and famous people who were born in this state are Julia Gillard, the ex-prime minister and Leyton Hewitt, a famous tennis player.

NEW SOUTH WALES
New South Wales was presented by Shanice, Nyah, Chelsea and Laki. Hugh Jackman and Miranda Kerr were born in N.S.W.

NORTHERN TERRITORY
Northern Territory was presented by Ashraf, Joana and Sharni. The floral emblem is the Sturt Desert Rose and a famous natural landmark is Uluru.

TASMANIA
Jakayla and Ryan (Stephen researched information but was away on the day of the assembly) talked about Tasmania. The emblems are the Yellow Wattle Bird, the Tasmania blue gum and the Tasmania Devil.

A.C.T.
The Australian Capital Territory (A.C.T.) was presented by Lukijana, Danny and Aadith. Landmarks in the ACT are Parliament house and the Institute of Sport. These are both man made landmarks.
Birthday Books

Thank you to Stephanie, Janelle, Cailin and Isabella for donating birthday books to our library. We hope you had wonderful birthday celebrations.

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

Monday Playgroup Fun

Come along to playgroup each Monday morning in the art room between 9am-11am.
Each week there is a fun cooking activity to learn. This week Shanae made a banana bird. Come along, it’s FREE and it’s fun!

ANZAC DAY BADGES FOR SALE

Badges are available at the office for $1. Student Leaders will be visiting class rooms if you would like to send $1 with your child to purchase a badge.

Library Books

Overdue notices went home last week for all overdue library books. Please have a look for them over the holidays, around the home, shelves or in the car. We need all books returned as soon as possible.

Linda from the library.

They be like teacher
Can you teach me how to read?
You know why?
’Cause CAFÉ is the new thing (aye)

[Verse 1:]
All I need is a C for com-pre-hen-sion
And for you and you to back it up and reread!
Get ready to learn some new strat-e-gies
You will learn to understand, to comprehend right
Ain’t nobody reading like the junior school is ya
We use the 2Ws to check for under-stand-ing
We leave the C and move on to ac-cu-racy
Accuracy is reading a variety of words ya’ll
We learn how to cross check bro
Does it look right, does it sound right and does it make sense?
To try and improve while reading so

[Chorus: x2]
Teach me how to read
Teach me, teach me how to read
Teach me how to read
Teach me, teach me how to read
Everybody reading
Every, everybody reading
Everybody reading
You know I love reading!

[Verse 2:]
The name is Fluency!
For the dudes who don’t know me
I know I’m the F in CAFÉ, the one who can read
With accuracy and expression
All the kids reading, they all know me
So I’m the one they like practising out loud
Where they use different voices and punctuation proud
I’m like kids I’m kinda tired so, and I pass it to the E bro!
Expand Vocab! Show these kids how to improve yo
That we learned through tricky words in our book hood
And got the whole crew using glossaries to dictionaries
To check the meaning for the words we don’t know

[Chorus: x2]
Teach me how to read
Teach me, teach me how to read
Teach me how to read
Teach me, teach me how to read

J8 & J9 taught us all about their CAFÉ reading at assembly last week with their CAFÉ Rap—written by J9 teacher Pania. They did a fabulous rap, here are the words, please have a look at them on the junior blog on our website at www.coralparkps.vic.edu.au

Congratulations
These children won a prize last week in the playground Raffle:

Zhuo Lin, J6 for cleaning the sandpit.
Riki, J6 for being a good friend.
Lakmini, M17 for picking up rubbish.
Patiel, M18 for picking up rubbish.
Hawaiki, S11 for being in full school uniform and wearing his school hat.

This week's Art of the Week is fantastic art work by Mohammed, J4.

Mosaic Festival
Celebrating Women in Multicultural Victoria
Sunday 6th April 2014 - QV Square
MUSIC + DANCE + RVING ENTERTAINMENT
INTERACTIVE MARKETPLACE
MULTICULTURAL FOOD TASTINGS
INFORMATION STALLS
INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS

Moonlit Sanctuary Summer School
Holidays
Young Ranger Program
Environmental Activities, Native Animal Care,
Fun and Games during April 2014.
Monday 7th, Wednesday 9th, Friday 11th
Monday 14th, Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th, April
Cost: $45.00 per day, or $120 for 3 days.
Bookings essential - suitable 7-14 years.
Lunches: BYO or available for $7.50
Moonlit Sanctuary, 550 Tyabb-Tooradin Rd,
Pearcedale Ph. 5978-7935
Web: www.moonlit-sanctuary.com
Open daily between 10am and 5pm

CONGRATULATIONS to our Easter Raffle winners:
1st—Michelle (c/o Connor M17)
2nd—Nick (Pania J9’s fiancée)
3rd—Sameer J1
4th—Onika J4
5th—Bailey J9
6th—Nyah—M15
7th—Naomi J5
8th—Michelle Hunt
9th—Riley J9
10th—Courtney Blaschak (past student)
11th—Stephanie Neads (from the office)
12th—Riki J6

Enjoy your chocolates!
Thank you to all community members who donated prizes and a special thanks to Michelle Hunt for putting them all together nicely packaged.

ANZAC Day art