

CORAL PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER *ACHIEVING SUCCESS*

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Recent Success

Coral Park is filled with success stories and each time you receive the newsletter I would really like to share what we are doing. Either by letting you know what we have been working on as a staff or an achievement by our very talented students. It may even take the form of a piece of artwork. Please take the time to look at the wonderful things that are happening around the school or in our classrooms.

Reminders...

There is a school assembly at 2.50pm tomorrow in the MPC. All visitors are welcome!

Playgroup starts next week
9am – 11am in the Hall
Tuesday 7th Feb and Friday 10th Feb

My Top Tips

- ✓ *Try giving someone a compliment as a way to break the ice and spark up a conversation.*
- ✓ *Get to know other students by asking them questions about themselves.*
- ✓ *Be yourself, true friends will except you for who you are!*
- ✓ *Always talk to a parent or teacher and seek advice if experience problems with friends or peers at school.*

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

Welcome everyone to the 2017 school year. I entrust that you have all had a relaxing break. Thank you for such a warm welcome to Coral Park Primary School from so many student's parents and staff members. I would like to formally introduce myself to the Coral Park community. My name is Justin Thompson and for the last 5 years I have been the Assistant Principal at Doveton College and more recently Kilberry Valley Primary School.

I am extremely proud and privileged to have been appointed Principal of Coral Park Primary school. In my first week, I have been very impressed with the staff, students and families of Coral Park. The care of the students, the programs on offer and the dedication of the teaching and support staff is of the highest quality. All the staff I have spoken to have a real and vested interest in ensuring a quality learning environment for your children and a safe and engaging school. I look forward to being actively involved in the community and meeting as many parents, guardians and caregivers as possible during Term1. Please do not hesitate come in and say hello.



EVERYONE NEEDS A FRIEND

At any age, having friends provides and promotes mental health and wellbeing. Children's friendships are also very important for their social and emotional development. Through friendships children learn how to relate with others. They develop social skills as they teach each other to be good friends.

Most children want to have friends. Children who have friends are more likely to be self-confident and perform better academically at school than those without friends. When children have difficulty making friends or keeping them, it often leads to feeling lonely and unhappy with themselves. Feeling rejected by others may lead to significant distress. Learning positive friendship skills can help children socially so they feel happier and more confident.

Justin Thompson

Principal