Calendar of Events

Friday 15th May
Assembly item— J1 & J2

Wednesday 20th May
Education Week open
morning 9.00-11.00

Friday 22nd May
Assembly item— J3 & J4

Wednesday 27th May
2016 Prep Information
Night at 6pm, join us in the library.

Education Week is next week.
Come and join us for some Literacy & Numeracy activities followed by morning tea 9-11am.

On Wednesday 20th May, parents, carers and other significant family members, are encouraged to participate in a Whole School Literacy and Numeracy Activities with their children, in classrooms from 9.00am. This activity will allow you and your child to discover together what is happening in Literacy and Numeracy lessons in all classrooms.

At 10.30, all parents are invited to attend our Parent Morning Tea, in the SLC Cafe. Come and meet with our Student Leaders who will share our blogs on the iPads and log you in to Sentral. We look forward to seeing you there!

Have you started reading for the Premiers’ Reading Challenge?
Collect your sponsorship form today. If every child is sponsored just $2 for completing the challenge, by 5 people, they can easily raise $10 each. If every child does this, that’s over $4000 of reading resources for our school.

What are you reading tonight?

Mother’s Day was celebrated in style at Coral Park. We hope you enjoyed your pampering session and were incredibly spoilt on your special day. Look for more pictures on the prep and junior blogs at http://cppsprep.global2.vic.edu.au/ & http://cppsjunior.global2.vic.edu.au/

A BIG thank you to our wonderful parent helpers who organised the Mother’s Day gifts, wrapped them and manned the stall. Your assistance is truly appreciated and we hope you enjoyed your special day. Funds raised were approximately $700.

CONGRATULATIONS
Scorpions
The winning house last week!
Food Allergy Week organised by Allergy & Anaphylaxis Australia will be held from 17-23 May 2015.

Food Allergy Week is an important initiative that aims to increase awareness of food allergy in the community in an effort to promote understanding and help protect those at risk, whilst allowing them to have a good quality of life. A key focus of the week is to provide schools with the information required to teach all students about the importance of understanding of food allergies and to ensure that best practice allergy management plans are in place. The theme for Food Allergy Week is **Be Aware. Show You Care**.

**Be Aware** - Australia has one of the highest incidences of food allergy in the world, which is growing at alarming rates. In fact, one in 10 babies born in Australia today will develop a food allergy.

At Coral Park, students are not allowed to share foods due to this risk. We ask that parents of students with an allergy inform the school but also educated their children on what they can and can't eat. At times, other parents bring in foods for children to share when celebrating birthdays, a tradition we don't wish to stop as we want children to feel that their birthdays are important to us and a good celebration of their birthday on their special day with friends. Therefore it is vital that we are informed and that your child knows when to say no. All school staff have been trained in the management of food allergies and the use of Epipens and Anapens. If your child does have a food allergy, please ensure a management plan is in place with the office.

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**SCHOOL NURSING PROGRAM - SCHOOL NURSE VISIT**

Kylie Payne our visiting primary school nurse from the Department of Education and Training will be attending our school during term 2 to conduct the Prep Health Assessments. Kylie is also able to see other children as requested by parents or teachers (with parents' consent).

The purpose of the visit is to provide all Victorian children with the opportunity to have a health assessment; to link children, families and the school to services available in the community; and to provide information and advice that promotes health and wellbeing.

Parents of students (other than Prep students) who wish their child to be seen by the school nurse need to complete a Referral form that is available at the school office. This completed Referral form needs to be returned to the school office.

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**Tips on telling the time from M15.**

In M15 we have been learning to tell the time. Most of our homes, phones and computers have digital time displays but it is still very important for our students to be able to read an analogue clock. Later in life they may even need to know twenty four hour time, as it is still regularly used in many situations, such as airline and transport timetables. Who wants to turn up for a 22:45 PM flight at 10:45 AM in the morning and wait twelve hours? As middle students we are learning what it means to be half past, quarter past and quarter to the hour, many students are also learning how to tell time to the minute. To help your child you could spend some 'time', asking them about the time! A student told me they could not tell the time on an analogue clock, when I showed them 8:30 they said they recognised it because it was their bedtime. So we made some clocks to display the important times in our day. Our clocks are on display outside the senior classrooms in the hallway, please stop and have a look.
When was the last time your child visited the dentist? Alpha Dental are coming to Coral Park in term 3.

Do you remember the days when the School Dental van visited schools and checked every child? That’s what used to happen. Now parents need to take their child to the dentist. With busy working parents, sometimes making time for this can be difficult.

The School Dental Service is available to families at their offices in Cranbourne. Dental Health Services Victoria provides dental services for children 5-17 years through all Community Dental clinics. This is a Victoria-wide program providing dental care to children and adolescents. This service is available to all primary school children, as well as students in years 9, 10, 11, and 12, who are 14 to 17 years of age if they or their parents hold current health care or pensioner concession card. Child Services offer care to all children every one to two years. After your child’s first course of care is completed you will be sent out a letter of offer for further treatment in two years. Children who are assessed as high risk will be seen every 12 months. All general dental treatment is provided including: Dental check-ups and advice, Dental sealants to prevent decay, Teeth cleaning and Fillings. General treatment is provided by dental therapists. More complex care is performed by dentists. The service is free for your child if you hold a current health care or pensioner card or if your child is enrolled in a Special or Special Development School. Non-concession cardholders pay a fee of $29 per child (maximum $118 per family) per course of care, which includes a dental examination and all general treatment. Payment is made either by credit card, cheque or money order made payable to Dental Health Services Victoria (cash is not accepted). Payment cannot be claimed through private health insurance.

Alpha Dental Mobile Dentistry are offering school visits to the students of Coral Park through the Medicare Dental Benefits Schedule. The Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CBDS) commenced in January 2014 and provides access to benefits for basic dental services for children aged between 2 and 17 years of age. The total benefit is capped at $1000 per child over a two year calendar period. Alpha Mobile Dentistry will be visiting Coral Park next term and scheduling bulk billed dental clinic for eligible children under the CBDS. To save you the hassle of getting your child to the dentist, they are coming to us. Forms are being sent home today, if you are interested in your child receiving a dental check up, here at the convenience of school, please complete the forms and return them to the school office. Alpha Dental will check your eligibility and advise parents who are unsure if they are able to have their child’s treatment bulk billed through Medicare prior to them receiving treatment. Students who do not qualify under the scheme, can be seen as private patients and will be billed at the equivalent Medicare Dental rates. If you have a private health fund, you may be eligible to claim any further costs.

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EMERSON SCHOOL PARENT FORUMS 2015

All staff, parents and friends are invited to a series of forums to be held in the Emerson Room at the Heatherton Road Campus throughout 2015. At each session, topics will be presented that will give us all an insight into children’s behaviour so that we can all assist our children in reaching their potential. Each session will begin at 7.30 and conclude at 9.00 pm. The sessions are free.

FORUM: ‘LAST ONE PICKED….FIRST ONE PICKED ON’ on WEDNESDAY 27TH MAY

This session is about how children with special needs have problems with their social skills. Richard Lavoie will give us strategies on how to improve our children’s abilities to communicate more effectively and develop friendships.

Children with learning difficulties can sometimes feel lonely and isolated. They do not feel confident about making friends and fear rejection. In this video, Richard Lavoie explains about the social problems these children face and offers some practical solutions for parents and teachers. He also suggests ideas about what teachers can do to help students improve their social skills.

All registered participants will receive a handout with practical information to assist them with their children. Forms and more information is available in the foyer at the school office. If you wish to attend, simply complete the form and return it to the School Office or alternatively contact Janet Syer on 9791 8900.

Next Forum: ‘WHEN THE CHIPS ARE DOWN….’ on WEDNESDAY 24TH JUNE

In this session Richard Lavoie talks about building positive self esteem in our children. He will also give us strategies to change our children’s misbehaviour.

If you are interested in attending any of these sessions, please collect a registration form from our school office.

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Junior Chesterfield Farm Excursion

Last Thursday, the Junior School all went on an excursion to Chesterfield Farm. Although we all came prepared for muddy conditions, the weather was absolutely fantastic and we had blue skies throughout the day.

Everyone had a turn at milking a cow, watching a dog round up some sheep, finding out new information in the discovery barn, feeding and cuddling the animals AND going on a tractor ride! It was amazing for our students to have the opportunity to see all of the farm animals and ask the farmers questions about what we can get from animals. You can see a video of our day on the Junior School Blog [http://cppsjunior.global2.vic.edu.au/](http://cppsjunior.global2.vic.edu.au/)
Step into Prep
Do you have a child beginning school in 2016. Enrolments are being taken now.
A tour is the best method to decide which school is right for your child.
Tours are being conducted each Wednesday morning between 9.00-9.30am, we encourage you to bring your child with you. Tours provide the perfect opportunity for you and your child to see the real school in operation and for you to ask many questions as you walk through.
If you haven’t chosen a school yet, please organise a tour to find the school that best suits you and your child’s needs. To organise a tour, please contact the school of your choice or visit them all to find the one that suits you best.

Hampton Park Library Book Sale
The Friends of Hampton Park Library are having a Book Sale on May 16th at the Arthur Wren Hall, Stuart Ave, Hampton Park, next door to the Library, from 9:30am to 1:00pm.
The books will be priced between 50c to $5.00 and all proceeds will go towards supporting events and programs for members, also purchasing special equipment for the library.
Contact Ros on 9799 1264 if you require more info.

Birthday Books
Thank you to Masha for donating a birthday book to our library.
We hope you had a very happy birthday.

If you would like to donate a birthday book to the school, please see Michelle or Linda at the school office for details by the Wednesday you would like the book presented at assembly. You can bring your own new book or you can purchase one from the school office. Books are catalogued and borrowed out to the birthday person for the first read and are then returned to the library for all to enjoy. This is a great way to celebrate birthdays and build our book resources.

National Walk Safely to School Day
Primary school aged children across Australia are gearing up to take those important steps towards a healthier future by participating in National Walk Safely to School Day on Friday 22 May 2015.
Now in its 16th year, this important community initiative encourages children to lead a healthier, more active lifestyle by simply including a walk at the beginning, at lunch-time and at the end of each school day.
The event also promotes reduced car-dependency, greater use of public transport, cleaner air, improved diets and road safety to primary school children throughout Australia.
Don’t forget, each Friday is ‘Part Way is OK Day’ when you can join either Matt at Peppercorn Park, Bill at the corner of Laura and Coral Drives or Mrs Gray at the bridge in the wetlands and walk the rest of your way to school with them, but please remember, until they are 10, children must always hold the hand of an adult when they cross the road - any road! You can also join Running Club on Mondays or Walking Club each Wednesday to help get more active.

Out of School Hours Care
If you have any queries please call Jess, the Kids Club Coordinator on 9799 6182 or drop in for a visit and see the programs in action.
To enrol your child into the Coral Park OSHC Program, complete a Registration Form which is located on the Camp Australia website - www.campaustralia.com.au. All bookings, cancellations and account changes must be done through the Parent Portal located on the Camp Australia website. Once enrolled be ready to get involved in FUN, QUALITY and ENGAGING experiences in a SAFE and HAPPY ENVIRONMENT.

Due date reminders
No late forms can be accepted.
Middle & Junior swimming money is due by Wednesday 10th June.
Year 6 to 7 Secondary College Placement forms due Wednesday 20th May.
Senior Camp Rumbug payments—keep them coming, all money is due by 3rd August.