Calendar of Events

Don’t forget, every Friday the Student Leaders host Parent coffee & chat in the MPC from 2.35pm. Come along and meet with other parents.

Friday 13th May
Senior Interschool Sports Lightning Premiership Day
Assembly item with J10 & J11

Thursday 19th May
SKIPS incursion for Seniors

Friday 20th May
Assembly item S20
Walk Safely to School Day

Monday 23rd May is a Curriculum Day.
No students at school on this day

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:
Monday 13th June is the Queen’s Birthday
Public Holiday.
Tuesday 21st June is a Pupil Free Day for Student Led Conferences.

After school activities:
Homework Club
Each Wednesday in the library with Tony, Leanna & Mandy 3.30-4.15pm.
Parents must collect students by 4.15pm from the library.

Kelly Sports Tuesdays
Awesome Autumn Sports In the MPC 3.30-4.25pm
Bookings via the office $10 per session

Keyboard sessions: run by Primary Music Institute each Tuesday after school. For prices and availability of session times please contact the office.

Education Week is next week
15th—21st May
Come along on Wednesday morning to view our Education Week open morning.
Start in the library from 8.30 with an online story time. Come and hear some classic stories being read by celebrities online.

Then, join us in classrooms between 9-10.45am and be a part of our Reading and Numeracy activities.

Feel welcome to visit your own child’s classroom or rotate around and see what is happening at all year levels.

Join the SLCs in the MPC after classroom visits for some morning tea at 10.45.

Walk Safely to School Day is Friday 20th May.
Join with Matt and Solange at Peppercorn Park or with Mrs Gray at the bridge in the wetlands from 8.35am and walk safely to school with us. Parents are invited to join in too. The more the merrier. Let’s get ACTIVE!

MOTHER’S DAY STALL
Last week we held our Annual Mother’s Day Stall. Thank you to all the wonderful parents who helped organize all the gifts, wrapping, putting the stall together and manning the stall on Thursday and again on Friday for students who forgot their money or wanted to buy more items. The Parent group raised approx. $616 from the stall. Thank you all for your support.

I think there were some very happy mums on Sunday morning. We hope you all enjoyed a lovely Mother’s Day.

THUMBS UP to
All the wonderful mums who came and shared our special mums morning in the prep and junior rooms last week. Check out the class blogs on the website.

Junior & Middle Swimming is coming up……..
Have you returned your child’s permission form?

Why Is It Important to Know How to Swim?
Learning to swim is an important part of PERSONAL Safety. Many animals are born with the ability to swim, but humans must learn before being able to swim with ease. Some people never learn how to swim, which often causes them to fear water. Learning to swim is important for several reasons, and mastering this skill at a young age can benefit our children throughout their lives.

An obvious reason for learning how to swim is to acquire the ability to survive in water. At one time or another, you are bound to find yourself in or near water, whether you’re on a cruise, boating trip, fishing or lounging by a pool with friends. If the water is deeper than your height, knowing how to swim could save your life.
Kinder transition program 2016

Last week we started our Kinder Transition Program for 2016. This program has been an integral part of our school now for the last 4 years. It provides a wonderful opportunity for the kinder students to learn about being at school. Each week on a Monday and Friday the students attend our library for 25 min where they read a story and borrow some of our awesome books. After the library the students come to the MPC where they work with our SLC students to improve their motor skills and hand eye coordination. The program culminates with an afternoon tea for the parents of the kinder students late in term 3 where they are able to meet and make new friends with our current prep mums and dads. I really look forward to these sessions as they are fun and exciting for the kinder students and the SLC senior helpers.

Cheers, Bill Hains

As part of the Reader’s and Writer’s workshops at Coral Park and our focus on Literacy and developing excellent readers and writers students participate in a Big Write every even week of the term on a Thursday. We would like to invite parents and caregivers to join in the fun and take the time to TALK at home with your child/children about the upcoming topics that they will be writing about.

Good discussion leads to good planning and writing.

Below are the topics and text types the students will be working on. Hopefully this will assist you in initiating these very important discussions at home.

Be on the lookout for updates in the school newsletter and website for upcoming topics!!

**Preps: Postcards and Letters** (Transactional writing)

Why do we need postcards and letters?
Do you have postcards and letters at home that you can look at?
What do we include when writing a letter e.g. To, Dear, From...

**Juniors: The day I fell in a book...** (Narrative writing)

Imagine you are able to go on an adventure with your favourite fairy tale character….

Who would you go with?
Where would you go?
What would you do?
What adventures would you have?
What problem will you have to solve?
How will it end?

**Middles: Australia – A Brief History.** (Informative writing)

Include some facts and examples about Australia’s history.
Think about the first Australians, the First Fleet, and the European Settlers.
What facts will you include? Think about some important events.
Remember ‘topic words’ – vocabulary related to the topic.

**Seniors: Australia is the best country on earth.** (Persuasive writing)

What do you think? Do you agree or disagree?
What is special or unique about Australia?
Do people want to live in Australia? Why? Or why not?
Is it the perfect place to live?
Help us SAY NO to violence.

Every day in every school there are incidents of unrest and students behaving inappropriately. Generally, these are small incidents that are easily resolved. At times, they become bigger and some students react with violence. Violence will not be tolerated in any way, shape or form. We are a White Ribbon School, helping to promote the importance of stopping domestic violence and violence against women. We do not condone any type of violence.

There is no space for violence in our school. Please help us to ensure students understand this message.

Jack and the Beanstalk

This term the prep students are learning about fairytales and superheroes. P8 and P9 received 2 deliveries from characters in the story Jack and the Beanstalk…One from Jack and one from The Giant… They must have snuck in when while we were outside playing!

Firstly, Jack left us a letter in Janelle and Emma’s office with a broken beanstalk asking us to put his beanstalk back together…..but the leaves had numbers on them and we had to put them in the correct order so Jack could climb back up it. We all worked as a team to put the beanstalk back together.

We also found another surprise but this time it was from the giant who left us a note along with some magic beans asking us to make a new beanstalk for him. We all got to plant our own beanstalk and we have been watching them grow!

Check out our prep blog at www.cppsprep.global2.vic.edu.au to see all of the other fun things we are doing!

Everyday English FREE English Classes

Do you need help with your English?

You can improve your spoken and written English by enrolling in an English language class at a Learn Local organisation in your community. These classes are designed to help everyone improve their English, including newly arrived migrants and refugees settling into Australia. They also offer adults the English language skills they need to live and work in the community; get or keep a job (paid or voluntary); gain entry into further study or complete a qualification.

Improving your English language skills can also help you to communicate with others in your community and to build your language and life skills.

Book in early as the number of places are limited.

Canteen News

Bellbrook Catering have advised us that the chicken meat, chicken burger, gluten free tenders, Lasagne and Mac N Cheese are all Halal certified,

Wednesday 18th May is Special Lunch Day

Orders were due by Monday 2nd—sorry no late orders can be accepted.

Is your child in Prep? Do you qualify for Camps, Sports and Excursion funding?

As part of the Victorian Government’s Affordable Uniform Program, every Prep government school student who is a recipient of the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) automatically qualifies for a uniform pack voucher. Each year, State Schools’ Relief (SSR) provides tens of thousands of children with school clothing, shoes and other essential items. For the first time SSR has received government funding so that it can help more families needing financial assistance, and ensure no one is left behind.

Eligibility requirements for CSEF can be found at www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

What uniform support is provided?

SSR will provide a basic windcheater and tracksuit pants OR one of the following—a bomber jacket, rugby top, hoodie or zip jacket

How can parents apply for the uniform?

Parents must apply for CSEF by the closing date listed at www.education.vic.gov.au/csef before they approach the school to apply for uniform. Once approved, the voucher will be dispatched electronically to the school, uniform shop or uniform supplier. The school will provide the voucher to the parent/student to present at the uniform retailer (and not at SSR). Our uniform retailer is PSW (Primary School Wear) located on the South Gippsland Hwy in Lynbrook.
We read every day at OSHC

Are your kids participating in the Premiers’ Reading Challenge? So are we! At OSHC we have a library of Premiers’ Reading Challenge books for our kids to read. We also read together every day listening to chapter books in the mornings and picture books in the afternoon.

Our preps also have the option to read their share books with Jess each night. After reading our share books we play card games to practice our sight words.

Pancake Fridays! Every Friday morning we serve pancakes at Before School Care.

Thursday is Cooking Day at OSHC. Thursday afternoon the kids at After School Care get crafty in the kitchen.

If you would like to learn more about our program come and see Jess in the MPC. Or visit www.campaustralia.com.au to enroll.