

CORAL NEWS

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## Calendar of Events

Friday 29th May
Prep Fairy Tale and
Superheroes Ball
Parent Coffee & Chat in the
SLC Café 2.35pm
Assembly 2.55pm— EAL item
Wednesday 3rd June

School Council Meeting 4pm
Friday 5th June
Parent Coffee & Chat in the
SLC Café 2.35pm
Assembly 2.55pm

- S12's Item

Friday 12th June
Parent Coffee & Chat in the
SLC Café 2.35pm
Assembly 2.55pm
- J8 & J9's Item

<u>Tuesday 23rd June</u>
is a Pupil Free Day for
Student Led Conferences

Homework Club
Each Wednesday in the library
between 3.30-4.15pm.
Parents must collect students by
4.15pm from the library.

## Reading is well underway for the

## Premiers' Reading Challenge?

Collect your sponsorship form today. If every child is sponsored by just 5 people for only \$2 each, just for completing the challenge, they can easily raise \$10 each.

If every child does this, that's over \$4000 of reading resources for our school.

So.....start reading!

Join Tony in the library each morning between 8.30-8.45 for some reading time.

Many students have collected their sponsorship forms and are gaining sponsors fast, well done to those students and to the many super readers taking part in the challenge.

Let's set a target of \$4000! Whatever the students raise, the school will double. That will put \$8000 of reading resources into the school. How amazing—imagine the amount of books that would buy!!



What are you reading tonight?





## School Arrival Times

I have noticed that there are a small number of children consistently arriving at school well before 8.30am. Students are not to be at school before 8.30am. The yard is unsupervised prior to 8.45am and we want to ensure that all children at school are safe. If you require your child to consistently be at school prior to 8.30am please contact Camp Australia on 1300 105 343 or see Jess in the Before

and After School Care program in the MPC to arrange enrolment in the Camp Australia program. This is a safety issue. Please don't assume that scary things cannot happen to unattended children in the mornings.

Students who are at school between 8.30-8.45am MUST go to either Fun & Fitness or to the Library as these are the only supervised areas prior to 8.45am. The yard is not supervised until 8.45am.

Similarly, the yard is officially supervised until 3.45pm after school. After this time, as a safety measure, students who have not been picked up are walked to the office. Again, unless arrangements have been made through the office or with the home group teacher, students who have not been picked up in a reasonable time frame and whose parents we have not been able to contact will be referred to the Out of School Hours Care service conducted by Camp Australia at the family's expense. With staff required to attend meetings both on the school site and elsewhere, supervision after school hours can become problematic and can place school personnel in a precarious legal position. The key to all of this is of course communication. Please let us know if you are running late or have made alternate arrangements for your child after school. Together we can maximise the safety of our kids both before and after school.



parenting support and education.



## Introducing the eSmart Digital Licence

An online challenge combining quizzes, videos and games, to prepare Australian children (aged ten and over) to be smart, safe and responsible digital citizens.

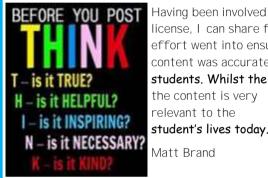


This term senior students are working towards achieving their Digital license.

This new initiative, brought to schools by the Alannah and Madeline Foundation, sets the students online guizzes in which they can prove their knowledge of what it takes to be a safe digital citizen. Students progress through modules entitled:



Digital Devices, Protecting Privacy, Searching and Researching, Creating and Sharing, Social Networking and Gaming, Communicating Safely Online, Friends and Strangers, Managing Money and Online Credits.



BEFORE YOU POST Having been involved in the creation of the digital license. I can share first hand just how much time and effort went into ensuring that the digital license content was accurate and educational for all senior students. Whilst the 8 modules certainly aren't easy,

the content is very relevant to the

Matt Brand



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#### **Purchase an Entertainment Book full** of vouchers and savings.

If you enjoy using vouchers to save money, the Entertainment Book is just for you! At just \$65 it is full of offers, such as buy one get one free McDonalds Coffee, 5% discounts at Coles and Kmart, 30% off restaurant dining, movie savings and car hire discounts and more. The

Entertainment Book will soon pay for itself and save you money. For more information, see the book on the desk at the office. Support C.P.P.S and save heaps of

money on entertainment, take away and lots

more.



a bonus"- Stephanie





SchoolMate is an app for Victorian parents to help them understand what their kids are learning and to get more involved in their education. SchoolMate is for parents of Prep to Year 10 students in Victorian government schools.

You can download SchoolMate now for free from the App Store and Google Play. Just search for 'SchoolMate'. SchoolMate works on all iPhone 4s, 5s and 6s and iPads. It also works on Android phones and tablets.

What does SchoolMate provide? This free app allows families to view with ease the various levels of subject learning at school from their own personal smartphone device in their own time. SchoolMate shows parents a snapshot of what their children are learning in each subject, at each year level according to the Victorian curriculum (AusVELS). It provides tips for parents about what they can do at home to help their child's learning suggests related apps, books, events and activities relevant to each subject area. SchoolMate provides families with 'at home' ideas, suggested activities, books and other apps and also welcomes feedback from parents/ students for the future.

Who created SchoolMate? The Department of Education and Training's Communications Division, with lots of help from the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority, educators from Victoria's professional teaching associations and parents associations.

Will SchoolMate be updated? Yes, and the Department would love to hear from anyone who has ideas for future updates to SchoolMate. As this is our first release, we want to know what you like and what we can improve. The Department welcomes feedback from Victorian parents, teachers and those in the education community. Please get in touch: online.comms.unit@edumail.vic.gov.au

Can parents with children in Catholic and independent schools use SchoolMate? Parents with children at Catholic schools can use SchoolMate as these schools follow the AusVELS Victorian school curriculum. Parents with children at independent schools should check with their principal or teacher about how closely their school follows the AusVELS curriculum.

Download SchoolMate today by visiting the App Store or Google Play and searching for SchoolMate. To access an electronic copy of all information contained in this kit, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/schoolmate



# The Prep Fairy Tale and Super Heroes Ball Is TOMORROW

This term the Prep students are learning all about fairy tales and superheroes. To complement and celebrate student learning we are having a 'Fairy tale and Superhero' ball on Friday 29th May, 11.30 am -12.30 am.



Students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite character, either one from a fairytale or as a superhero. Parents are welcome to come along, feel free to dress up too!



When was the last time your child visited the dentist?

Alpha Dental are coming to Coral Park in term 3.

Alpha Dental Mobile Dentistry are offering school visits to the students of Coral Park through the Medicare Dental Benefits Schedule. Alpha Dental onsite dental services are visiting us in term 3. Forms were sent home last Thursday along with information in the newsletter. Please note if you would like your child to visit the dental team, forms need to be returned by Friday 29th May.

We need forms back so that we can organise how many days the dental service needs to be on site in August. You will be advised what benefits you are eligible for and day of your child's check-up closer to the day.



#### Reports and Student Led Conferences

Mid year reports are being prepared as we speak. The staff are working through the data collected throughout the first half of this year and are constructing a clear picture of what your child has achieved, where they need to go next and how we all can help them achieve their goals.

Reports will be sent home on Thursday 18th June. Student Led Conferences will be held the following week. This gives your child the opportunity to showcase their academic achievements to date through their digital portfolio. Notices for Conference times are coming home today. A reminder that this is a pupil free day however, students are expected to attend conferences with parents.

## Students With Asthma

Just a reminder, if your child suffers from asthma, now is the time to ensure we have medication and a spacer along with a signed consent form for your child. The very cold weather can bring on asthma attacks with so much cold air in their airways. If there are any changes to your child's asthma plan, please also ensure that we have a copy.

## Leaders in the making

Last week our senior students were at their Lightning Premiership Day. We had some mini captains take to the chairs



for assembly and help out with presenting awards.

Well done to Kymani, I sla, Anique and Petar. They did a great job!

## Prep Tours

Do you have a child beginning school in 2016?

Enrolments are being taken now.

Tours are being conducted each Wednesday morning between 9.00-9.30a.m.

A tour is the best method to decide which school is right for your child. This provides the perfect opportunity for you and your child to see the school in operation and for you to ask as many questions as you walk through.

Families have the option of organising tours outside these times if they are unsuitable.

If you have neighbours or family members who have not

started looking around for a suitable school for their 2016 Prep child, please

encourage them to contact us.

Please call the school to book in for a tour.



## Wet weather = we need spare clothes

Of course the wet weather seems to bring puddles with it often causing children to find them and oops, fall in them!!

Can junior parents please pack a spare change of clothes in their child's bag just in case of accidents.

If you have any old uniform that no longer fits, donations will be graciously accepted.

## Lcy-poles sales

The Student Leaders have zooper doopers on sale each day at lunchtime from the artroom kitchen, Monday to Thursday.

Bring your \$1 and choose your flavour. Preps can purchase half zooper doopers for 50c.





KidsMatter promotes a positive school community where everyone belongs.



## Birthday Books



Thank you to
Emily and
Mohammed
for donating
birthday books to
our library. We
hope you had very
happy birthdays.

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.

## Lunchtime Activities

Lunchtime Clubs are available for our students throughout the week. Term 2 includes;

#### Mondays:

Running Club with Matt, Katrina & Ahmad Keyboard/Piano with Mr Tilley

#### Tuesdays:

Gardening with Leanna at recess
Guitar practice with Mr Tilley
Junior (P-2) soccer in the MPC with Lisa & Rebecca
Fine motor activities in J6/7 with Janelle & Pania
Wednesdays:

Recorder (for anyone) with Mr Tilley Guitar with Jerome (Paid students only) Walking Club (Yrs 3-6) with Katrina & Vicki Gardening with Leanna Thursdays:

Band practise with Mr Tilley
Middle & Senior soccer in the MPC with Brandon
Fridays:

Junior Lego with Lesley in J6 Junior singing group in J2 with Sue



# 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.



Contact Us Kids Club Direct: 9799 6182 School office phone: 9702 8398

#### Session times:

Before SC- 6:30am-8:45am After SC- 3:30pm-6:00pm

# Middle & Junior swimming payment reminder

Full payment is required by Friday 29 May.



Senior Camp Rumbug payments—keep them coming, all money is due by 29th July.