On Friday the 27 June, the students of Coral Park will celebrate the end of term with a fun day wearing our team colours. Our day will focus on fun activities with our school buddies. In the school yard we are placing two ‘Buddy Spaces’. These are seats for children who are feeling lonely or left out in the playground to come and sit on allowing other students to recognise the need to include them in their play and invite them in to an activity. Sometimes when your special friend is away, it’s hard to find someone else to play with. Students will be encouraged to ‘look out’ for students sitting on their own and include them in their play.

Students are encouraged to wear their favourite team’s colours, this can be from any sporting team they follow or like to further encourage the thoughts and discussions of being a good sport and playing together. We are collecting gold coin donations on the day for a very special cause raising funds to provide Inclusive Play Spaces for all students, the Touched by Olivia Foundation, which directly helps to build an inclusive playground for children with disabilities in our community. This is an important foundation, one which the Coral Park Community is proud to support.

Since 2006, it has been the mission of the Touched by Olivia Foundation to help improve the health and happiness of Australian kids. One of their initiatives is firmly focused on creating a level playing field for children of different abilities. Livvi’s Place is a concept for inclusive playspaces, also known as all abilities playgrounds, that enable children and parents of all abilities and ages to play side-by-side on the same equipment, ensuring full integration of children and families.

It is the vision of Touched by Olivia Foundation that there will be a Livvi’s Place in every community. There are currently Seven Livvi’s Places in Australia, with the last Livvi’s Place opening in late 2013. In amalgamation, there are a further 46 projects currently in development across Australia.

Livvi’s Place Inclusive Playspaces provide a unique environment for children of all ages and all abilities to play side by side. Extensive research and community consultation have gone into the development of these Playspaces to make them truly world class facilities. In 2012, Touched by Olivia joined with leading academics, practitioners, not for profit and Non Government Organisations and developed a best practice guideline to assist decision makers, advocates and designers looking to create an inclusive playspace. The 6 principles of inclusive play are: 1. Everyone can play 2. Access to nature 3. Total experience 4. A connection to community 5. Play independence and 6. Friendship.

I encourage all families of Coral Park to support this worthy cause by donating a gold coin or two and wearing their team’s colours on the last day of term to help provide access and success for all.

Gill.
Big Write in the Middles

In middles we have been learning to write descriptively and to include more detail using adjectives, verbs, metaphors and similes to make our writing interesting. These examples are from M18 during the BIG WRITE session last week. Ethan, Chelsea and Anagha have used their imagination and descriptive language to write an ‘attention grabbing’ description of ‘A Day to Remember’.

A DAY TO REMEMBER

There it was! When the sun was setting and a plane was flying over the water. It looked like it was going to fly onto the sunset, it felt amazing watching the plane go. The sky was red and you could see yellow from the sun behind the clouds. The sky was as red as fire. I could smell the salt from the ocean and I could hear the plane from the distance. I could quietly hear the tide coming in and out every two seconds. In the background you could hear the birds chirping. Their colour would shine when they flew over your head and then I looked behind me in the distance and I saw more coming. This was amazing! I could lay here all night. This was so special! I have never seen anything like it. The next plane that came was amazing; it had rainbow coloured birds flying around it. The birds were making the same shape as the plane. It was astonishing! That was a day to remember!

By Ethan M18

A Day to Remember

My day to remember was M18’s assembly item of Kung Fu Punctuation. It was April 12, we got called up……

I was quite nervous. I got goose bumps while I walked up. I looked up at the crowd, there they were!

So, there sat all preps, juniors, middles and seniors, all clapping as we got up. I’m thinking to myself, ‘this is going to be good, terrific, bad or awful’.

Slowly I breathed in……….and….BAM! I said my first word of the assembly item.

Done! We were finished, then there was house points. My house is blue. Go Blue!

We got back to class and……

We got out! YES!

By Chelsea M18

A Day to remember

In our country, we had a festival which is called DIWALI! We had to celebrate it. It felt blissful! That day, when I looked up, I saw things erupting. It was colourful and massive by the way. It was fireworks. It was terrific! From no where, the fireworks erupted like a volcano.

Soon after it ended. We had to cook delicious food, sweets and desserts too. The food looked beautiful like a peacock. Happily, next there were shows. It was outstanding!! After the festival finished then we had to give presents. We gave lots of them. Silently I gasped to my sister, “should we open the presents?” My sister said, “after everyone goes we will open them”. I said “ok”. Then……

After everyone went, it was light festivals around our house, we lit shining, glimmering candles. Then, we prayed to our god. So that night was an excellent night. It was our beautiful day, because of that we enjoyed it a lot!

Anagha M18

Interschool Sport

On a wonderful day with plenty of sunshine and smiles Coral Park Primary School hosted Lyndhurst Primary School. The Coral Park AFL team showed great signs of improvement under super coach Mr Chaz and they kicked two goals. The softball A team played really well and were successful in their game. The softball B team played an intra team match as Lyndhurst did not have a B team.

Both the kickball teams won but each game was played with a great sense of sportsmanship.

The netball team is benefiting greatly from the extra lunchtime training sessions with master tactician Mr Baker with both teams winning their respective games.

The badminton team this week completed 49 games and were successful on 23 of them which was an awesome result.

Next week we host Narre P-12. Parents are welcome to come along and help and cheer the students in their games.

Cheers

Bill Hains

This week’s fantastic Art work is by Strickland, S12

Today with the newsletter student details were sent home. Please make any changes on the form and return to the office or class teacher by 20th June, 2014.
Congratulations

These children won a prize last week in the Healthy Food and Playground Raffle:
- Con, J8 for using his manners.
- Marcus, J2 for helping tidy the sandpit.
- Natalia, M18 for being friendly.
- Andy, M17 for picking up rubbish.
- Mason, S10 for eating three mandarins and drinking water.
- Jianne, S10 for eating a sandwich, banana and water.
- Ozlem, S13 for being helpful.
- Tyrese, S10 for eating a ham sandwich, apple and banana.
- Chloe, S11 for putting her rubbish in the bin.

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**DONATIONS WANTED**

The art room is looking to collect any size knitting needles, colourful plastic bottle tops, ribbon, strips of lace and assorted sixed beads. Please leave at the office if you have any of these to donate.

**Birthday Books**

Thank you to Brodie, Marcus and Simone for donating birthday books to our library. We hope you had wonderful birthdays.

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

**Family Maths Ideas**

**Sports scores**

- How does your favourite sport tally the score? What maths is presented on the tally?
- How do other sports tally the score, for example, tennis, golf, cricket, netball, football?
- What maths do you use to find the total of the scores?
- Are there other ways to record the score?
- How long do your favourite sport games go for in minutes and seconds?
- Are they divided into halves, quarters or something else?
- What are the shapes of different playing fields and courts? Talk about edges and angles.
- How can you estimate the perimeter and area of a playing field?

**Recipes**

- Collect and read recipes and discuss the use of fractions, millimetres and grams. Encourage your child to make accurate measurements using measuring cups and spoons.
- Discuss how you would double a recipe. Encourage your child to record the new measurements for the recipe.
- Identify the temperature and cooking time on the recipe.
- Estimate the cost to buy all the ingredients to make the recipe.
- Make a list of the abbreviations used in the recipe and then write them in full, for example, L for litre, mL for millilitre, tsp for teaspoon, tbs for tablespoon.

**Student Safety Messages:**

Students should always walk to and from school with friends. Students should always have their shoe laces tied so they don’t trip over and get hurt. Students should be kind to each other at all times. All students need to use their voice: Protect yourself or protect someone else by discussing incidents. Students should not play at the park alone after school or on the weekends.
Cold and flu season is coming up. Make sure you practice good hygiene rules so you don’t get it. Wash your hands before eating and after using tissues for your nose.

Ensure your child is at school every day. Every Day Counts and every minute in the classroom counts. Arrive by 9 for optimal learning time. No excuses.

**Being eSmart**

**The Golden Rule about email**

- Never give out your email address to someone you don’t know
- Never open emails from people or organisations you don’t know
- Email can contain all sorts of bad stuff, like hoaxes and chain mail scams that try and get your money
- Computer viruses can be carried as attachments to email messages
- Inappropriate or illegal picture or movie files can be attached to an email message

Are you a member of Ambulance Victoria?

If your child is injured or taken ill at school and an ambulance is required, it could be very expensive. For just $78.60 per year for a family, you can be completely covered if you or your children need to be transported by Ambulance.

For more information go to www.ambulance.vic.gov.au

**Every Day Counts**

Primary school attendance