Calendar of Events

**FEBRUARY**

- **Friday 5th Feb**
  - Assembly item S12

- **Friday 12th Feb**
  - Assembly item M16

- **Friday 19th Feb**
  - Assembly item J1 & J2

- **School Photo Day**
  - Tuesday 23rd March

Icy poles are on sale at lunchtime each Monday to Thursday from the art room, $1 each

Further updates and information can be found on our website [www.coralparkps.vic.edu.au](http://www.coralparkps.vic.edu.au)

Make sure you visit the Prep, Junior, Middle & Senior pages on the website for area updates and their blogs to view their great work.

And find us on Facebook for regular updates and information.

Welcome back!

We are delighted to welcome all our students and families to the 2016 school year at Coral Park Primary School. We hope that all families have enjoyed a happy holiday and are looking forward to the new school year with enthusiasm and energy.

A special welcome is extended to all our new students and their families. We look forward to building positive relationships with you all in 2016 and beyond.

Congratulations to all students on their first weeks efforts, they not only look happy, refreshed and excited to be back at school, but are also all wearing their school colours with pride. I am very pleased with the attendance of students so far, with only a few forgetting the first day. Remember, all absences must be explained. Please call the office before 9am to explain why your child is away, don’t forget all reasons must be valid (not for shopping or birthdays!) and are required by law.

In 2016 our focus as always is on “LEARNING” with our school priorities including Literacy, Numeracy, ICT (Information and Communication Technology) and EAL (English as an Additional Language). At Coral Park we have high expectations at all times expecting students to put in their best effort at all times and to behave in a manner that reflects well on themselves, their parents, the school and its community. We will continue to provide excellent educational opportunities for your child, respond to the needs of our community and provide opportunities to ensure that your child’s years with us are happy and productive. KidsMatter is an initiative that we have begun work on and highly value to ensure our students are happy coming to school and feel connected to the whole school community.

This week students have been discussing what they value here at Coral Park which will form the basis of our school rules and consequences. We believe that by students knowing and understanding what they value, they will do their utmost to ensure it happens across the school and treat others as they wish to be treated. We rely on parent support and role-modelling to uphold these values and support the codes and policies that underpin these values. Safety for all is our number one key value.

This week you will have seen and heard reports in the media about some schools receiving threatening phone calls over the past week. In an ideal world, this just wouldn’t happen and we would all hope that schools are the safest place where children feel comfortable and safe at all times. Sadly, threats have been made to some schools so we do our best to ensure preparedness and safety at all times. Our school has not received such a call however, like all schools, we have an emergency plan in place for situations like this that is practiced throughout the year. On Monday we tested our parent alert system via SMS. Thank you to the many families who returned their Red Emergency forms ensuring that we have the correct details. We have also practiced Emergency Drills so students are aware of what the siren sounds like and what to do when they hear it. The safety and wellbeing of our students is always our top priority.

I look forward to seeing you all at assemblies and whole school events beginning with assembly this Friday in the MPC at 2.55pm. S12 are hosting the first item for the year and don’t forget, our student leaders welcome you in from 2.35 with tea, coffee and afternoon tea. We hope you will join us.

Here’s to a great term.

Gill Gray,
Principal
Welcome to our 2016 Preps!

**Term one in Prep** is mainly about transitioning from Kindergarten to Primary school. Students spend time getting to know one another, settling into the routines of the school and learning about the values we have at Coral Park.

To promote healthy eating and to complement our term topic, the prep students will be participating in ‘Crunch and Sip’. This is a short 10 minute break in the morning sessions for students to refuel with fruit or vegetables and rehydrate with water. During this session the prep students will enjoy a variety of fruit and vegetables with their peers and have a drink of water. Crunch and Sip begins in week 3.

Term 1 integrated studies unit of work is ‘All About Me and My Community.’ This focuses on learning about getting to know each other, safety, making friends, school values, health, hygiene, family and people in the community.

Preps will learn the letters and sounds of the alphabet through a range of activities. In reading, students will focus on rhymes, elements of books, engaging in texts and learning the difference between letters, words and pictures. The reading program will be based on understanding the concepts of print, 3 ways to read a book- by pictures, words and to retell a story to a friend or family member. Students will be introduced to the elements of The CAFE reading program. Students are encouraged to learn the M100 words beginning with Gold, Red and Blue. In writing, students will learn to have the correct pencil grip, write from left to right, how to form letters correctly and to write their name.

The Preps will also become familiar with the terms used in the VCOP program during writing sessions. The letters stand for Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation. Students are encouraged to speak clearly and in sentences to share their ideas in class discussions about stories and their experiences. In Numeracy sessions, students will focus on counting and recognising numbers 1 to 10, will learn the days of the week, explore colours and shapes. Students will learn through maths games, interactive and hands on activities, a range iPad apps and teacher explicit groups.

Lesley Campbell J6, Pania Kiwi Kiwi J7, Emma Jepson J8 & Janelle Willenberg J9

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This term the Junior students are learning about our community in the theme ‘Me and My Community’. This unit of work focuses on learning all about themselves, their family, our school community, places in the community and safety in the community. As part of the unit we will organise a community walk, taking the students to visit the Wetlands, to the milk bar to post a letter and perhaps even to visit the Hampton Park Library and shops. The students will learn to locate their street on a map of our area using Google Maps.

During our Numeracy sessions, students will focus on counting patterns such as skip counting, the place value of numbers and addition. We are also investigating the length of objects, how to measure length and 2D shapes and 3D solids. Students will also be busy writing recounts about past events and will move onto transactional writing later in the term where they will look at letters, postcards and emails. Junior students take part in weekly junior sport rotations every Thursday before lunch and can borrow library books on a weekly basis with their class teacher so make sure you know your child’s library borrowing day.

We are looking forward to a fun filled term with lots of learning and achievements!


See below for some great writing from Merjem and Rahzel on their first day back at school.

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On the holidays I went to the beach with my brother, me and my dad. First we went in the sand and built a huge sand castle. Next we went in the water I didn’t go to deep because I was scared. Then we went home and had a shower. After that it was Christmas! We decorated our tree my dad put the start on top. Then after Christmas I went on my trampoline to do some gymnastics. After that my cousins came to my house for a sleepover so we decided to watch Inside Out. When the movie finished we went to sleep. My cousin always comes every Friday for a sleep over. The next day we went swimming for 5 hours.  

Merjem J11

On the holidays I went to Phillip Island. We went to the beach and played games and went to different beaches. I went with my parents and brothers same as my sister. After me and my brother went to my uncle’s house. My brother made a friend from next door from my uncle’s house. Then his friend came over to play with him. We went to sleep. My brother went home very early in the morning and I woke up and played PS3. Then me and my uncle went to Dandenong Plaza. We ate McDonald’s then we went to Kmart. My uncle bought clothes and I bought a rugby ball!  

Rahzel J11
Welcome back to the 2016 school year!

The Middles are exploring the world of Science with this term's topic, 'Scienceworks'. Students are learning to distinguish between temperature and heat and how these affect solids and liquids. Later in the term they will explore how different forces and simple machines work. They will investigate areas of interest and present their findings in a range of ways to the class, culminating in an incursion run by 'Hands on Science', where they will have the opportunity to learn about the chemical and physical sciences.

In literacy students are reading fiction texts and developing their strategies of predicting, questioning and summarising, in order to make meaningful connections with what they read. We continue to use CAFE in the Reader’s Workshop, to support students in developing their reading strategies and VCOP in the Writer’s Workshop to enhance their writing skills. Students are writing their own recounts, narratives and persuasive texts and are enjoying some Big Write topics based around this term’s topic.

In Maths, students are learning about Place Value in number and length, angles, 2D shapes and 3D solids in measurement and geometry. They will explore their understanding through fun, hands on learning activities that support their skill base and incorporate number talks and back to front maths.

Students are extending their ICT skills by learning about cyber safety, using programs such as PowerPoint and navigating websites like Purple Mash and Skooville. Students will participate in a range of specialist programs, like the Arts, Health and Physical Education and other Specialist Curriculum activities designed to further consolidate classroom learning.

All in all a super busy term in which students will be participating in a wide range of stimulating and dynamic programs.

We look forward to sharing our exciting term with you,
The Middle Team: Diana T-Hume M5, Adriana Grant M15, Stephanie Allan M16, Jill Appleton M17 & Amy Kleinsmit M18.

P.S Don’t forget to check out our blog with weekly updates!! Just go to http://cppsmiddle.global2.vic.edu.au/

Term 1 in the senior school is focusing on Healthy Choices. We will be gaining greater insight into being safe at home, school and the community, healthy food choices, exercise, first aid training and community services. On Monday 8th February all senior students will participate in first aid training with St John Ambulance. This free incursion will help students to know what to do in case of an emergency and how to help themselves and others.

Our maths sessions are split into two areas Number and Algebra which will focus on place value, decimals and addition. The second area is Measurement and Geometry which will focus on angles, shape and 3D solids. We have lots of great activities planned and look forward to sharing our work with you on our blog.

Each week senior students will participate in Digital Media sessions, this term will have a focus on digital footprints, email, passwords and blogging. Student’s work will be uploaded on Sentral and on the senior blog. Be sure to register yourself for Sentral and check out our blog regularly.

In PE sessions with Bill this term students will participate in cross country training, European handball and bike education. Senior students also participate in interschool senior sport games against other local schools. This season students will have the option to play Netball, T-Ball, Badminton, Tennis, Soccer (girls and boys teams) and Basketball. Check our blog for game information such as venues and times.

Visual Arts with Natalie this term will focus on exploring and expressing ideas, responding and interpreting art and creating and displaying art works. Students will be painting, drawing and exploring famous artists and art works.

Shelley Wylie and Solange Nancarrow S12, Bree Coathup S13, Brandon Baker S14, Kirwan Peluso S19 and Rachael Day S20. We look forward to meeting all our new families so please drop in and say hello.

During literacy sessions all students will continue taking part in daily readers’ workshop activities which focus on the CAFE strategies Comprehension, Accuracy, Fluency and Expand vocabulary whilst working on their individual reading strategies. Students will regularly visit the school library to borrow books, for school and home, which are of interest and appropriate reading level. Our writing program Big Write/VCOP will continue as we have found that it improves student writing content and stamina. Students will learn writing strategies and set writing goals for themselves and each other.

Parents, if you have any spare time and would like to be part of our learning programs or helping in classrooms, please come and see your child’s teacher. We look forward to a term of fun and learning by all.

Lunchtime Clubs

Lunchtime Clubs have already started! These are free activities for students to join in with during lunchtimes.

**Term 1 activities include:**

**Monday:** Keyboard sessions with Mr Tilley open to anyone interested & Running Club for Middles & Seniors with Matt, Katrina & Gill

**Tuesday:** Guitar with Mr Tilley & Tony open to anyone interested

**Wednesday:** Recorder group for all year levels with Mr Tilley, Senior soccer skills in the MPC with Brandon, Lego & indoor activities for P-2 in P9 with Janelle & Pania, Craft in the artroom for P-4 students with Yvonne & Singing Group with Sue in J3 for anyone interested.

**Thursday:** Band member practise with Mr Tilley, Netball skills with Lisa.B for anyone interested & Walking Club with Vicki and Katrina for Years 2 to 6

**Friday:** Middle soccer in the MPC with Ms T.

Come along and have some fun.

Don’t forget, Fun & Fitness begins each morning at 8.30am in the MPC with Bill or Matt.
Tuesday 9th February is Shrove Tuesday or Pancake Day. Shrove Tuesday is the day preceding Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent a celebration in the Christian and Catholic calendar. Shrove Tuesday is determined by Easter; its date changes annually. Pancakes are associated with the day because they were a way to use up rich foods such as eggs, milk and sugar, before the fasting season of the 40 days of Lent.

All funds raised from Pancake Day events go towards Uniting Care programs that support people living in crisis. Sometimes, through no fault of their own, people find themselves in crisis situations. Uniting Care works with these people to help them back on their feet and give them the opportunity for a fresh start.

Due to other activities on Tuesday, on Wednesday 10th February for a gold coin donation students will make and eat pancakes with their buddy grade. The money raised will be sent to Uniting Care to assist them to continue to help people in our community.

Bring a gold coin to help raise funds.

A new Breakfast Club has started at Coral Park in 2016!

At the end of last year Coral Park Primary School became a member of the ‘School Breakfast Club Program’ This program is an initiative of the Victorian Government in partnership with Foodbank Victoria. The program will deliver healthy breakfast foods to 500 of the most disadvantaged primary schools across Victoria, as determined by the Student Family Occupation (SFO) Index, reaching approximately 25,000 children. It will enable children to enjoy a nutritious breakfast, allowing them to engage and participate fully in all the educational and social opportunities that the school years offer.

We are very excited to now provide students with a variety of different breakfast choices at 8:30 every morning in the Art room with Tony and the SLC. If you are able to volunteer to assist in the mornings with breakfast club please come and see Matt or phone on 9702 8398.

Read the full report on hunger in the classrooms at http://www.foodbank.org.au/2015/05/27/foodbank-finds-aussie-school-kids-missing-most-important-meal/

Birthday Book Program

At Coral Park Primary School we like to help your child celebrate their birthday and to do this we run a birthday book program. Each child has the opportunity to donate a book to the school’s library. At assembly during the week of their birthday, we present your child with the book, a birthday card and sticker with the whole school singing ‘Happy Birthday’. This program lets us celebrate your child’s birthday and assists with adding resources to the library. Birthday books can be purchased from the school for $10 or brought elsewhere. If purchasing from the school, please see Tony in the Library any day after school to choose a book and then make your payment at the front office. All Birthday books need to be organised with Tony by Thursday each week. Thankyou to everyone for their support of this program over the years which we look forward to continuing. If you have any questions regarding the birthday book program please see Tony in the Library.

Our first School Council meeting is on Wednesday 17th February at 4pm. All parents are invited to come along to these meetings, please let the office know you are coming for catering purposes. School Council elections will be held this term so keep an eye out for further details next week.

KIDS CLUB = fun!

To enrol your child into the Coral Park OSHC Program, complete an OSHC Registration Form which is located on the Camp Australia website - www.campaustralia.com.au. All bookings, cancellations and account changes can 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.

If you have any queries please call the Kids Club Coordinator Jess on 9799 6182 or drop in for a visit and see the programs in action.

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

Session times:
6.30am—8.45am
3.30pm—6.00pm