Calendar of events
2014
Friday 8th August
Assembly item with S12 and J3 & J4
Local MP Judith Graley is presenting a Community Leadership Award.

Friday 15 August
Assembly item with S14

Premiers' Reading Challenge
Not long to go!

Thursday 21st August
Chocolate money due back

Friday 22nd August is a Pupil Free Curriculum Day.

Can you guess what artist J1 are copying?

Come and join the party!

With the new term Kid’s Club has moved to the MPC. It’s a great space and all of our kids are enjoying our new room. To celebrate, Kid’s Club is throwing a party! Everyone is invited to come along.

On Wednesday the 13th of June Kid’s Club is having an open day!

The open day is free to children who come with a parent or guardian. Children are welcome to come without a parent or guardian but casual rates will apply, and they must be booked in.

One of the activities on offer is making wool shape hangings like the ones pictured. Come along, play some games, do some craft and see what Kid’s Club is all about. For further details see the back page.
12 friendship skills every child needs

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Kids can be picky about who they play and mix with. Popularity should not be confused with sociability. A number of studies in recent decades have shown that appearance, personality type and ability impact on a child’s popularity at school.

Good-looking, easy-going, talented kids usually win peer popularity polls but that doesn’t necessarily guarantee they will have friends.

**Those children and young people who develop strong friendships have a definite set of skills that help make them easy to like, easy to relate to and easy to play with.**

Here are twelve essential skills that children have identified as being important for making and keeping friends:

1. Ability to share possessions and space
2. Keeping confidences and secrets
3. Offering to help
4. Accepting other’s mistakes
5. Being positive and enthusiastic
6. Starting a conversation
7. Winning and losing well
8. Listening to others
9. Staring and maintaining a conversation
10. Ignoring someone who is annoying you
11. Cooperating with others
12. Giving and receiving compliments

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In past generations ‘exposure to different situations’ meant opportunities to play with each other, with siblings and with older and younger friends.

They were reminded by parents about how they should act around others. They were also ‘taught’ from a very young age.

**Arrested development**

The NEW CHILD grows up with fewer siblings, fewer opportunities for unstructured play and less freedom to explore friendships than children of even ten years ago.

A parenting style that promotes a high sense of individual entitlement rather than the notion of fitting in appears to be popular at the moment.

These factors can lead to delayed or arrested development in these essential friendship skills, resulting in very unhappy, self-centred children.

Here are some ideas if you think your child experiences developmental delay in any of these essential skills or just needs some help to acquire them:

1. Encourage or insist that kids play and work with each other: Allowing kids the freedom to be kids is part of the message here but parents have to be running with the NEW CHILD and construct situations where kids have to get on with each other. For some kids “Go outside and play” is a good place to start!!
2. **Play with your kids**: Interact with your kids through games and other means so you can help kids learn directly from you how to get on with others.
3. **Talk about these skills**: If you notice your kids need to develop some of these skills then talk about them, point out when they show them and give them some implementation ideas.

Kids are quite ego-centric and need to develop a sense of ‘other’ so they can successfully negotiate the many social situations that they find themselves in.

As parents we often focus on the development of children’s academic skills and can quite easily neglect the development of these vitally important social skills, which contribute so much to children’s happiness and well-being.

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**Friday 22nd August is a CURRICULUM DAY.**

Please mark this date in your diary.

**Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child’s education. Students learn new things at school every day — missing school puts them behind.**
Congratulations

These children won a prize last week in the Playground raffle:
Swathi, J6 for being kind to others
Riki, J6 for keeping our class clean
Susan, J6 for being helpful and a kind friend
Tatiana, M17 for being responsible
Ty, M16 for keeping Coral Park tidy
Charlotte S12, for playing fairly

The ‘No Helmet No Ride’ competition

Primary school students from Prep to year six are encouraged to enter the competition ‘No Helmet No Ride’. ‘No Helmet No Ride’ is an initiative of KidSafe Victoria and is a state wide competition promoting the message of the importance of wearing helmets when riding a wheeled device, by working together to develop materials focused on the theme, ‘No Helmet No Ride’. The competition is free and entries close on 12 September.
Entries can be submitted in the following categories:
Make a video: Prep – Grade 3 & Make a video: Grade 4-6
Make a radio ad: Prep – Grade 3 & Make a radio ad: Grade 4-6
Create an illustrated story: Prep – Grade 3 & Create an illustrated story: Grade 4-6
Find out more information about the ‘No Helmet No Ride’ Competition:

Cultural Events August 2014

9 Sat National Day Singapore
10 Sun Raksha Bandhan  Hindu
Raksha Bandhan means bond of protection. This Hindu festival honours the love between brothers and sisters and is marked by the tying of a rakhi thread by the sister on the wrist of her brother.
14 Thu Independence Day Pakistan
15 Fri Independence Day India
17 Sun Proclamation of Independence Indonesia
17 Sun Krishna Janmashtami  Hindu
This festival is one of the most important events in the Hindu calendar. It celebrates the birth of Lord Krishna, a Hindu deity, more than 5000 years ago.
19 Tue Independence Day Afghanistan
29 Fri Ganesh Chaturthi  Hindu
This popular festival culminates with a clay statue of the Hindu elephant god Ganesh being immersed in water to remove the misfortunes of mankind as the statue dissolves.
29th Beheading of John the Baptist - Christian remembrance of the death of John who is known for preparing the people so they would recognise Jesus as the Messiah.

Fun & Fitness

Every Morning 8.30am till 8.55am in the MPC with Bill
Monday: Mixed indoor soccer
Tuesday: Table Tennis
Wednesday: Badminton
Thursday: Running Club on oval
Friday: Mixed indoor soccer.

Cadbury Fundraiser

Keep up the great work, keep the chocolate money coming in. Many thanks to the families who have sold their boxes, some having sold up to 5 boxes. Well done!! Each box has 50 chocolate frogs to be sold for $1 each. The $50 needs to be returned to school as soon as possible, you can do this after selling all chocolates or send in the $50 and sell them at your leisure. Don’t forget, all monies are due to be returned by Thursday 21st August.
For every box sold (or equivalent donation) a raffle ticket is written in your family name. There are some great prizes up for grabs.

Thumbs Up to:
Thumbs Up to all the students who have their name clearly marked on their jumpers and coats.
Thumbs up to all the families who have sold their chocolates and returned their money.
Before and After School Care has a new home, they are now in the MPC each day.

After School Care promotes a healthy and active lifestyle, encourages friendships and support students to develop new skills—all while having fun.

Coral Park has partnered with Camp Australia to provide After Hours School Care for our families. Come along and introduce yourself to Jess in the MPC before and after school. The program combines active games with planned and unplanned play, quiet time, homework time and a healthy snack. Did you know, one session can cost as little as $6 with full rebates available.

To enrol your child into the Coral Park OSHC Program, complete an OSHC Registration Form which is located on the Camp Australia website - www.campastralia.com.au/parents.aspx. Once enrolled be ready to get involved in fun, quality and engaging experiences in a safe and happy environment.

www.campastralia.com.au

Before and After School Care provides a safe environment for children to explore and play.

Dad’s Matter Programs

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Notes on fees and out of pocket costs for After Hours School Care:

Almost all Australian residents are eligible for some form of government rebate.

The Child Care Benefit (CCB) is income tested and scaled, resulting in a reduction of between 0% and 85% of session fees.

The Child Care Rebate (CCR) is not income tested and is available to almost all Australian families. It provides a rebate of 50% of fees owing after the CCB has been calculated and considered.

So that the CCB and CCR can be automatically applied to your account, you will need to provide your Centrelink Customer Reference Number during the registration process. These can be obtained from the Family Assistance Office on 13 61 50.

Session times:

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

The cost information detailed covers the most common program times and fees. For a full listing of program details and fees for the service, please visit the website www.campastralia.com. There are over 150 holiday club locations.