Calendar of events 2014

TOMORROW
Friday 29th August
Book Week, Numeracy & Literacy Week
Dress Up Day

Premiers’ Reading Challenge
Ends next week!
Keep reading!

Friday 5 September
The Father’s Day Stall
No Assembly due to set up for the Arts Expo

Wednesday 10th September
Arts Expo Night

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Book Week, Literacy & Numeracy Week Dress Up Day

This week we celebrated Book Week and Literacy and Numeracy Week with lots of activities in the classrooms including; reading the short listed books, listening to simultaneous reading over the loud speaker during eating time, participating in buddy grade activities focusing on water usage which is the theme of Numeracy Week, Pocket Poems and Connecting to reading which are the themes of Book Week and Literacy week.

We would love to see all students come dressed as a favourite book character or something mathematical tomorrow, this could be their favourite number or shape. We look forward to seeing everyone’s fantastic costumes at our Dress-Up Day at assembly.

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Keep Wednesday 10th September FREE to come along to the first ever Coral Park Arts Expo!

The juniors, middles and senior students are very busy getting ready for the Art Expo and making their movies for Trop fest. A quick look around the school on Tuesday afternoon found S14 making sculptures S12 and S13 creating paper mache animals and S10 and S11 creating movies, including using the Green Screen to create unreal special effects. We are all very excited about our upcoming events.

Parent helpers are needed for the Father’s Day stall. If you can help out with sales time on the morning of Friday 5th September please let Linda in the office know.

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The Father’s Day stall is coming on Friday 5th September.

Lots of goodies will be on sale, gifts ranging from $1 to $5 so don’t forget to bring your money along.
National Literacy and Numeracy Week 2014—Information for parents

About the week
National Literacy and Numeracy Week aims to raise community awareness of the importance of literacy and numeracy skills for all Australian students. Throughout this week we recognise and celebrate the achievements of parents, teachers, principals, and members of the wider community who are making a difference to the development of literacy and numeracy skills in our students.

Engaging in your children’s education
Parents can have a big impact on their children’s education. Over 40 years of research tells us that how well children do at school has a lot to do with what happens at home. Parents are the first and most important influence on a child’s attitudes and values toward school and learning. By creating a home environment that encourages a continuous love of learning from an early age, you can help your child to achieve positive outcomes throughout their schooling and beyond. Being excited about National Literacy and Numeracy Week and engaging with your child as they take part in the week’s activities is one way to foster this love of learning.

How you can get involved
Through National Literacy and Numeracy Week parents can join with their children, other students, schools and teachers to participate in the fun literacy and numeracy activities

Literacy activities
Read for Australia
The Read for Australia activity will allow parents to read with their children and school community—parents can join in and read Sunday Chutney at 2pm Friday 29 August along with schools across Australia. This activity will allow children to experience the social pleasure of reading with their friends, teachers and parents.

Activities for parents
You may like to extend the Read for Australia activity by:
- borrowing Sunday Chutney from your local library and reading it aloud with your children
- making one day a week where the family read a book or part of a book aloud with each other
- signing up to the Read for Australia activity at your children’s school
- talking to your children’s teacher and finding out if you can help and participate in the Read for Australia activity.

A Poem in Your Pocket
This year we are asking students to write a poem for our A Poem in Your Pocket activity. This activity allows students to choose one of the many forms of poetry and choose a topic they’re interested in. Then they can keep the poem handy to read to their classmates, teachers and parents.

Activities for parents
You may like to extend the A Poem in Your Pocket activity by;
- writing poetry with your children about different topics,
- reading poetry together with your children,
- look at some of the poetry resources on the National Literacy and Numeracy Week website and research different types of poetry.

Numeracy activity
Reach for the Stars
This year the numeracy activity is about water. In the classroom, students will be asked and will discuss topics such as:
- what is the major source of drinking water in your school?
- how many water bottles does your class have today?
- how many of each type and capacity?
- is there any water other than in drink bottles in your classroom?

Activities for parents
You may like to extend the Reach for the Stars activity by:
- talking about water sources in the house,
- discussing different types of water containers (e.g. glasses, bottles, jugs etc)
- investigating the different volumes of containers
- finding out how water gets to your house (e.g. do you have a water tank? Do you re-cycle water?)

How you can stay up to date
The National Literacy and Numeracy Week website has a range of information and resources for parents on how they can get involved in the week’s activities and how they can extend that engagement at home. Make sure you visit the website www.literacyandnumeracy.gov.au.

You can also follow what is happening on Facebook and Twitter and sign up to the e-newsletter.
To celebrate Literacy week J2 and S13 got together to share some narratives that J2 had written. They practiced reading with expression to their buddies and Lesley read us all the story ‘A Windy Farm’. Marcus read his narrative to all of us and it was so fantastic we wanted to share it with all of you.

‘Foodworld’

Today a scientist, Marcus, Ben and Harry were in a secret underground base. They were mixing potions and building a computer. They made the computer code for their file 81902. Ben and Harry typed the code in and pressed the randomise the world file. It turned water into chocolate milk, clouds turned into marshmallows, trees turned into candy canes, grass turned into chips and the moon turned into cheese.

‘Oh no!’ said the scientist. Things had turned into food. They heard a CRASH! ‘Wow’ said Marcus. ‘Oh no!’ said Ben. Harry said ‘It is nothing’. But the scientist was stuck in chewing gum up to his chest. He pulled and pushed and pulled and he shoved. He tried to run but he was stuck, so he dumped his face in it. Marcus got a shovel and dug him out. They ran to the underground base quickly. Ben made a new computer for the scientist. They fixed the world in a flash the scientist said ‘Good job. Bye’. Marcus, Ben and Harry jumped in the scientist’s car and drove away.

At 9.59 on Thursday morning, Jodie draws a duck. Just as she is about to add one final silver button to the duck's boots, her little brother takes his first step. At this exact same moment, a man buys bread, a soldier leaves home, a baby is being born... Here is a book, a story, a philosophy so simply told and yet—in true and inimitable Bob Graham style—so rich with emotion and meaning. It is in the smallest details that we sense the greatest significance and can see the big picture. From his glorious urban skyscapes to the tender portrayal of a falling feather or the tying of a shoelace or a dog's joy in scratching his back, Bob lets us in on a world view conveyed with humanity, compassion and affection.

‘Happiness’

Happiness comes now and then, We cannot be sure just when. But when it's there, enjoy each hour Because the happiness has such power. Joy to you it will bring. Even make someone else sing. Unknown

King Pig

King Pig can make the sheep do anything he please...but can he make them like him? A royal romp from best selling picture book creator Nick Bland.
Be in class by 8.55am for optimal learning time. NO excuses.

Coral Park Playgroup Sessions
Monday & Friday 9-11am.
Please come along and meet new friends from our school community.

Well done to Linda who has been nominated for Playgroup Leader of the Year! Here’s what some of our community members had to say:

"Linda is a great playgroup leader and my children love coming to playgroup. There is always different activities for the kids to participate in. Linda is always very supportive and gets along with all the families and children."

"Linda leads a fantastic playgroup and all of the families who belong to different cultural backgrounds feel very comfortable under her leadership. She has lots of activities which are really useful for the kids and always cares about health and safety for everyone. She has a smiling face and a ready to help personality. Overall she is very supportive."

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

Remember:
Once a Week, Take a Peek for Head Lice!

Butterfly Badges for sale from the office for $2 each.

Small sized spare track suit pants or shorts are needed please. It doesn’t matter if they aren’t school colours, if a child has an accident, it is just great if we have some spares. If you have some old pants sized 5-8, we would love a few pairs donated to the sick bay. Thank you.

The Arts Expo is coming.......

Clay owl modelling by the Middles.