Principal’s Report

Well the end of the term is drawing near and what an exciting term it has been.

Our very first Arts Expo last night was a terrific success, it was just fabulous to see so many families come along to see the superb works on display and see the many talents showcased by our students. A big thank you to Kelly and the Arts committee for putting together another awesome Coral Park event. It is nice to see a change from our regular concert and allow other artistic talents to shine through, although a HUGE success, concert will be back next year with our next Arts Expo being held in 2016. The bi-annual change is an exciting time in our journey.

The Arts isn’t the only area our students are talented in, recently our NAPLAN results were sent home and it was great to see some pleasing improvements in our data. We have also sent home the many awards achieved by students who sat the ICAS tests this year with good results. It was fabulous to see so many dads and grandpas come and celebrate Father’s Day in the junior rooms, thank you for making it special with us. The junior students loved shaving their dads (or Matt or Mr Tilley), they made some wonderful ties for dads to wear and lots of other special moments were had.

Our middle students have been busy focussing on improving their writing this year with the Big Write sessions and the introduction of VCOP (Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers, Punctuation) to boost their writing levels. The junior students have been busy working on improvements to reading with the introduction of the Daily 5 Café style of reading, again with a big focus on vocabulary. Senior students have been focussing on changes to Mathematics using Back to Front Maths to improve our approach to problem solving, again another focus on vocabulary and understanding those tricky worded questions.

Next week is the last week of term 3, teachers will be busy with a planning week and students will finish off the term with a rotation of activity days with the specialist teachers whilst their team of teachers focus on planning for next term. Don’t forget we have a 2.30pm finish on Friday 19th September after the Team Colours Day celebrations. Sadly I will miss this fun event (but am sure the Tiger Army will show their colours). I am taking some leave next week to travel to Malaysia for an event with my husband so won’t see you until next term. I wish you all a safe and restful holiday break ready for an exciting term 4 to finish off the year. Stay safe! Regards, Gill

Team Colours Day—next Friday

Next Friday, the 19th September, we are having an end of term fun day, “Team colours day”.

This initiative, supported across Australia, is about raising money and awareness to support children and teens living with cancer. Although the theme of the day is ‘Footy Colours Day’ designed around AFL, NRL, Rugby Union and Soccer, students can wear clothes that are their favourite team or simply colourful to ‘Show their true colours’ to support this worthy cause. We ask for a gold coin donation on the day please that we will pass on to the charity. There is lots of fun to be had and prizes to be won along with SLC sporting clinics running at lunchtime!

We will finish off the day and term with celebrations at assembly at 2:00pm with parents and visitors most welcome to attend, feel free to also dress in your team colours.

For more information about the charity please visit www.footycolourday.com.au.

Don’t forget, Friday 19th Sept is a 2.30pm finish to the term.
We hope you enjoyed our first ever Arts Expo. What a sensational event we had. So many families came and enjoyed the night, there was so much to see with so many talented works on display. It was the most amazing technicolour display I have seen. The night was a culmination of a term studying the Arts for all students and a showcase of the super talents of them all. We are so proud of their efforts and believe the work to be of great value, there are some amazing pieces of work on display. We are already looking forward to our 2016 Arts Expo where there will be works of art for sale.

We would love your feedback and thoughts. All families who place a feedback note in the red comments box at the office will go into a draw to win an AMF Family bowling pass.
Reciprocal Reading in Middle School

This term the Middles participated in a special Reciprocal Reading session which was run by four visiting year 10 students from Hampton Park Secondary College. These students have been trained in the reading program which is working successfully in the secondary college. We thought we would invite them to Coral Park and share their success to benefit our students.

What is reciprocal reading?

*Reciprocal reading refers to an instructional activity in which students become the teacher in small group reading sessions. Teachers or coaches model, then help students learn to guide group discussions using four strategies: summarizing, questioning, clarifying, and predicting. Once students have learned the strategies, they take turns assuming the role of teacher in leading a dialogue about what has been read and in this way improving reading comprehension and developing a love for reading.*

The day was a success, educational, productive and fun. The HPSC students trained some of our Senior students to be reading coaches and they then worked with Middle students in reading groups using the Reciprocal Model. In this way we can promote a healthy reading culture that is student initiated, led and driven. Developing and strengthening reading skills can have a powerful and positive flow on effect to all areas of the curriculum and be of great personal benefit to each individual student.

Planning for 2015 has already begun.

It’s hard to believe but this is the time of year when we begin planning for the year ahead. We have conducted many tours for new preps and new families throughout the term and currently have 40 preps enrolled for 2015. This means at present there will only be two prep classes. If you have a child starting school next year, please ensure we have their enrolment forms as soon as possible. This helps us to finalise numbers for next year and determine the prep team ready for transition to begin in October.

If you have friends or family yet to decide on which school is best for their child for next year, or if you are planning on moving schools for next year, please complete the forms for the school of their choice sooner rather than later. This will allow all schools to ensure they have the resources in place to make every child’s start to school a smooth and exciting one. If you are leaving us to begin at a new school next year, please ensure we know.

Booklists for 2015 will be out at the beginning of term 4 so that you can begin to pay them off before the Christmas rush begins.

FAMILY PHOTO FUNDRAISER

SAVE THE DATE

On Saturday 22nd November there will be an opportunity for families to have a professional family photo taken.

For $15 you will receive a 10"x13" family photo and a key ring with a wallet sized photo. Some great packages are available including Christmas cards with your family portrait.

Flyers will be sent out at the start of term 4.
REMINDER From September to May

No hat = No outside play!

Hats are available at the school office for $10

Kid’s Club have New Toys!

Kid’s club has been lucky enough to get a whole lot of new toys to play with. Our ‘straws and connectors’ building set is very popular with children working together to create houses and cubbies. There are even plans to build a giant hot air balloon! Other than that we have new board games, cars and musical instruments to play with.

Outside we’ve been having fun with water painting. It’s a great way to practice our art skills, or to write secret disappearing messages.

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

Keep up to date with the latest news and events.

NARRE WARREN SOUTH TENNIS CLUB
School Court Off Ormond Rd NWS

FREE TENNIS TRIAL DAYS
Tuesday 16th & Friday 19th September 4pm (4-5yo) 4.30pm (6-8yo) 5pm (9-12yo) 5.30pm (12+y) Saturday 20th September 9am (4-5yo) 9.30am (6-8yo) 10am (9-12yo) 10.30am (12+y)

SEPTEMBER HOLIDAY TENNIS PROGRAM
Our 2 day Holiday Tennis Programs are for children aged 3-16 years and for all levels of ability. Our sessions include on court technical coaching with fun activities and games.

Week 2 Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd October
9am - 10am (3-5yo) $30, 10am - 12pm (6 to 12yo) $60, 1pm to 4pm (12+y) $90

TERM 4 LESSONS, TENNIS RACQUET & T-SHIRT OFFER FOR ONLY $160
In our structured 8 week program children are taught all aspects of the game from stroke fundamentals, skill development and game play in a fun and safe environment.
Term starting from Tuesday 7th October.

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL for all programs to register, please contact
Program Coordinator Adrian on 0417 591 911 or on email info@mtennis.com.au
For more information please visit our website www.mtennis.com.au

THUMBS UP TO:

THUMBS UP to Abigail from J6 who handed in an envelope of money Friday afternoon. The person who dropped it identified the contents and was very happy and asked to pass on their thanks!

THUMBS UP to the volunteers who helped organise and sell at the Father’s Day stall, $1,000 was raised to go towards the new play equipment. Well done!

THUMBS UP to all those who assisted with the Arts Expo, to all the students for their absolutely fantastic work and to all the parents who came along, what a fabulous night, another great Coral Park SUCCESS!