What’s Happening at CPPS?

Assembly starts at 1:45pm tomorrow.
Assembly item M5 & friends.

Friday 16th September
Last Day of Term 3
Mrs Gray’s last day
2.30pm finish

Monday 3rd October
First day of term 4
8.55 start
reading for learning time at 9!

LAST DAY OF TERM DRESS UP DAY

“What I want to be when I grow up”

On the last day of term 3 we are having a dress up themed day when students come to school as the occupation they want to be when they grow up!

Teachers will dress up as what they wanted to be when they were students! The idea for this day was suggested by the SLC (Student Led Council) and forms the final part of our school social skills focus this term which is the community. We do ask for a gold coin donation on the day and any money raised will go towards supporting our School Community.

What an Amazing Arts Expo last week!!

Thank you to the very artistic parents who created amazing art works for our Arts Expo. Congratulations to Siddarth’s Dad, Raja who won 1st prize for his Batman illustration, Rahul’s Mum, Dorathy who received 2nd prize for her parrot made with sequins and Rosdom’s Dad, Shavarsh for his black and white canvas which earned him 3rd prize. It was great to see so much community involvement!

The link below takes you to a fantastic video created by Rod, our specialist technical apple support member of staff. It is well worth a watch and is also on our school website and Facebook page.

https://vimeo.com/182468446

HOUSE POINTS UPDATE

CONGRATULATIONS Last week’s winning house!

Farewell Gill

It is with mixed emotions we say ‘goodbye’ to Gill, who has been an integral part of the Coral Park community for 25 years. She will certainly be greatly missed by staff, students, families and the wider community with whom she has been involved with. Gill provides us all with thoughtful advice, consistently smiles and has given outstanding leadership. We truly appreciate the dedication, time, care, effort and assurance she has provided us all with.

We of course congratulate her on her new Principal appointment at Kingsley Park PS and wish her well at her new school. They are very lucky!

May the next chapter of her career be as happy, successful and fulfilling as her time at Coral Park.

Thank you Gill, for being a Coral Park STAR!

Julie Kennedy will be the Acting Principal for term 4. Julie has been an Assistant Principal at Strathaird P.S. and Principal at Longwarry P.S. and is looking forward to working with everyone at Coral Park.
Interviewing our School Principal
Mrs. Gray

Congratulations on your time at Coral Park! We will miss you!
By Anagha S12 and Jenny S19

What year did you start here at Coral Park?
The school was built in 1991, and I started working full time at Coral Park in 1994.

What are your favorite memories since you've been here?
There were lots of my favorite memories here but my most favorite is having my own children studying here. There are many students in Coral Park and the students are multi-cultural, and every year we used to do an excursion to the beach and I really loved it.

What are the biggest changes in our school from past to now?
Some of the biggest changes have been the variety of staff that come and go along with the different ways we are teaching. We never used to open the doors between classrooms which happens all the time now, teachers used to teach from their desk and a blackboard a lot, thank goodness that has changed as I like to see teachers sitting at tables working with groups of students and roaming around interacting all the time. Students didn’t used to have much say in their learning, lucky they now choose their own books for reading, they help to set their learning goals as they know their own learning progress better and what they need to learn next to keep progressing, participating in Student Led Conferences helps this greatly and learning is so much more fun. I have always loved the fact that staff here care so much for the kids, that is something that hasn’t changed as I always ensure we employ staff who love working with kids, love seeing ‘light bulb’ moments and love to ensure our kids are well looked after and enjoy learning. I am really enjoying having so many more parents involved in the school as we have now. Many years ago we had a very strong parent club, that stopped a few years ago but is coming back again - we have a core group of parents who love helping out and being a part of our school community which is just super.

What was your first job here?
My first job here was a casual replacement teacher (CRT), my first full year teaching in Coral Park was a grade 5 and 6 class.

What are the things you like about our school compared to others?
I love how friendly our students are and the multicultural aspect of our school, so many families coming from different cultures. Also I love our school colors and the interaction we get from the parents.

When you first started here, what did you want to accomplish?
I actually didn’t have any idea what I wanted to accomplish, other than to be a good teacher.

How did you feel when you became a principal?
I was very excited because I’ve been at Coral Park for 25 years and it was amazing to move through the school and become the one overseeing the school climate.

Did you teach at another school before this school?
I did, I was a CRT in many schools in the Hampton Park area mainly at River Gum.

Meet Tony
By Hoki and Jess S19

How long have you been in Coral Park?
I have been in Coral Park for 20 years.

What was different in Coral Park?
Borrowing a book is much easier now because we have computers now.

What is your best memory?
I've had many good memories here so it's hard to choose just one.

What did the school look like when you came?
Well it looked very different. We had more classes because we had double the amount of students we have now.

Have you taught someone who became famous?
Not personally but I have worked with some students who became famous.

Students from SCA lessons have been busy interviewing staff and post students. There will be more interviews in future newsletters, but here is a brief look at some of our staff who have been here for many of Coral Park’s years.
Meet Mr Tilley
by Joana and Chelsea 20

Mr. Tilley was here at Coral Park when it first opened.
What were you teaching when you first came to Coral Park?
I think from memory I was teaching a grade 1 and 2 class based in room six.

How many grades were there in Coral Park when you first arrived?
I think probably about nine classes but the school grew as the year went on because we got extra students.

How much has the school changed over the years?
Well the school actually started in portables on River Gum’s oval, because this school was supposed to be finished but it wasn't, we didn't open until 1991. We had no MPC and no M15 and M16. We had trees all around the basketball court.

How many students roughly do you think were in this school when it first opened?
I'm only guessing, 300 and at one stage we had 800 students.
In the library where the Kidsmatter room is now, there used to be no wall around it.

What's the very first big event that happened in Coral Park?
We raised money for books and school resources at the River Gum oval and the teachers were asked to make a cake.

Past Students……. Meet Aaron Edwards!!!

He used to come to Coral Park P.S when he was young. He is an AFL player. He played for the West Coast Eagles, North Melbourne and Richmond and now he plays for a local footy team called The Pines. He grew up with a very big Samoan family.

Meet Tirena Edwards!!!

What did it first look like at Coral Park? There was only the playground near the basketball courts and there was only the old hall there was no MPC. What was your favourite subject when you were in school? English I guess. I have always loved English, Literacy and Reading. Who were your teachers? Mr. Oshanacy. He taught a composite class combining Grades 4, 5 and 6. When we first moved to Hampton Park, I think Coral Park was just built. Before I came to Coral Park I went to James Cook Primary School in Endeavour Hills.

Written By Angel, Natalia, Orchard and Ciara S14

Project BER
By Rhylee M16, Adrian M15, Kaelin M18
Jireh M18 & Andy M18

The BER group (Building the education Revolution) led by the former prime minister Kevin Rudd, gave $3,000,000 to every school in Victoria. Schools could either choose from a new: hall, classroom or a library and Coral Park made the choice of a hall. The MPC got built in 2012 and it was called the Multi Purpose Centre. It took two years to build the MPC. We use the MPC for a lot of things like special events, sport, assemblies and even before and after school care. Getting the MPC was amazing because before we only had the old hall which was tiny and very squishy, but also because there wasn't much room to actually play sports indoors at school.
Middle students learn how to Construct and Instruct.

This is the focus of the middle students for the last few weeks of term 3. The aim of this program is to teach the students how to work successfully with others. They look at playing the role of instructor where they show and tell others how to complete the activity. The constructor plays the role of building self-esteem and self-worth in others by encouragement and positive praise.

The middle students discovered that the instructor is always a constructor as the way they teach and explain helps the others receive and understand the message in a positive way. The students also learnt the value of team work and that there is no ‘I’ in ‘team’. This program will continue in term 4 in the middle sport program where this focus of construction and instruction will continue using a variety of cooperative and fun games. Watching the middle students give praise and work together with each other was as rewarding for me as it was for them.

Cheers, Bill Hains.