Calendar of events

October
October 23rd & 24th
Middle School Camp
Friday 24th October
Zone senior sport finals
softball and basketball here
at CPPS
NO ASSEMBLY
Friday 31st October
World Teachers’ Day

November
Monday 3rd November
Curriculum Day
Tuesday 4th November
Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Tuesday 11th November
Prep excursion to Collingwood
Children’s Farm
Saturday 22nd November
Family Photo Fundraiser
Saturday 29th November
State Election Day, Make
your vote count here at the
school and buy a sausage.
Tuesday 16th December
Year 6 Graduation Evening
Thursday 18th December
Whole School End of Year
Celebration Fun Day
Learning time begins at 9
so be in class by 8.55!

FAMILY PHOTO
FUNDRAISER
SATURDAY 22nd
NOVEMBER
Have you booked a
time?
Contact the school
office on 9702 8398.
Don’t miss your
opportunity for a
great deal.
Book today!
For $15 you receive a
photo sitting, a 10x13
family portrait or A3
size pencil sketch
Plus a key ring and
wallet sized portrait.
What a great
Christmas gift for
grandparents!

From My Country to Your Plate!
Coral Park’s Recipe Book, ‘From My Country to Your Plate!’ has arrived. During
Cultural Week this year, families were invited to submit their favourite family
recipe for the book, along with a brief snippet of their journey to Australia or
life in Australia.
Thank you to the
many families who
put in some fabulous
recipes. We only
have 100 copies for
sale at the office at
a cost of $10 per
book, so get your
copy soon.

CONGRATULATIONS
Scorpions
The winning house!

Don’t
FORGET!
Monday 3rd November
is a CURRICULUM DAY.
Students don’t come to school!
Birthday Books

Thank you to Susan and Neil for donating birthday books to our library. We hope you both had a wonderful birthday.

If you would like to donate a birthday book to the school, please see Linda in the library.

Bicycle Thefts

In the Casey Police Service Area, bicycle theft has increased 130% this financial year. Half were from residential locations. The bikes were stolen from the front of the house and were not locked up at the time.

Police Advice:
- Secure your bike with a lock
- Do not leave bikes in the front yard - Move to a secure location out of sight (garage, shed)
- Engrave the underside of the bike frame with the letter V followed by the owner’s/parent’s drivers licence number to assist police in returning located bicycles

Physical Education and Sport News

Hello everyone, term 4 has begun and there are a number of very important sporting events happening at Coral Park along with some exciting news. Late in term 3 Harlem in S14 and Hawaiiki in S11 represented our district in the divisional athletics finals. Harlem finished 2nd in the 200m sprint and participated in the regional 200m final last week (see below). Hawaiiki finished 3rd in the discus which was an excellent result. We are very proud of these two athletes not only representing our school but representing our large district.

Congratulations Harlem! Last Wednesday, Harlem from S14 participated in the boys 12/13 Regional Athletics Finals at Casey Fields Athletics Track. On a very cold, wet and windy day he ran 5th in his race which was a fantastic effort. His time was 29.6 for the 200m which was a personal best. Congratulations to Harlem in representing his school and his district with distinction.

On Tuesday 21 October we were lucky to have Lester Strong from the Casey Cavaliers Basketball association visit our fantastic school. He worked with J5, M17, M18, J2 and with the Coral Park Basketball team who are on Friday attempting to qualify for the regional finals. He was assisted by Lachlan Krug also from the Casey Cavaliers. Both men are excellent basketball players and gave generously of their time helping our students improve their basketball knowledge and skills. Lester also helped our principal Mrs Gray with her shooting style as she is keen to continue improving her basketball. At recess time Lester spent his time in the school yard playing with the students. Everyone had fun playing basketball. If you are interested in having your child learn to play basketball outside of school hours then Casey Cavaliers is an excellent club. There are information flyers at the front office. Please feel free to take one.

On Friday 24 October Coral Park will be hosting the divisional finals in softball and basketball. Our mixed basketball team and mixed softball team will be playing off to advance through to the regional finals. It would be great to see as many parents as possible come along and support the teams.

Remember that with daylight savings and warmer weather it is now much easier to find the time for that walk or jog. Bill Hains, Sports coordinator.

Do you have a child ready to begin prep in 2015? Have you enrolled them at school yet?

It is important that all students beginning the school year with us in 2015 are enrolled now. Places have already been confirmed for 46 preps and transition sessions begin tomorrow. We have already begun planning for class sizes and formation. Your child needs to be enrolled so we ensure the correct class sizes and teachers for the year. If you haven’t enrolled them, this must be done by Wednesday 29th October at the latest.

Transition for our new preps begins tomorrow, ensure your child is enrolled to attend.
Friday 31st October is Bandanna Day.

Bandanna Day goods are now on sale at the office. Bandannas are $4 each and pens are $3 each.

Help raise funds for CANTEEN cancer research.

A BIG THUMBS UP and well done to:

The 30 students who have been at school 152 days this year out of 152 showing 100% attendance. Your attendance has been AMAZING!! Keep up the great effort.

Also to the 105 students who only have missed between a half day and up to 3 days!

YOU ARE ALL SUPERSTARS!

Keep up the great work and you will be dining on a special breakfast feast at the end of the year at the Principal’s Attendance Awards breakfast.

Did you know, parents can now be fined for their child’s school non-attendance?

If a child reaches 5 or more unexplained days away, Infringement notices can be issued by the Department of Education School Attendance Officers. It is a legal requirement that students are at school on time every day. To avoid a fine, ensure your child attends regularly and ensure all absences are explained with a valid reason.

School starts at 9 for learning time so be in class by 8.55!

Parent Opinion Survey

Thank you to the many parents who completed and returned Parent Opinion Surveys last term. We have received the results back of these which in general are very pleasing.

In every section except one we scored above or well and truly above the average of the mean score of all Primary Schools in Victoria, in most instances, we are in the top 25th percentile of the state. Our highest area is Reporting which tells us you enjoyed our new reporting format.

This is fabulous news however, it concerns me that our lowest area is Parent Input. We aim to please so would love more feedback on how we can improve Parent Input into the school. We often ask for feedback via the Coral News or our website, we have even sent out a survey to try and get responses from parents as to how we can improve, if we don’t know what parents want more of, it is very hard to meet your needs.

Over the next few weeks I will share a breakdown of the results with you but I will also ask for your input. Some parents took the time to add comments which is wonderful and gave us greater insight into those areas.

A survey will be sent home to all parents in the coming weeks, this will be in paper format and online, you can choose which one to complete. We ask that you please complete this and return it to the school so we can help to make Coral Park THE best school we can. Parent input is highly valued.
Kid's Club Making Music.

We’ve started the term with a musical theme this term. Our kids are playing drums, maracas and bells as well as singing to create great songs. We’ve been playing all kinds of games, from limbo to turtle racing as well as making paper toys to keep or give as gifts.

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

Kids Club Direct: 9799 6182

Come along and join in the fun.
Breakfast is provided in the morning programs and afternoon tea in the afternoon sessions.
Jess is the Kids Club Coordinator

Please ensure you have explained your child's absence today—remember, this is a legal requirement!