Calendar of events
Friday 31st October
World Teachers’ Day
Pizza Day orders and money due
Bandanna Day

November
Monday 3rd November
Curriculum Day
Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 4th November
Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Tuesday 11th November
Prep excursion to Collingwood Children’s Farm

Saturday 22nd November
Family Photo Fundraiser
Have you booked for a family photo yet?

Children’s Week 2014
Say No to bullying!

Last week, we celebrated Children’s Week. This year the theme for the week focuses on every child’s right to speak and be heard. On Tuesday, a special performance was organized for all Coral Park students. Starrs Productions entertained in two different performances titled Bully No More and Cyber Bully.

We know that students achieve their best at school in safe and supportive environments, where they are free from bullying and disruptive behaviour. At our school we put a big emphasis on making sure we provide a great environment for our students, including one that is free from bullying.

In the Performances Junior and Middle students looked at what bullying is, how it makes you feel and discussed strategies to deal with the problem. While Senior Students looked at the misuse of texting, social networking sites and unauthorized use of pictures and footage.

Students enjoyed the presentation and know more about speaking up and being heard.

This show taught us what to do if we are bullied. Karuna M17

We learnt how to stand up to bullies. Tjayse M17

We learnt there is always a solution to bullying. Yeshua M18

You need courage to face bullies. Anagha M18

Tomorrow is World Teachers’ Day
The role of teaching has expanded over the years to include parent, nurse, social worker, carer along with the additional needs of meeting the variety of needs in a complex society. Staff come to work early and finish late just to get their work done to ensure the best for your child. Please take the time to thank a teacher for their efforts on this specially recognised day.

2015 Booklists are being sent home with all students today. A reminder that parents can no longer apply for EMA to pay for their child’s booklists. Some funding has come directly to the school which has allowed us to slightly reduce the cost of booklists overall. Please ensure these are paid for by December.
FAMILY PHOTO FUNDRAISER  
SATURDAY 22nd NOVEMBER

Contact the school office on 9702 8398.
Don't miss your opportunity for a great deal.
Book your time now!

Children’s Week
Playgroups friends had a day out at the Berwick Cheese Factory for a Spring into Play event. We had lots of fun! Playgroup is open every Monday and Friday here at school.

Thank you to the City of Casey for this fabulous free event.

Good luck and have fun at Prep transition to our playgroup friends Amelia, Andjela, Blake, David, Harveen, Joseph, Madison, Shanae, Shoaib, and Vera.

Storms and rain are NOT an excuse for a child’s absence from school.
It may be a reason for a slightly late arrival as it causes heavy traffic but not a full day away. On Monday, we had 40 students absent from school, 30 of these absences are still unexplained. Many students are saying they stayed home due to the rain—this is not a valid reason to stay home. Parents must notify us of the reason for ALL absences every time their child is away from school.

Did you know, parents can now be fined for their child’s unexplained absences or culmination of non-valid reasons?

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!

Don’t forget, before school Fun & Fitness begins at 8.30am, the library is also open from 8.30am.

Monday’s absence tally showing absences and late arrivals.

Thank you to the parents who are informing us now of their intention of moving schools or house next year. As we begin to ensure the right number of staffing this helps greatly. Please remember that funding for the school year for each school is made on the premise of who is enrolled in the school before 28th February so moving schools through the year disadvantages schools as they don’t receive the funding to assist all students needs.
Last Thursday 69 middle students left for school camp. We headed off to Phillip Island Adventure Resort stopping along the way to eat our snack in San Remo. We arrived at camp around 12pm, had lunch and a tour of the resort. It was huge! After lunch we put our bags into our rooms and then it was time for our first activity. The activities we did were: Archery, the Giant Swing, Canoeing and the Flying Fox. They were all so much fun. We did two activities on the first day and two on Friday. For dinner we had chicken teriyaki (which was really yum) and apple crumble for dessert. After dinner we caught the bus to see the penguins. It was freezing but well worth seeing. The little penguins made their way up from the water to grass lands to find their burrows. On the walk back to the visitor centre we saw so many penguins up close. They were so cute. We arrived back to camp, had some supper (muffins and Michaela’s birthday cake) and then it was time for bed. We still had a few excited campers but finally all was peaceful and teachers could also hit the sack. Friday was a beautiful sunny day and we had our last two activities. But first we had to pack up our rooms and have breakfast. A lot of breakfast cereal and toast was eaten. Soon enough it was time to leave. We stopped off in Cowes for our packed lunch and had a play on the playground and dipped our feet in the cool beach water. Overall it was a very successful camp with happy students who had many fabulous experiences.
Women’s Health in the South East
Volunteers Needed to Assist Refugee Women

The Settlement Grants Program aims to assist women from a refugee background to become self-reliant and participate equitably in Australian society. Through our volunteer home visiting program, volunteers will visit the women each week to help build skills, knowledge and confidence which will assist their settlement into Australia.

Female volunteers are needed to provide home visits to the women. Are you...
- Interested in working with refugee women?
- Interested in gaining some valuable life/work experience?
- Interested in gaining more knowledge and skills in working with women from different cultural backgrounds?
- Available for at least 1 hour per week?

All interested women must be available to attend 4 days of training.

When: Tuesday 11th & Thursday 13th November and Tuesday 18th & Wednesday 19th November, Time: 10.00am - 2.30pm

Where: Suite 2, 31 Princes Highway, Dandenong

Morning Tea and Lunch Provided. For more information or to apply please contact: Marian Salvage
Ph: (03) 9794 8677 Email: msalvage@whise.org.au

Applications close Thursday 6th November 2014

Women’s Health in the South East is supported by funding from the Australian Government Department of Social Services under the Settlement Grants Program funding program.

Sports News Update
On Friday 24 October Coral Park Primary hosted the district finals for softball and basketball.

Our softball and basketball teams were both very successful at lightning premiership and won the right to play in the district finals.

In softball Coral Park played Hillcrest Primary School. The game was played competitively and in good spirit. Lisa Blaschak and Ian Morris, the coaches of the softball team, had been training the team for many weeks in preparation for the big game. Coral Park played extremely well but lost narrowly to Hillcrest 5 home runs to 7 home runs. Congratulations to the whole team and to the excellent coaches on representing our great school so well.

In basketball Coral Park played Cranbourne Primary School and the result did not go our way with Cranbourne being too strong in offensive and defensive rebounds. The final score was Cranbourne 39 to Coral Park 6. The grand final was a fabulous game between Casey Grammar and Cranbourne Primary with Casey Grammar winning 25 points to 20.

Thank you to the parents from all the schools who supported the students on the day.

Regards, Bill Hains, Interschool Sports Coordinator.

Kid’s Club are getting into the Holiday Spirit and making Halloween and Christmas Crafts.

Have a look at all these fantastic crafts we’ve been making. From Cross Stich to Ornaments and Coloring there is something for everyone at Kid’s Club.

Join us this Friday for a Spooktacular day at Kid’s Club!

Jess

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

Kids Club Direct:9799 6182

Coral Park’s recipe book, ‘From our Country to Your Plate’ is on sale now at the office. Get your copy quickly for only $10, sales are limited!

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child’s education. School is NOT a choice, it is compulsory. Ensure your child is at school on time every day!

Every Day Counts

Please ensure you explain any absences your child has — remember, this is a legal requirement!