Calendar of Events

Thursday 29th October
Fluoro Disco

Friday 30th October
Assembly item—J1 & J2
World Teachers’ Day
Celebrations

Monday 2nd November
is a
Curriculum day

Tuesday 3rd November is Cup Day public holiday

Wednesday 4th November
No homework club

Thursday 5th November
Middle StarLab Incursion

Friday 6th November
Assembly item—M16

Every weekend
A reminder to please check your child’s hair for head lice. Please report all cases of head lice to the office so we can alert other parents to check their child also so as to stop the problem from becoming worse.

**Fluoro Disco**

Dress up in Your Most Colourful Clothes

TONIGHT in the Coral Park gym
$5 per ticket
(which includes popcorn and a drink at the disco)
Preps 2.30-3.15 (during school time at no cost)
Grades 1, 2 & 3 students 4:30-5:45
Grades 4, 5 & 6 students 6:00-7:15
Lollybags and Glow Sticks for sale on the night for 50c each.

Tickets available at the door.

DJ equipment supplied by
JK the Singing DJ

TOMORROW is World Teachers’ Day

World Teachers’ Day acknowledges the efforts of teachers, integration aides and office staff who all assist and support our students in their education in an increasingly complex, multicultural and technological society. It is a day on which students, parents and community members can demonstrate their appreciation for the contributions that teachers have made to their community.

The role of teaching has expanded over the years to include parent, nurse, social worker, carer along with the additional requirements 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.

A BIG THUMBS UP and well done to the 146 students who have had less than 3 days absent so far this year. YOU ARE ALL SUPERSTARS!

Your attendance has been AMAZING!! Keep up the great effort.

Monday 2nd November is a CURRICULUM DAY.
Students don’t come to school.
Student Safety

The issue of safety has become more prevalent in recent times with cyberbullying, home violence, attempted abductions, stranger danger alerts, youth suicides and internet safety concerns. We would like to remind all students about the importance of safety, being safe and feeling safe at all times.

There are many campaigns now that work to help reduce the number of safety related incidents though helping to raise community awareness and strategies for students. Without wanting to alarm students, we want them to be alert to help keep them safe. Often in the media or through Department of Education alerts, we are reminded of what can happen so easily on any day of the week. Please help us to remind students of safe behaviours at all times. Over the next few weeks, you will read about ways of helping to keep our students safe, please discuss these with your child.

Bully Stoppers: Speak Up Against Cyberbullying

Students achieve their best at school in safe and supportive environments, where they are free from bullying and disruptive behaviour. We place a big emphasis on making sure we provide a great environment for our students – one that promotes patience and tolerance and is inclusive, harmonious and free from bullying.

We can work towards this goal through education in the classroom, intervention in the playground and a focus on promoting positive behaviours.

With the rise of social media, bullying now occurs online, as well as in person. Cyberbullying is just as harmful as face-to-face bullying, and it can occur at any time of the day.

Cyberbullying is an increasing issue in the wider community – and the best way to tackle it is for schools, students and parents to work in partnership. Our school supports the Victorian Government’s Bully Stoppers campaign – which has a series of tools and resources for parents and students to support students in preventing cyberbullying.

These resources, called Bully Stoppers: Speak Up Against Cyberbullying, are available on the Bully Stoppers website, at www.education.vic.gov.au/bullystoppers - visit the site to find out more.

The ‘Say Something’ campaign was formed to help reduce bullying. The powerful campaign was designed to highlight the important role bystanders can play during instances of bullying. Bullying behaviour can be reinforced when people watch and do nothing. When bystanders stand up to bullying, while in a safe and supportive environment, the bullying behaviour is more likely to stop.

Research has revealed Australians who witness instances of bullying are more likely to stay quiet than say something. We encourage our students to say, ‘Stop it mate, lets play safe’.

Five tips for school students who witness bullying behaviour

1. Stay safe and never put yourself in danger. Only intervene if it is safe to do so.
2. If you feel it’s safe and you have support, tell the person who is bullying to stop, that it’s not OK.
3. If the behaviour doesn’t stop, walk away - being part of the audience is being part of the problem.
4. Afterwards, talk to the student who was being bullied to make sure they’re OK.
5. Ensure you tell a teacher or other adult what you saw.

Staying Safe in the Community.

Recognise, React and Report—is the message from the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. The Daniel Morcombe Foundation was founded after 13 year old Daniel was abducted and killed whilst waiting for a bus. This message encourages children to Recognise, React and Report if they feel something is not right.

The two Apps pictured; Amego and DanielMorcombe.com.au/App are widely recognised apps to assist with keeping your children safe and knowing their location at all times.

Remember
SAFETY IS OUR PRIORITY
EVERY CHILD HAS THE RIGHT TO BE SAFE and FEEL SAFE.
If you would like to donate a birthday book to the school, please see Michelle or Linda at the school office for details by the Wednesday you would like the book presented at assembly. You can bring your own new book or you can purchase one from the school office. Books are catalogued and borrowed out to the birthday person for the first read and are then returned to the library for all to enjoy. This is a great way to celebrate birthdays and build our book resources.

Birthday Books

Thank you to Ivana and Michaela for donating great new books to our library. We hope you had a very happy birthday.

Origami Dogs with M15

Last Friday M15 made Origami Dogs as part of our digital literacy session. It helped us to learn how to follow a procedure and also to give directions to a partner.

We practised with scrap paper and then made our good copy. It was heaps of fun.
Eliza.

I worked with Eliza. We displayed the dogs in our classroom, it was awesome.
Lukijana
Ellaha helped me to make the dog. It was a good activity. A J

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 the average of the mean score of all Primary Schools in Victoria.

According to survey responses, our strongest areas are:
- Extra-Curricula activities (this includes our after school programs available as well as all of our lunchtime activities),
- Homework (we have reduced the amount of homework going home and encourage students learning through spelling, Mathletics and Reading Eggs, and also have our weekly Homework Club each Wednesday),
- Reporting (our new reporting format using Sentral has made our reports far more parent friendly),
- Approachability & Teacher Morale (this is very favourable and hopefully means that parents feel very comfortable discussing issues or concerns with staff and that they find staff friendly and welcoming), and
- School Connectedness & Student Safety (meaning students feel safe at school and well looked after and both students and parents feel connected to the school and that we assist beyond just the schooling of students).

Although still receiving at or above State levels, our areas needing the most improvement included;
- Learning Focus was our lowest area, (meaning parents feel that our school is not learning focussed enough, perhaps not pushing our higher achievers)
- Transitions was our second lowest which is disappointing as we spend considerable time in term 4 preparing students for moving on to their 2016 classes, especially our new preps who have 11 sessions of transition.

We aim to please so would love more feedback on how we can improve. 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.

Some comments included; ‘I would find a monthly review of preps student progress to be very helpful to monitor development.’ ‘Toilets need cleaning and upgrading. The school in general needs an update it is too old.’ ‘The school embraces a real community, almost a family like experience for the kids. I congratulate the principal, teachers and ES staff for making the school into such a wonderful environment that makes kids want to come to school everyday. Primary School is where it all starts.’

National Bandana Day
Friday 30th October

Donate to CanTeen so that we can continue our vital world helping young people cope with the physical, emotional and practical impact of living with cancer. Bandannas are available at the office for $4.
CORAL PARK P.S. PLAYGROUP
Playgroup is on each
TUESDAY (in the old hall) and FRIDAY (in the art room)
between 9-11am. Come along and join in.
It’s fun and it’s free!

DANDENONG SHOW
November 14th & 15th 2015
Where the city meets the country, the Dandenong Show has lots to offer; farm animals, dogs, arts and crafts, amusement rides, show-bags and fireworks. Don’t forget to visit the animal nursery and look out for the free entertainment. There is something for everyone!
Dandenong Show Grounds – Greaves Reserve, Bennet Street Dandenong
For further information please see our website www.Dandyshow.com.au

On Thursday 15 October Mikey travelled out to Casey Fields to participate in the Regional Athletics Finals in his shot put event. He had three successful throws which was an excellent effort as the officials were very strict on the correct technique. Out of a field of 12 competitors Mikey finished 6th. The conditions were very hot and windy.
Mikey is a Coral Park Sports Star. Well done Mikey.
Regards
Bill Hains.
Interschool sports coordinator.

Out of School Hours Care
To enrol your child into the Coral Park OSHC Program, complete a Registration Form which is located on the Camp Australia website - www.campausralia.com.au. All bookings, cancellations and account changes must be done through the Parent Portal located on the Camp Australia website. Once enrolled be ready to get involved in FUN, QUALITY and ENGAGING experiences in a SAFE and HAPPY ENVIRONMENT.

Contact Us
Kids Club Direct: 9799 6182

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

Jess, Kids Club Coordinator