Calendar of events

November

Friday 7th November
Assembly item–Junior Singing Group

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

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

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!

A BIG THUMBS UP and well done to:

Thumbs Up to the families who have already returned and paid for their 2015 booklists. What SUPERSTARS!

Thumbs up to all the families who regularly arrive on time for learning.

Chicken hatching in the prep rooms.

As part of our ‘Amazing Animals’ topic this term the prep students have been very lucky to have the chicken hatching program in their rooms.

We have had 7 baby chicks hatch and we have cared for them over the last two weeks. We were so excited to see one hatch during class time and so we named him ‘Preppy’. The preps have learnt about the life cycles of chickens, their habitat, what they eat and how to look after them.

We have all enjoyed cuddles with the baby chicks and we will miss them when they go back to the farm.

Parent helpers are needed on Saturday 29th November to assist with our sausage sizzle fundraiser here at school on Election Day. Please leave your details at the office if you can help out and spare us an hour of your time.

A reminder that Dim Sims now cost $1 from the canteen. If you require an updated Canteen Price List, please collect one from the office. This is also on our website.
Author study is an activity where we study different authors and read lots of their books. By Ty

In Author Study we work in groups to investigate a particular author and learn about their lives. We then do activities based on them and their books. By Sneha

We have been learning about Dr Suess, Alison Lester, Pamela Allen, Jackie French and Mem Fox. My favourite author is Dr Suess. By William

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For the number lines we had string and had 0 on one end and 1 on the other. Then we sorted out the jumbled up fractions and put them in order. By Megan

There are lots of different ways to write half. By Degage

When we did the fraction number lines we had to put lots of fractions and decimals in order. It was challenging and fun as well. By Sneha
Building Prep Independence

⇒ Please wait outside the corridor for students.
⇒ Identify an agreed meeting point to meet up and walk home safely together.

- Our preps are getting ready for grade 1 so therefore will now be dismissed from class at 3:30pm. Please ensure they have an agreed meeting point to know where to go to and meet up with siblings or parents (not in the classroom) for a safe walk home. With this fabulous weather, make it an outside area, perhaps the drink taps near the junior toilets or in the junior playground (our new playground is currently being installed so make sure you check it out) or even near the flag pole at the top of the steps outside the library. This builds their independence of exiting the classroom alone and finding a sibling or parent at a safe location in the school grounds. It also helps reduce corridor traffic for safe and easy exit for all.

- Alternatively, they can meet you at the exit gate. Remind them to wait inside the gate with the teacher on duty. Teachers on duty at the gate remain with students until all have been collected. If they aren’t collected by 3.45pm, they are walked to the office so we can ensure safe collection from parents.

Of course if you wish to meet with classroom teacher after school for an informal chat about how your child is going, please meet your child then come in for your discussion.

- We ask that now it is term four, prep & junior parents don’t wait in the corridor. I am sure most of you can see what a hazard it has become as it gets very busy.

A reminder that booklists are due to be returned and paid for by the start of December.

Thank you to the 13 families who have already done this, you are AWESOME!

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!

Student Safety Messages:

- Students should always walk to and from school with friends.
- Students should always have their shoe laces tied so they don’t trip over and get hurt.
- Students should be kind to each other at all times.
- All students need to use their voice: Protect yourself or protect someone else by discussing incidents.
- Students should not play at the park alone after school or on the weekends.

Prep transition has begun!

Do you have a child that needs to be enrolled in prep for 2015? PLEASE enrol them immediately so they can join in with prep transition dates each Friday here at Coral Park.

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. Once parents make a choice to enrol at a school, they need to finish the year in the same school unless moving to a new area.

Birthday Books

Thank you to Mr Tilley, Ivana, Yasith, Mariane and Mikayla for donating birthday books to our library. We hope you all had a wonderful birthday.

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

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