Calendar of events

Friday 14th November
Assembly item - J8 & J9

Saturday 22nd November
Family Photo Fundraiser
Money now due please pay at the office

Friday 21st November
Assembly item - M16

Saturday 29th November
State Election Day, Make your vote count here at the school and buy a sausage.

The SLC need parent helpers 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.

Friday 28th November
Assembly item - Preps
Booklists are due to be returned and paid

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!

The importance of reading.............. every night!

Whilst doing some research I found this graphic on the importance of reading at home. If this doesn't demonstrate the importance of daily reading, then nothing will!

Why Can’t I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

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<th>Student “A”</th>
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<td>reads 20 minutes each day</td>
<td>reads 5 minutes each day</td>
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<td>3600 minutes in a school year</td>
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1,800,000 words
282,000 words
8,000 words

90th percentile
50th percentile
10th percentile

This means that by the end of Primary School, Student A will have read for the equivalent of more than 60 whole school days. Student B will have read for the equivalent of around 12 whole school days. Student C’s statistics are just scary! Which student would you expect to have the greater vocabulary, be better at writing and generally more successful at school and in life? 20 minutes of reading a day can make such a huge difference, so when your child asks if they can skip their reading for a night..... consider it carefully.

So a BIG THUMBS UP and WELL DONE to those students who read each night and to the parents who ensure this occurs.

Books also make a great Christmas or birthday gift. It is great to read with your child, this encourages a love of reading and allows you to share stories and interesting bits read. Come along to the Book Fair before or after school between 24th-27th November.

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 the families who have let us know of their intention of leaving or overseas holidays, this greatly assists with planning.
- Thumbs up to all the families who regularly arrive on time for learning.
- Thumbs Up to the students who read 5 or more nights each week.
On Thursday we went to the library to a water incursion. We went to Mandy and she told us that there is 233,000km of pipe. We learnt about ground water, water cycle and how many buckets of water a person uses at home and school and that South East Water delivers 1,033,000 litres of water each day. At school, each person uses one bucket! Did you know that some schools put buckets under the taps and you should go in a shower for 3 - 4 minutes? Then we did a water relay and learned that a toilet can have 2 buttons, one is half flush and the other is whole. In the relay there were 3 groups blue, white and red, 3 buckets and 2 hoops. One hoop was for water heroes and one was water wasters. In the buckets were items you have to choose if they were water heroes or wasters. By Nicholas J9

On Thursday I went to a South East Water incursion and I was very excited and I learnt that a dam was very big and then it got smaller as the people drank it. I also learnt that at home we use about 15 buckets each day and 1 bucket each day at school. By Rhylee, J9

We learnt how to save water and how long you have to stay in the shower. We did some water activities where you had to have two hoops. The red hoop meant you don’t save water and the blue hoop was where you put the things that can save water. By Dora, J9

Going Global At Coral Park

This year the Hampton Park Physical Education Network looked at ways we could become involved in the global community. The district was made aware of a medical mission that each year travels to the remote islands of Vanuatu. In October of this year a group of volunteers travelled at their own expense to the remote islands of Vanuatu to give medical care and dental health checks to the communities. These communities are very poor and have very little, if any sporting equipment. The Hampton Park District decided to become involved and in conjunction with Knight Sports donated sports equipment for the children and adults in these communities. Judging by the smiles the equipment was greatly appreciated. Please share this article with your children to promote awareness of others less fortunate and the small ways we can make others smile. The district have formed a PE Charter to ensure the best outcomes for all students involved in interschool sport within our schools and to help develop a lifelong love of being active and maintaining a reasonable level of fitness whilst ensuring the opportunity to participate for all. You can read the Charter on page 3 of the Coral News. Keep Fit. Regards Bill Hains.

Good luck to our senior softball team who are playing in regional finals tomorrow in Frankston. We wish you all the best and hope your practice game against the teachers yesterday was a good warm up for you. Thanks for the game. Good Luck!
Birthday Books
Thank you to Kahli, Mrs Gray, Steevie and Anita 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.

2015 Booklists
A reminder that booklists are due to be returned and paid for by the start of December.
Thank you to the 36 families who have already done this, what a fantastic response!

Each year a couple of families contact us to say they can buy the middle and senior booklist items cheaper. As we buy in bulk, our prices are very comparable and we believe we receive excellent costings from OfficeMax so unless you work at Office Works and get staff discount, why would you bother with all the running around to find the exact items required.

Please note that our booklist costs also include subscriptions for school based programs including Mathletics and Reading Eggs which are also used in homework for consolidating learning, as well as photocopying and paper resources for the classroom. Should you wish to buy your own booklist items, it is expected that you will provide the exact books (line size, page number, etc.) and colours of highlighters and folders as these are used for various reasons. A compulsory component of $45 is still required for the items that are provided through the school as they are purchased in bulk.

For prep and junior booklists, all items are purchased in bulk and shared through the year ensuring new pencils and textas are placed in the room throughout the year. The costs for subscriptions, photocopying and classroom paper resources are included within the amounts.

I assure you that the school does everything in its power to pass on the best possible pricing for parents. Parents have a choice in the additional package of pencils/textas/pencil case/eraser/sharpener. These can be brought as great stocking fillers for Christmas which is why we make them optional. Each middle and senior child must ensure they have these ready to begin school next year if not buying them through the school.

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Come to the Book Fair!
Before and after school
November 24th to 27th.

Buy one book, then choose a book of equal value from the donation table and donate it to the library.
All proceeds from the Book Fair goes to buying new books and resources for our school.
See you at the Book Fair,
Linda Alexander

Hampton Park District Sports Statement of Philosophy
All schools participating in the Hampton Park District Sports Association will abide by the agreed philosophy to foster and encourage participation in sport through the provision of experiences that are fun, challenging and rewarding and varied to cater for individual needs while providing experience and knowledge through a range of interschool sports opportunities.
All parents and students are asked to abide by codes of conduct pertinent to supporting this philosophy to ensure fun and inclusivity for all.

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 each Friday here at Coral Park.

B r i t h d a y  B o o k s
Thank you to Kahli, Mrs Gray, Steevie and Anita for donating birthday books to our library. We hope you all had a wonderful birthday.
Please ensure you explain any absences your child has — remember, this is a legal requirement!