Calendar of events

November

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

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

December

Tuesday 2 December
Narre Warren South P12 College Year 7 2015
Pre Orientation half day

Friday 5th December
Assembly item—Music groups

Tuesday 9th December
Grade 6 Orientation Day

Friday 12th December
Year 6 Graduation Picnic
Assembly item—M18

Tuesday 16th December
Year 6 Graduation Evening

Thursday 18th December
Whole School End of Year Celebration Fun Day

Friday 19th December
Last day of the 2014 school year
Assembly at 1.45pm
2.30pm finish
Learning time begins at 9 so be in class by 8.55!

Whole School Transition Program

This Friday, our whole school transition program begins. The transition program facilitates students making a smooth progression into school, through the school into new areas and onto secondary college. It provides students with the opportunity to work with a variety of staff within each area. Students take part in Literacy, Numeracy and Wellbeing activities in their new area whilst experiencing being in a different classroom with different students and teachers. It is a fun way of getting to know other people and aims to reduce anxieties students may have in preparation for the new year.

Transition dates and times this year are:
Week 8 Friday 28th November 9.00-11.00.
Week 9 Wednesday 3rd December 9.00-11.00
Week 10 Tuesday 9th December 9.00-1.45.

Please ensure your child is at school on these days so they are a part of the program. Students who are leaving Coral Park in 2015 will continue as part of the program. Year 6 students will take part in their own program addressing their Hopes & Fears for Secondary College.

If your child is feeling anxious about next year, please ensure their classroom teacher is aware of this. Do not allow them to remain at home on these days as that doesn’t help them to manage their anxieties. Being apart of this program helps them to build their resilience and be part of the change process.

In the last week of the term, on Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th December, students will be in their 2015 classrooms, hopefully with their 2015 teachers. They will find out who their teacher and classmates are for the following year and spend two days working together to help build connectedness as a group.

On Wednesday 17th they will return to their current 2014 class and teacher to share and discuss their experiences. On Thursday 18th December, we have our whole school fun day at Casey Fields and hope all students will attend.

Friday 19th December is the last school day for the year, please remember we have a 2.30pm finish on this day. Assembly will begin at 1.45pm and finish at 2.25pm.

Saturday is Election Day

Vote here at the school between 8am and 6pm.

Support our sausage sizzle fundraiser between 9am and 2pm

The Student Leaders are holding a Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser on Saturday 29th November and would love some parent helpers to assist here at Coral Park P.S. on Election Day.

Please leave your details at the office if you can help out and spare us an hour of your time. All assistance is greatly appreciated.

CONGRATULATIONS
The winning house!
**Expert’s tips for parents to stop cyber-bullying.**

Social media is more accessible than ever – with the rise of smartphones and tablets, it has never been easier to jump online.

For young people, it means being more connected than any other generation – friends are never more than a tweet away.

Unfortunately this has also led to a rapid increase in cyberbullying – to the point that at least one in 10 children are cyberbullied each year.

Cyberbullying can be very different from traditional bullying, and many parents can feel ill-equipped to respond if their child is being cyberbullied.

Susan McLean, a former police officer and Australia’s leading cybersafety expert, said even if parents have no experience with social media, by following a few basic steps, parents can effectively support their children to be safe online.

‘Parenting in the 21st century requires you to be able to parent in the digital space,’ Ms McLean said. ‘Technology is firmly entrenched in our lives and that of our children so we need the tools to deal with issues as they arise.

‘It’s really important that if your child is being cyberbullied, you don’t cut them off from social media and take their technology away - the vast majority of kids won’t tell a parent if they are bullied and harassed online for fear of losing access. They would much rather put up with the bad to keep the good.’

Ms McLean said when confronted with their child being cyberbullied, parents should follow the cyberbullying quick response checklist:

- Reassure and comfort
- Don’t respond
- Block and delete bully
- Report to the site
- Keep a copy
- Tell school (or relevant place) and seek action
- If ongoing inform police
- Support your child as they have done nothing wrong

The Department’s [Bully Stoppers website](#) has a range of advice for parents, students and teachers about how to respond to all types of bullying.

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**The Technology Institute of Victoria who trained parents of our community this year are providing a FREE workshop entitled: Facebook – Social media and parenting.**

These sessions are open for parents, friends and family over 18 years of age to attend.

Topics covered in this popular 90 minute session will include:

- Posting text and images online
- Current trends of social media
- Student/child behaviour online
- Parenting implications
- Researched cases studies

The session will cover Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat and other popular social media forums. There will be time allocated to answer parent queries or concerns regarding Cyber behaviour. All attendees will also receive a free information pack to assist their understanding.

The FREE workshops will be offered on the 3rd and 4th December in your area, you may attend either a day or evening session on these dates.

**LOCATION:** Lynbrook Hotel

**DATE:** 3rd of December and 4th of December

**Day sessions** – 10.00 am – 11.30 am

**Night sessions** – 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm

To attend one of these sessions for free, please register your interest via [www.tiv.com.au/socialmedia](http://www.tiv.com.au/socialmedia) this will assist with catering and seating.

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**A BIG thank you to all the families and staff who supported the Book Fair this week. The buy one and donate one FREE to the library was a great success. The library now has many new books for all students to share in 2015.**

**Please return all LIBRARY BOOKS**

Please have a look around home, in the car, under the bed and everywhere else for all Library and Take Home Share books.

Please return them to school as soon as possible. The students have done a wonderful job of looking after our reading resources throughout the year.

Happy reading in the holidays!

**Booklist payments are now due. Please ensure these are paid promptly.**

To see what’s happening at Coral Park, visit our blogs at [www.coralparkps.vic.edu.au](http://www.coralparkps.vic.edu.au), click on the blog link and visit the prep, junior, middle or senior site.
**CULTURAL EVENTS DECEMBER 2014**

1st Monday National Day Central African Republic & National Day Romania
2nd Tuesday National Day Laos & National Day United Arab Emirates
5th Friday The King’s Birthday Anniversary Thailand
6th Saturday Independence Day Finland
12th Friday Jamhuri Day Kenya
16th Tuesday National Day Bahrain & National Day Kazakhstan Jewish
17th Wednesday Channukah - Festival of Lights (to 24 December)
20th Thursday National Day Niger & National Day Qatar
23rd Tuesday Emperor's Birthday Japan
25th Thursday Christmas Day Christian
Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus, peace on earth and good will. Christmas lights and trees are displayed, carols sung and children eagerly await the arrival of Santa Claus and gifts.
26th Friday Boxing Day
Australia Two important sporting events are held - the start of the Sydney to Hobart bluewater classic yacht race and the Boxing Day test match at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.
31st Saturday New Year’s Eve
New Year’s Eve is a time for communities, families and friends to celebrate the year past and the year to come. Fireworks light up cities and harbours around the world.

**Do you know the term dates for 2015?**

**Term 1:**
- 28 January (school teachers start) to 27 March *

**Term 2:**
- 13 April to 26 June

**Term 3:**
- 13 July to 18 September

**Term 4:**
- 5 October to 18 December
*The first day of Term 1 is a student-free day in all government schools to allow for appropriate planning to take place for the arrival of students. Each year government schools are provided with four student-free days for professional development, school planning and administration, curriculum development, and student assessment and reporting purposes. The remaining three student-free days are determined by each individual school, we will advise you of these dates as they are finalised in 2015.

**Key Keyboard Lessons are coming to Coral Park in 2015**

In 2015 the Primary Music Institute will be conducting keyboard lessons after school in the Performing Arts Room. The lessons will be on a Tuesday and/or Wednesday (to be determined), straight after school and will be taken by a fully qualified and experienced keyboard teacher. Primary Music Institute (PMI) provides small group (3-5 students) and private instrumental music lessons. The cost for the small group is $13.50 per half hour and for private lessons $40 per hour.

**The PMI Approach**
- Lessons are held on school campus.
- Structured learning objectives and student development plans - provided as part of the PMI Stars program which outlines a student learning plan for all program participants. There are six levels and each level is passed by completing activities across theory, aural and sight reading, scales and performance.
- Parental engagement and visibility of student progress - via open lesson days, progress reports (as part of PMI Stars program), school holiday practice activities, school performances, etc.
- Unique curriculum - developed with the input of a panel of musical and education experts.
- Continual innovation - led by new Program Directors since mid-2013.

Quality teaching - stringent selection criteria, safety certification, ongoing curriculum development and teacher coaching.

**Contact PMI**
For more information about any of the PMI programs please have a look at their website (www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au) and to receive any further information please contact their Parent Support Team at admin@primarymusicinstitute.com.au or call on 1300 362 824.

General enquires can be made to Ross Tilley, our music elective teacher at school on 9702 8398.

**Livvi’s Place,**
Next Wednesday December 3rd is International Day of People with Disability. Why not help celebrate and support this day and come along to the 'Ground Breaking' of Livvi's Place, an inclusive play space in the City of Casey, where children of all abilities will be able to play side by side. Coral Park has been involved in fundraising for this play space.

Don't forget to RSVP using the EventBrite link http://livvisplacecaseygroundbreaking.eventbrite.com

Want to know more?
Visit the Livvi’s Place Casey Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/groups/friendsoflivvisplacecasey/

What is an Inclusive Playspace? - Watch this video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xnqGgKJCH6Z2A


**Swing by for the groundbreaking of Livvi’s Place**
Celebrate the creation of our new inclusive playspace in Casey on International Day of People with Disability.

Wednesday, 3 December 4.00pm
Rosebud Library
Pilates RSVP required.

http://livvisplacecaseygroundbreaking.eventbrite.com
Once a Week, Take a Peek
All families are asked to please check each child’s hair for head lice every weekend and continue over the holidays. So remember, Once a Week, Take a Peek!

Kid’s Club are Making Santa Sacks.

This week Kid’s Club are getting the paints out and decorating our own Santa Sacks. What a great place to put all our Christmas Goodies.

If you stop by Kid’s Club this week you will also see our Kid’s Club story book. It features stories about our Kid’s Club kids and all the fun things they make and do.

Session times:
Before Care- 6:30am–8:45am
After Care- 3:30pm–6:00pm
Kids Club Direct: 9799 6182

Celebrate Christmas in Casey
Celebrate locally at one of the many great Christmas events on offer around Casey. Christmas 2014 provides a great opportunity to support the local community by buying gifts from local stores or volunteering at local charities. For more Christmas events in Casey visit www.casey.nic.gov.au/san.lember, this is a legal requirement!

Narre Warren South Cards by Candlelight
Date: Saturday 6 December
Time: 3.00 pm – 5.00 pm
Venue: Narre Warren South Town Park, Georges Road, Narre Warren South
Cost: FREE
Contact: Julie Kelly (9425 8926)

Christmas on the Foreshore
Date: Saturday 6 December
Time: 6.00 pm – 10.00 pm
Venue: Tomales Recreation Reserve, Tomales Road, Beaumaris
Cost: Gold coin donation
Contact: Ria Wilke (3958 8527)

Hampton Park Cards by Candlelight
Date: Saturday 13 December
Time: 6.30 pm – 9.30 pm
Venue: 2 Pembroke Road, Hampton Park
Cost: FREE
Contact: Sharon Thomson (9949 5545)

Hampton Park Community Cards
Date: Saturday 13 December
Time: 9.00 am – 10.00 am
Venue: Allbeek Road Reserve, Allbeek Road, Narre Warren North
Cost: $5 for a family or $2 per child, donation for Narre Warren North Community Action
Contact: Michael Giansalves (9906 9313)

Caroline Springs Community Cards
Date: Saturday 20 December
Time: 9.00 am – 10.00 am
Venue: South Eastern Christian Centre, 28-30 Ernest Street, Caroline Springs
Cost: Gold coin donation
Contact: Caroline Springs Community Action

Nare Warren South Cards by Candlelight
Date: Saturday 6 December
Time: 3.00 pm – 5.00 pm
Venue: Narre Warren South Town Park, Georges Road, Narre Warren South
Cost: FREE
Contact: Julie Kelly (9425 8926)

Before and After School Care

Melbourne Stars Casey Family Fun Day
Get down to Casey Fields in Cranbourne East on Sunday 14 December 2014 for the third annual Melbourne Stars Casey Family Fun Day.

The City of Casey and Melbourne Stars have teamed up to provide the fantastic free family event where you can meet the Melbourne Stars, including Captain Cameron White, Kevin Petersen, Glenn Maxwell and James Faulkner.

Enjoy the carnival atmosphere with boxing entertainers, rides, music, stalls and family-fun day activities and cheer on the team as they play a full scale practice match.

Date: Sunday 14 December 2014
Time: 10.00 am – 3.00 pm
Venue: Casey Fields, Berwick-Ornibar Road, Cranbourne East
Cost: FREE
Contact: City of Customer Service on 9702 5200

Museum of a Day Cranbourne East — FREE Cranbourne East — FREE Cranbourne East

FOR SALE
Flat screen BENQ monitors just $5 each. Ask at the office.

PLAYGROUP—Do you have a child under school age?
Come along each Monday and Friday morning and join in with play group. Meet new people, have a coffee and chat while your children have play learning time with Linda. Meet in the Art room between 9.00–11.00 on Monday and Friday.

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!