Calendar of events

December

Friday 5th December
Assembly item – Music groups

Tuesday 9th December
Grade 6 Statewide Orientation Day
All Year 6 students attend their 2015 Secondary College for the day.

Friday 12th December
Year 6 Graduation Picnic
Assembly item – M18 Last canteen day for the year.

Monday 15th December
Christmas Hamper raffle tickets and money are due.

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
NO CANTEEN TODAY
Assembly at 1.45pm
2.30pm finish
Learning time begins at 9 so be in class by 8.55!

Christmas Hamper Raffle
Would you like to take home the big basket of goodies, or one of the many other prizes?

If so, you’ll need to buy tickets in the Christmas Hamper Raffle.

Tickets are 50c each OR 3 for $1.00

Raffle ticket books were sent home with students on Tuesday.

Donations for more hampers will be gratefully accepted.

(a non-perishable item please).

A free raffle ticket will be given for any donation.

All tickets and money are to be returned to the office by Monday 15th December 2014.

The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 17th December in the afternoon. Winners will be notified for collection.

Please help support the raffle. Further tickets are available from the office if you would like more to sell.

Thank you to the many families who supported our Sausage Sizzle fundraiser on Election Day. We raised $940.50 to go towards new sports equipment in rooms for the 2015 school year.

Thank you to the staff (Leanna, Bek, Brandon, Gill, Matt and Michelle) and parent helpers Kahli and Dan who were here all day. Thanks also to Mrs Faray and Anna Knight, and to Matt and the Student Leaders for their organisation of the event and for volunteering their time on the day. You are all Coral Park STARs!
Senior School News—What’s happening in the Senior School?

In 2015 the Senior School have worked on a variety of text types such as information reports, narratives, explanations, persuasives and script writing. To conclude the year the Senior School students are all busy working on a writing contract. This means that everyone is working on following the writing process from planning, editing, revising to publishing in their own time. The students are publishing their work in a variety of ways including traditional methods such as in Word, PowerPoint and Publisher to using iPad APPS such as Explain Everything, I Movie or Strip Designer. These fabulous published pieces will be put in their Portfolios and also in the Digital Portfolios on Sentral. Some will even appear on the Senior Blog. Ask your child to show you their writing pieces on their Sentral Portal and the Senior Blog. Why not log on yourself and see what the Coral Park Primary School Senior school has been doing.

Have you got your login details?

See article below.

Did you take part in the Family Photo Fundraiser?

THANK YOU!

Your participation in this helped to raise $500 for the school. Don’t forget the viewing day for photos is Wednesday 10th December here at the school. We hope you like your photos.

Parent Portal

Today letters will go home inviting Parents who haven’t yet taken the opportunity to enrol in using the Sentral Parent Portal.

The parent portal gives parents access to their child’s work, allows parents to report absences through the computer, make booking times for parent/teacher interviews, view student’s academic progress and keep up-to-date with school events and the school newsletter.

To enrol in the parent portal:

1. register by creating an account. (The link is on the school website)
2. Log into the Sentral parent/student portal
3. Wait until you receive an email to say you are an approved user

Log into your Sentral parent/student portal account and enter your unique code to link your account to your child or children.

Matt or a member of staff is available in the library from 9:00 each morning next week and would gladly assist those that would like some assistance with this process.

To see what’s happening at Coral Park, visit our blogs at www.coralparkps.vic.edu.au, click on the blog link and visit the prep, junior, middle or senior site.

Please call the school office on 9702 8398 to explain your child's absence before 9.00am. All late arrivals need to report to the office for a late pass into class.
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.

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 last FREE workshop is on **tonight at 7pm** at the Lynbrook Hotel.


**BIRTHDAY BOOKS**

Thank you to Emily for donating a book to the library.

If you would like to donate a birthday book you can purchase a book from the shops and donate it to the school or you can purchase a book at school for $10. Please see Linda in the library.

**Term 1 2015 Begins:**

**Wednesday 28 January for teachers**

*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.**

**ALL students begin**

**Thursday 29 January**

Thursday 29 January & Friday 30th January
Preps finish at 1.30pm.

Some parents feel that as we begin with a two day week, their children can have these days at home. It is imperative that ALL students are here for the first two days so as they have a slower start back and begin to get used to the daily routine of school life again. All students MUST be in class by 8.55am ready for learning time to begin at 9.00am sharp. All absences must be explained, this is a legal requirement.

**Term 1 ends Friday 27 March**

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

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

**Term 4: 5 October to 18 December**

**Antibiotic Awareness—The Facts.**

The development of antibiotics was one of the most important advances of medicine. Now, because of the *overuse and misuse of antibiotics,* bacterial infections that were once easily cured with antibiotics are becoming harder to treat. This is because bacteria have developed *antibiotic resistance.* The World Health Organization (WHO) has recently labelled antibiotic resistance as one of the greatest threats to public health today. Australia has one of the highest rates of antibiotic consumption in the developed world! Imagine a world without effective antibiotics. One where simple infections could be life threatening and surgical procedures that we take for granted would be high-risk. At the moment, we’re part way through a five year campaign to reduce prescribing of antibiotics by 25% which will bring us in line with OECD averages, and you are a big part of helping to achieve this.

**How you can help**

Antibiotic resistance is happening right now in the Australian community. The good news is there are steps we can all take to prevent the spread of antibiotic resistance by:

- understanding colds and flu are caused by viruses, and antibiotics treat bacterial infections, not viruses
- Telling your doctor you only want an antibiotic if it is really necessary
- taking the right dose of your antibiotic at the right time, as prescribed by your doctor
- taking your antibiotics for as long as your doctor tells you to.

Remember, only some bugs need antibiotics. Join the fight against antibiotic resistance at [nps.org.au/schools-join-the-fight](http://nps.org.au/schools-join-the-fight)

**Homework Club has now finished for the year.**
STUDENT BANKING DAY - REMINDER

Student banking is processed each Tuesday with the Commonwealth Bank. If you wish to open a school bank account, please collect a form from the school office. The Commonwealth Bank offers incentives and certificates for junior savers. They include collecting tokens and redeeming them for bookmarks, erasers, pencil cases, a school bag and much more.

Don’t forget, school banking day is Tuesday!

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!

CANTEEN NEWS

The canteen will close on the last day of term, Friday the 19th Of December. Please note the last day the canteen open is Friday 12th December.

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.

Playgroup ends on December 12th.

FOR SALE

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

Bully Stoppers.

Make a stand. lend a hand.

SEPTEMBER TO MAY

Homework Club has finished for the year.

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

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.

Come and buy one! It would make a great Christmas present.

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!