Calendar of Events
TOMORROW
Friday 18th December
The canteen is not open on the last day of school.

The Principal’s Attendance Breakfast Awards in the MPC.

Assembly begins at 1.45pm.
Assembly item—Year 6 Graduation Song
Announcement of 2016 School Captains

Last Day of the 2015 school year
2.30pm finish

Over the holidays:
Please help to keep our school safe and vandal free. If you see any loud or unwanted activity (e.g. students on the roof, parties at night) please call the Police on 000.

The first canteen day for 2016 is Friday 5th February.

Term dates 2016:
Term 1: Thursday 28th Jan til Thursday 24th March
Term 2: Monday 11th April til Friday 24th June
Term 3: Monday 11th July til Friday 16th September
Term 4: Monday 3rd October til Tuesday 20th December

Well what a busy but fabulous year 2015 has been. Well done to our whole school community for a great 2015 year. We have had many successful events this year including our fabulous school concert last term. I look forward to our great achievements continuing into next year. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and safe and happy holiday with Christmas only a week away. Enjoy your time together and have many special family moments. I look forward to seeing you all again on Thursday 28th January, by 8.55am of course ready for a fresh start to term 1.

Don’t forget, the 2016 school year begins for all students on Thursday 28th January. Preps begin with two shortened days, only attending until 1.30pm on Thursday 28th and Friday 29th January. All other students are expected from 8.55am until 3.30pm from Thursday the 28th. Staff of course return to work in the week leading up to this date.

Last Thursday, you should have received your child’s end of year report. We hope you shared in your child’s achievements with them and celebrated their work efforts. They are all to be congratulated on their wonderful efforts and achievements.

Due to an increase in students numbers, some rooms have moved across the school to keep our class groupings together. Staffing and class structure for the 2016 school year will be as follows:

4 x Prep classes: Lesley Campbell in P6, Pania Malesevic in P7, Emma Jepson in P8 and Janelle Willenberg in P9.
6 x 1/2 classes: Belinda Heard in J1, Veronica Butterfield in J2, Sue Nicholas in J3, Rebecca Matlock/Brooke Gianchino in J4, Lisa Tims in J10 and Vicki Graeme/Liz Padman in J11.
5 x 3/4 classes: Diana T-Hume in M5, Stephanie Allan in M15, Adriana Grant in M16, Jill Appleton in M17, Amy Kleinsmit in M18.

Specialists include: Matt Brand, Bill Hains, Ross Tilley, Katrina Holland, Ilona Bennett, Rachel Shambrook and Natalie Zoudlik.

Education Support Staff include: Tony Solinas, Leanna Kiwi Kiwi, Michelle Hunt, Lisa Blaschak, Michelle Mills, Mandy Lewry, Linda Lundberg & Stephanie Neads.

Best wishes to Kelly Stevens and Jane Robinson who are leaving us to broaden their horizons elsewhere and to Ian Morris who is travelling interstate. We thank them all for their time at Coral Park and the care and dedication they have given to the many students in their classes over the past years.

I would like to thank all of our amazing staff for their tireless efforts in assisting our children both academically and socially each day. A number of our families have faced some very difficult times this year and the support from staff to both parents and students has been terrific, as always. We have a truly dedicated group of educators and support staff here at the school who continue to work endlessly day in and out and I truly thank them.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our School Councillors, Liz Huggins, Kahl Rutter, Fiona Pennell, Adina Hoareau and Katrina Holland and to our regular observers and participants Rebekah Smithett, Stephanie Neads and Meryem Sekar for their contribution to the smooth running of our school this year. Also a huge thank you to our wonderful regular parent volunteers who have worked hard to ensure fundraising has continued across the school year amongst the many other assistance they have given each week, without their support and efforts, our jobs would be much busier, in particular a big thanks to Liz, Fiona, Kahl and Christine who are helping out each week. Towards the beginning of the 2016 school year we will once again be conducting School Council elections. This information will be in the school newsletter early in 2016. Please consider joining us.

We commend you all on your community spirit and thank you all for your support through the year. Whatever you may be doing over the holidays, please stay safe, enjoy time with the family and have a joyous Christmas. Wishing you all a great New Year!

Enjoy your holiday break. See you in 2016.

Gill Gray (Principal) & Rebekah Smithett (Assistant Principal)

CONGRATULATIONS

Have a very MERRY CHRISTMAS
and wishing you all a fabulous 2016!
Over the school holidays it is a well known fact that students regress in their learning levels over such a long break. Please consider doing some of the recommended activities below with your children.

**Read!** Make sure that students are continuing to read and that you are reading to your children, everyday if possible. Books are readily available from the local libraries, make great Christmas presents, and they can be read and reread many times. Newspapers and magazines are popular, even comics to entice the more reluctant readers. Older children can read to younger siblings. Set up some routines to make sure there is time for reading: each night before bed, in the morning, or while dinner is being prepared – removing other options at these times such as TV or iPods often helps to encourage your children.

**Count!** We don’t expect you to teach the mathematics curriculum, but making sure that your child has automatic recall (less than 3 seconds) of maths facts is crucial. Driving in the car is a good time to practise and encourage students to improve becoming faster and more accurate. Students can continue practising their times tables and counting patterns.

Continue using their Mathletics and Reading Eggs log ins. More suggestions for what your child needs to work on can be found in your child’s report.

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**Principal’s Breakfast Attendance Award**

**celebrating outstanding attendance.**

Tomorrow morning 11 Preps, 34 Juniors, 52 Middles and 33 Seniors (130 students in total) are invited to the Principal’s Breakfast Attendance Award.

This breakfast is for students who have achieved excellent efforts in their attendance over the year having had 4 or less days off for the whole year and have arrived on time each day. Well done to each of these students who achieved this fantastic feat.

19 of these students have not missed one day of school at all this year, that is an amazing effort and I congratulate you all.

Congratulations to the following students who attended school every day of 2015 obtaining 100% Attendance:

Zach J 1, Lana J 2, Archer J 4, Muhammad, Alice and Tiare from M14, Nuria, Rylan, Elizabeth and Joanna from M15, William M16, Munira M17, Lachie, Rhylee and Abdullah M18, Nelly S10, Dorothy S11, Kennedy S12 and Romney S13. They are all invited to the first sitting of breakfast at 8.30am on Friday morning.

Sadly, there were lots of students who had more than 10 days absent throughout the year. Let’s make a huge change to this next year and ensure they are at school every day! Next year I hope to see over 250 students at the end of year breakfast.

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**Hot Shots Tennis Program**

Coral Park Primary School has now been a Hot Shots School for two years and this continued involvement has seen us used as a model school for others. The Victorian Tennis association has visited our school to observe PE lessons and have been very generous this week with a gift to our school of over $1000 worth on new equipment to further enhance our Hot Shots Program. The new kits includes 4 x 6 metre nets, 30 new racquets with a new kit bag and 48 specially modified tennis balls. I look forward to teaching tennis again next year. My advice to all students and families over the summer holidays is to stay active as a family and stay well hydrated. I have lots of older tennis racquets to give away to families who would like them so they can have a hit on the beach or in a park together. If you would like one please see me before or after school before the end of the week.

Have a safe and Happy Christmas and I look forward to seeing you again in the New Year ready for an active year of learning in Physical Education.

Bill Hains.
Thank you for supporting our fete. The year 6 students took great pride in preparing and resourcing everything to surprise our students as an end of year fun day. We raised just over $1000.

Well done and THANK YOU to Matt and the Year 6 students for their organisation of a wonderful, fun-filled day.

We look forward to our next fete in 2016.

Birthday Books
Thank you to Jess, our Kids Club Coordinator, Charlie and Juwairiyah for donating great new books to our library. We hope you had a very happy birthday.
Christmas Raffle

Congratulations to the following people who all won a prize in the Christmas raffle:

1st  Skye J8  
2nd  Stefan J8  
3rd  Tayleah J2  
4th  Jessica M18  
5th  Eric J7  
6th  Degage M16  
7th  Eric J7  
8th  Katrina Staff  
9th  Liana S12  
10th Rose M16  
11th Yashfa J4

Many thanks to the Parent Club for organizing all the wonderful hampers. Approximately $500 was raised for our school.