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Remember to bring your coins to the fete tomorrow for competitions, bric-a-brac, games, soak the teacher and the monster raffle (drawn at 3.00 p.m.)!

There will also be a sausage sizzle, drinks and chocolates for sale. The average cost to participate at each stall is between 20c and $1. We strongly recommend that students bring change in 10c, 20c, 50c, $1 & $2 coins.

What’s happening at CPPS?

Monday 19th December
Matt’s Marvellous Maximum Attendance Morning Tea

Tuesday 20th December
No Student School banking
  Last Day for 2016 Assembly 1.50pm
  2.30pm Finish

Tuesday 31st January 2017
First Day of School

Booklists payments are now due!
The office will be open for payments until Tuesday 20th December and will be open Tues 27, Wed 28 & Thur 29th January 2017

2017 TERM DATES

Term 1
31st January - 31 March

Term 2
18th April - 30 June

Term 3
17th July - 22nd September

Term 4
9th October - 22nd December

25th Anniversary assembly
There will be a special short assembly at 3.00 p.m. tomorrow to distribute the 25th Anniversary cake and draw the raffle.

Final assembly
Our final assembly for 2016 will be held at 1.50 p.m. on Tuesday and 2017 Student Leaders will be presented.

END OF YEAR DISMISSAL
The last day of school is next Tuesday 20th December. Students will be dismissed at 2.30 p.m.
Well another year has almost come to an end. Well done to the whole school community on a wonderful team effort. There has been much to celebrate at Coral Park during 2016.

You should have received your child’s end of year report. I hope you shared in your child’s achievements and celebrated with them. They are all to be congratulated on their wonderful efforts during the year.

The staffing and class structure for the 2017 school year will be as follows:

Prep classes: Lesley Campbell in P6, Pania Malesevic in P7, Emma Jepson in P8 and Kirsty Courtis in P9.

1/2 classes: Belinda Heard in J1, Amy Kleinsmit in J2, Kathy Hengel in J3, Rebecca Matlock/Brooke Gianchino in J4, Sue Nicholas in J10 and Vicki Graeme/Joanna Guevarra in J11.

3/4 classes: Veronica Butterfield in M15, Adriana Grant in M16, Stephanie Allan in M17, Lisa Tims in M18 and Jill Appleton in M5.


Specialists include: Diana T-Hume, Bill Hains, Ross Tilley, Katrinia Holland, Ilona Bennett and Rachel Shambrook.

Education Support Staff include: Tony Solinas, Leanna Kiwi Kiwi, Michelle Hunt, Mandy Lewry, Megan Knox, Kim Rivera, Rod Hysted, Linda Lundberg & Sue McCarthy.

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to some staff. Best wishes to Matt Brand who is moving to Kingsley Park Primary School, to Janelle Willenberg who is taking family leave, to Rachael Day and Natalie Zoudlik who are broadening their horizons elsewhere. We thank them all for the wonderful contributions they have made at Coral Park and the commitment and dedication they have shown to the many students in their care. Thank you and best wishes to you all.

I would like to thank all of our amazing staff for their outstanding work each and every day for all the children in their care. As well as being lovely people, they are such a dedicated group of teachers and support staff who continue to work tirelessly to improve education outcomes for children. Coral Park is so lucky to have such a wonderful staff team, I will miss them.

Coral Park also has an amazing parent group who provide outstanding support to the school. To each and every one of you a huge thank you for all that you have done. Without your support, effort and hard work we would not be able to do what we do and achieve all that we achieve.

Thank you to School Council for their contribution to the running of the school this year, thank you for all the time and effort you have put in. In February/March there will be School Council elections and we urge parents to become involved. This information will be in the school newsletter early in 2017.

School returns on Tuesday January 31st, for students. Preps begin with two shortened days, only attending until 1.30pm on Tuesday 31st and Wednesday 1st February.

On behalf of all the staff, I wish all of our families a Merry Christmas and safe and happy holiday. We hope you get some well-deserved rest and relaxation with your family and friends.

On a personal note, I thank you all for your kindness, support and friendship. It has been an absolute pleasure working with the children, staff and parents at Coral Park. You are all such wonderful people. I wish you well for the future.

Best wishes XX

Julie Kennedy (Acting Principal)

Have a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a fabulous year in 2017!

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**Matt’s Marvellous Maximum Attendance Morning Tea**

**celebrating outstanding attendance**

On Monday morning 137 students in total are invited to Matt’s Marvellous Attendance Morning Tea.

This morning tea is for students who have achieved an excellent attendance rate 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.

21 of these students have not missed one day of school at all this year, 192 days without missing one!

That is an amazing effort and we congratulate you all.

**Congratulations to the following students who attended school every day of 2016 obtaining 100% Attendance:**

- Jade J1
- Shanane J1
- Tait J1
- Andjela J2
- Cailin J2
- Xavier J2
- Tayleah M17
- Justin M3
- Christina M5
- Anna M8
- Jo Jo M5
- Rhylee M3
- Loic S3
- Aidith S3
- Paidu S2
- Chase SB
- Nelly SB
- Aaron S4
- Julia S2
- Kennedy S3
- Milan S4

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!
Year 6 Graduation 2016

Last night the Coral Park community celebrated the amazing work of our year 6 students with their family and friends at River Gum Performing Arts Centre. All year 6 students received their graduation certificate and presented a graduation dance. Some students also celebrated their academic success by receiving a learning scholarship of $100.

Thankyou to the following sponsors and thank you for supports our students in their learning. Congratulations to all our award winners.

- **English Award**– Michaela S14, Leilani S14
  – Sponsored by The Very Good Cleaning Company
- **Mathematics Award**– Anagha S12, Jenny S19– Sponsored by ANZUK
- **Science Award**– Shreta S13, Justine S19– Sponsored by Dave Gordon
- **Humanities Award**– Anthony S19, Rinda S20– Sponsored by Gill Gray
- **History Award**– Degage S19– Sponsored by Shade Wise
- **Arts Award**– Nathan S12, Anisa S13– Sponsored by Lux Electrical
- **ICT Award**– Kennedy S19– Sponsored by P.G. Hunt Electrical Services
- **Health and PE Award**– Ali S12, Jakayla S13- Anonymous Donor
- **Coral Park STARS**– Elaha S12, Caisjon S13, Tuini S14, Deeya S19, Yaseer S20
  – Sponsored by ACE Foundation
- **Johanna Murray Leadership Award**– Clyde S13, Chelsea S19
  – Sponsored by CPPS School Council
- **Anthony Byrne Community Spirit and Leadership Award**– Aaron S14
  – Sponsored by Anthony Byrne MP
- **Hampton Park SC Academic Leadership Award**– Lahtrell S12
  – Sponsored by Hampton Park SC
**2017 Booklists**

Booklists payments are now due!
Instalment payments are welcome if necessary.
Please see Linda in the Office to arrange an instalment plan.

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**Thunderstorm asthma**

Thunderstorms have been linked to epidemics of asthma, especially at the end of Spring, when grasses are flowering. An asthma attack can be life threatening. Anyone experiencing wheezing, chest tightness and difficulty breathing should call 000. Anyone with a known history of asthma is at risk of experiencing an exacerbation of their usual symptoms at this time. In addition, people who do not usually experience symptoms of asthma but have a history of allergies may be at increased risk. The common signs of asthma are difficulty in breathing (gasping for air), chest tightness and wheezing. If a child’s condition is deteriorating, parents or guardians should seek urgent care. Signs of rapid deterioration include little or no relief from a reliever inhaler, inability to speak comfortably, or lips turning blue. People with asthma should continue to use their usual medications. Where possible, stay inside when the weather is windy with high pollen counts or dust. Families are reminded to keep Asthma plans up to date.

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**Potential health hazards from mosquitoes for communities living around water including wetlands**

Recent heavy rainfall across the state has led to ideal breeding conditions for mosquitoes. Current and predicted weather conditions, particularly in the northern part of the state, suggest that high numbers of mosquitoes will continue well into the summer months. While the overall risk is considered low, some mosquitoes carry viruses, so an increase in mosquitoes may increase the risk of mosquito-borne diseases. Most mosquitoes found in Victoria do not carry diseases, but are more of a nuisance. Diseases that can be spread by mosquitoes in Victoria include Ross River virus and Barmah Forest virus, or very rarely Murray Valley encephalitis virus. Ross River and Barmah Forest viruses can cause joint inflammation, pain and rash in about a third of those infected. The majority will show no symptoms. Murray Valley encephalitis virus (MVE) is a brain infection that in rare cases, can cause the brain to swell, leading to brain damage or death. The last known case in humans was reported in Victoria in 1974.

There are simple steps families can do to help protect from mosquito-borne diseases:

- Wear loose-fitting clothing when outdoors. Cover up as much as possible.
- Use mosquito repellent that contains picaridin or DEET.
- Remove any stagnant water so mosquitoes cannot breed
- Ensure any rain water tanks or water storage devices are sealed
- Wear loose-fitting clothing outdoors
- Prevent mosquitoes from entering buildings

Dusk and dawn is when most mosquitoes are more active but some will also bite during the day.

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If you would like to learn more about our program come and visit us in the MPC or visit www.campaustralia.com.au to enroll.

**Session times:**
Before School Care 6:30am-8:45am
After School Care 3:30pm-6:00pm

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