Calendar of Events

Friday 27th Feb
Assembly item - M18

Friday 6th March
Assembly item - J8 & J9

Monday 9th March
Labor Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 10th March
Parent/Teacher/Student Communication Meetings
3.50-7.30pm

Friday 13th March
Ride2School Day

Friday 20th March
Harmony Day & National Day of Action Against Bullying

Wednesday 25th March
School Photo Day

Traffic Safety Concerns—please do the right thing for the safety of all

Packing around the school is always an issue at drop off and pick up times. Most parents are fabulous and do the right thing every day but get very frustrated by the few who endanger the lives of our students. Our road is a 40 zone at all times to assist with safety and driving and parking safely can only help further.

Remember:
You must be safely parked in a designated car park (not in the staff car parks or double parked) before your child exits the car.

Parents MUST NOT enter car parks to drop off or collect children between 8.45-9.05 or 3.20pm-3.45 unless requiring disabled access. The gates will be locked during these times if this continues, it is a safety issue to have cars coming in and out when students are crossing the paths.

Do NOT park in the kinder car park, this is for kinder parents only. Local roads are not for parking in, Michelle Drive is a hazard with so many parents parking there to wait for students. Be safe and arrive 5 minutes after finishing time, it is very easy to get a car park then. Students waiting for parents must wait inside the gate with the teacher on duty.

Parents MUST NOT perform u-turns on Coral Drive. There are enough roundabouts to keep the traffic flowing. Do not turn into driveways to turn the car around either, this causes a risk to students AND blocks the traffic flow. I have requested Highway Patrol officers to be in the area more frequently to assist with our concerns, so please make sure you are doing the right thing or fines will occur.

EASTER RAFFLE

It's that time again when the Easter Bunny soon pays us a visit. Attached to the newsletter you will find your family's raffle tickets with details for selling to family and friends.

Has your child ever been to the dentist?

The school nurse will soon be visiting all of our prep students, she is usually astounded by the lack of oral hygiene care in many of our young students. Quite a few are often referred on to dental services.

Are you aware there is a School Dental Service?

All children aged 0-12 years are eligible. Children aged between 12-17 years are also eligible if their parent or carer holds a current health care or pensioner concession card.

All general dental treatment is provided including dental check-ups and advice, dental sealants to prevent decay, teeth cleaning and fillings.

How much does it cost?

If you hold a current health care or pensioner card, the service is free. Non-concession card holders pay a fee of $29 per child per course of care which includes a dental examination and all general treatment.

Where do I go?

Cranbourne: 140-150 Sladen Street Ph: 5990 6226
Dandenong: David Street Ph: 9554 1085 or Level 3, 229 Thomas St Ph: 8792 2300
Berwick: 28 Parkhill Drive Ph: 8768 5141

Did you know?

Encourage your child to clean their teeth at least twice each day after meals and before bed. Most children do not have the coordination to use a toothbrush properly before the age of 6 or 7 therefore, you should assist young children to brush.

SCHOOL NURSE VISIT

The Department of Education has organised for a school nurse to visit our school, early in Term 2. The school nurse, Kylie, will be conducting routine checks on the hearing and vision of our Prep students.

Information packs and parent permission forms will be sent home shortly to parents of Preps.

The nurse is also happy to receive referrals for students at other levels, where a parent has any concerns about their child's hearing, vision or any other area of health. If you would like the school nurse to see your child, then please collect a referral form from the front office and return it before the end of Term 1.

For further details or any queries, please call into the front office at school.

Congratulations Lynx
The winning house!
Every day counts – school attendance

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day. Missing school can have a major impact on a child’s future – a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks of school by the end of the year. By Year 10 they’ll have missed more than a year of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

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<td><strong>If your child’s attendance is at or above 95%</strong></td>
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<td>They are likely to be a <strong>STAR PERFORMER</strong>. They will most certainly achieve the best grades for their ability. This will increase their opportunity to achieve future success in education and in life.</td>
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<td><strong>If your child’s attendance is 90% - 94%</strong></td>
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<td><strong>“GREEN FOR GO!”</strong> For good attendance, they are likely to build on prior knowledge and wider opportunities for their future learning and success in life.</td>
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<td><strong>If your child’s attendance is 85% - 89%</strong></td>
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<td><strong>“AMBER - TAKE CARE.”</strong> They will be missing up to 20 days each year and this will make it difficult for them to keep in touch with classroom lessons and school programs.</td>
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<td><strong>If your child’s attendance is 80% - 84%</strong></td>
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<td><strong>“RED LIGHT - BE ALERT.”</strong> They are missing so much school that it will be very difficult for them to keep in touch with lessons and school programs. They may also display difficulty maintaining close friendships.</td>
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<td><strong>If your child’s attendance is below 80%</strong></td>
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<td><strong>“AT RISK - IMMEDIATE ACTION IS NEEDED.”</strong> They are missing so much time from school that it will be almost impossible for them to keep in touch with lessons or their learning. They will certainly find it difficult to maintain friendships.</td>
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Student Attendance

Give your child the best possible chance in achieving their educational best, value their education and ensure they arrive at school on time every day. Remember, students with excellent attendance get an invite to the Principal’s Breakfast Award at the end of Semester 1 and 2.
**National Day of Action Against Bullying**

On Friday 20th March Coral Park Primary School is taking part in the National Day of Action Against Bullying. The National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence is an opportunity for students, teachers, parents and the wider community to stand together against bullying and violence. The annual day provides a focus for schools who want to say BULLYING. NO WAY! and to strengthen their everyday messages that bullying and violence at school are not okay at any time.


On this site families have access to lots of written information and animated and real life videos about bullying.

Each student at Coral Park will be presented with a wristband to wear and to remind students that together Coral Park is taking a stand against bullying.

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**Harmony Day 20th March**

The message of Harmony Day is Everyone Belongs. Our Australian Story is diverse. We come from many countries around the world. Let's take the time to celebrate our diversity. It's a way we can learn and understand. Everyone has a story to tell and a recipe to share.

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**LUNCHTIME**

1:00 -1:30—come along and have lunch with your child or children in their classrooms and bring something to eat from your culture to share.

On Friday 20th March students are invited to dress in their cultural clothes, their national flag colours or orange – the colour of Harmony Day. Parents are invited to watch the concert performed by students in the afternoon in the MPC.
Congratulations
These children won a prize in the Playground Raffle:
Zahra J4 for being nice and friendly
Bahara J3 for playing nicely
Basmah & Amy B M17 for keeping Coral Park tidy
Anagha S11 and Christina S11 for picking up rubbish

School Council Election ballot is open.
Please place your vote in the locked box at the front office.
Your choice of candidates are:
Kahli Richardson—mother of Kaelin J3
Sue Mueller—mother of Nathan S11 and Anthony S12

Nominations are on display at the school office for your perusal. Please collect a ballot form from outside the school office, mark your two preferred candidates in order of choice (1 = 1st choice candidate, 2 = 2nd choice) and place it in the locked silver box.

Birthday Books
Thank you to Danijela and Petar for donating birthday books to our library. We wish you both a very happy birthday.

On hot days, it is important to remember that children should never be left alone in a car.
The temperature inside a car on hot days begins to rise as soon as the door closes and within minutes the temperature inside can be double the temperature outside.

Leaving children in hot cars – even for a moment – can result in injury or death.

Young children's smaller body size and underdeveloped nervous system places them at a much greater risk of life-threatening heatstroke, dehydration and other serious health risks.

Victorian legislation makes leaving a child unattended in a car a criminal offence, with penalties ranging from fines of $2165 or three months in prison.

If you are travelling with a child in a car and you need to get out, make sure you take your child with you. No exceptions. No excuses.

REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR HELMET.

National Ride to School Day
As you are aware, we conduct an extensive Bike Education Program at Coral Park Primary School. All students from grade 3 to 6 are taught road laws and bike safety. Some students even learn to ride a bike at school.

As part of our commitment to bike education we are involved in the Ride2School Day on 13th March. This is a national event and we encourage all students to be involved. You can ride, scooter, skate or walk to school and as a class complete a Hands Up graph of how your class arrived at school each week.

We look forward to seeing more pedestrian and bike traffic, which will help to reduce the parking congestion and air pollution making it safer for us all.

KIDS CLUB = fun! Out of School
To enrol your child into the Coral Park OSHC Program, complete an OSHC Registration Form which is located on the Camp Australia website - www.campaustralia.com.au. All bookings, cancellations and account changes can be done through the Parent Portal located on the Camp Australia website. Once enrolled be ready to get involved in FUN, QUALITY and ENGAGING experiences in a SAFE and HAPPY ENVIRONMENT.

If you have any queries please call Jess, the Kids Club Coordinator on 9799 6182 or drop in for a visit and see the programs in action.

Contact Us
Kids Club Direct: 9799 6182
School office phone: 9702 8398

Session times:
Before SC- 6:30am-8:45am
After SC- 3:30pm-6:00pm

Kid’s Club continue to welcome new faces this term!
We’re here to make after school care visits the best experience possible – for you and your child.

Tips for helping children feel comfortable in before and after school care:
Give your child as much advance warning as you can that they’ll be coming to Before & After School Care.
Pop into the program with your child to meet our Camp Australia team and find out what kind of activities they can look forward to.
Speak with the Camp Australia Coordinator if your child is nervous, and let us know how your child felt after their first visit.
If there is something in particular your child would like to play when they are in our care, encourage them to let us know.