Calendar of Events

**MARCH**

- **Friday 6th March**
  Assembly item - J8 & J9
- **Monday 9th March**
  Labour Day Public Holiday
- **Tuesday 10th March**
  Parent/Teacher/Student Communication Meetings
  3.30-7.30pm
- **Friday 13th March**
  Ride2School Day

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**EASTER RAFFLE**

Don’t forget to sell your raffle tickets to family and friends.
- 3 Tickets for $1.00 or 50 cents each.
- Donate an Easter Egg for our raffle and receive a free raffle ticket.

**Parent/Teacher/Student Communication Meetings**

**Tuesday 10th March**

Have you booked your meeting time?

Come along and learn about Sentral

On this night, Matt, our ICT Coordinator and other staff will be available in the library throughout the evening to assist you with logging on to our communication system Sentral, if you haven’t already created your account. This is an important aspect of communication between home and school on which you can send and receive messages with teachers, notify us of student absences and reasons and view your child’s learning progress.

All families have an individual code required to access their Portal. These codes were sent home last year with instructions on how to create your Portal access. Prep families received theirs early in the term and new families can collect theirs on the night. If you have misplaced yours, I strongly urge you, along with all parents who are new to the school or who have not yet logged on to Sentral, to spend a few minutes in the library on this night after your Communication Meeting time learning how to use this very simple system.

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**SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS**

Congratulations to our newly elected School Council members; Fiona Pennell and Kahli Richardson. Thank you to Sue Mueller and Shantel Hodgkinson for nominating. Although not elected parent representatives, we still welcome you to come along to our meetings. Thank you to all community members who voted, we received 17 voting slips. Elections for the positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary will be completed at the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 18th March.

As retiring members, I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank both Michelle Steel and Sue Mueller for all their hard work, efforts and dedication to Coral Park.

**Parent Club News:** Although we no longer have an official Parent Club, we have a regular group of mums who come along every Wednesday morning to support school needs by creating school resources and laminating whilst sharing news over coffee. These volunteers also assist with the organisation of our raffles.

When it’s time for wrapping the Easter hampers, we would love a few more volunteers to share the load. Please come along to our Wednesday morning gatherings in the staffroom to meet new people, do some reading in rooms and help create school resources. Your time and efforts are greatly valued. The Easter raffle is happening now and preparation for the Mothers Day stall will be starting soon, ready for next term so we will need your help.

If you can’t come along and help out, please do your best to support the school by selling as many raffle tickets as you can.
M18 presented to us on the VCOP Gang at assembly last week.

Narrator: Natalia
At Coral Park we are practising the VCOP and Big Write strategies to become better writers. M18 would like to introduce you to the VCOP gang. They help us and give us the tools to make our writing more interesting.

Vinnie: Habeeb
Hi I'm Vinnie and using my trusty Big Write pencil, I'm going to help you hunt for WOW words that will make your writing come alive!

Connie: Patiel
I'm Connie; I fly around the world looking for connectives - which are words that can join two sentences together.

Ollie: Lachie
I'm Ollie, and in my pocket I have loads of keys that will help open your sentences in new and interesting ways.

Penny: Brianna
I'm Penny, without me your sentences would not make sense. I carry punctuation magic dust and you can use it to add power punctuation to your sentences.

Narrator: Chase
Now that you have met the Gang, let's see them in action.
Here we have a very boring, plain little sentence. Now let's get the VCOP Gang to help us uplevel this sentence.

Narrators: Natalia
How can we uplevel this boring sentence?
THE MOUSE ATE THE CHEESE.
Let's start with Vinnie...

Vinnie: Habeeb
Oh, I've got some great ideas - how about ... describing the noun mouse with scruffy and old, and uplevelling the verb ate with the word consumed, and then describing the noun cheese with smelly and slice.

Narrator: Chase
Fantastic work Vinnie...Now let's get Connie over to see what she can do...

Connie: Patiel
I have a great connective that can make this sentence more powerful. Let's try even though and then adding the phrase; it was mouldy and dry.

Narrator: Chase
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Narrator: Natalia
Well done Connie - now let's invite Ollie over. How can you make this sentence even better Ollie?

Ollie: Lachie
I have the perfect opener for this sentence.... How about the word hungrily?

Narrator: Chase
Wow Ollie ... what an incredible opener...well done!

Connie: Patiel
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Narrator: Chase
What else do we need? That's right we need punctuation. Where's Penny?

Penny: Brianna
Here I am; I will help you uplevel this sentence by adding some speech to the sentence and POWER punctuation- like commas, talking marks and exclamation marks.

Narrator: Natalia
WOW, thank you VCOP Gang - now the sentence is really interesting to read...great work!

Come on everyone join with us and read the sentence on the count of three...

Everyone:
Hungrily, the scruffy, old mouse consumed the smelly slice of cheese even though it was mouldy and dry and squeaked, "Mmmmm, delicious!"

Narrators: Natalia and Chase
Well done, follow the VCOP Gang and become better writers.
Thank you.
Senior Interschool Sport

On Friday 27 February Coral Park hosted their first senior interschool sport game with St Kevin’s Primary School. The sports played are: badminton, football, t-ball, kickball and netball. It was beautiful weather and every student in the senior school was involved which was great to see. The level of sportsmanship and comraderie shown between the two schools was very pleasing. Thank you to our supporters who came along to watch.

The results of the games were as follows.

Football: Coral Park 29 points to St Kevin’s 50 points.

T-ball: A team Coral Park 11 home runs to St Kevin’s 21 home runs.

B team Coral Park 29 home runs to St Kevin’s 22 home runs.

Kickball: A team Coral Park 19 home runs to St Kevin’s 23 home runs.

B team Coral Park 42 home runs to St Kevin’s 33 home runs.

Netball: A team Coral Park 6 goals to St Kevin’s 16 goals.

B team Coral Park 4 goals to St Kevin’s 12 goals.

Next week we play against St Francis here at Coral Park. We look forward to seeing parents who are able to come along and cheer on all students.

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.

On Friday 20th March students are invited to come to school dressed in the clothing of their home country, the colours of their national flag or in the colour orange – the colour of Harmony Day.

Parents are invited to watch the concert performed by students in the afternoon in the MPC.

Assembly will begin at 2.35pm

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.

Department of Education Reminders:

- Parents/guardians of students who do not have student accident insurance are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs. Parents/guardians can purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers.

- Victorian government selective entry high schools provide an enriching educational environment where academically high achieving students are challenged and extended. If your child is in Year 8 they can sit the entrance exam for selective entry high schools on Saturday 13 June 2015. This exam is for entry into Year 9 in 2016. Victoria’s selective entry high schools for students in Years 9 to 12 include Mac.Robertson Girls’ High, Melbourne High, Nossal High (coeducational) and Suzanne Cory High (coeducational). To apply online or for more information about selective entry high schools, information about what to expect on the day, and sample tests, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/selectiveschools. Applications close on Friday 15 May 2015.

- The Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage.

Lunchtime Activities

Lunchtime Clubs are available for our students throughout the week. Term 1 includes:

- Mondays: Band practice with Mr Tilley
- Tuesdays: Gardening with Leanna
- Wednesdays: Playing/Running with Matt, Katrina, Mr Chazbek & Gill
- Thursdays: Recorder (for anyone) with Mr Tilley
- Fridays: Junior activities with the SLCs in the Junior area

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