Calendar of Events

Friday 20th March
Harmony Day
& National Day of Action Against Bullying
Assembly begins at 2.35pm
Assembly item S11 & Cultural group performances

Wednesday 25th March
School Photo Day

Friday 27th March
House Cross Country event
Assembly item—J3 & J4
Last day of term 1
School finishes at 2.30pm.

Celebrating Ride2School Day
Thanks for joining us, we were very impressed with the large turnout.
We were just as impressed with the reduced parking congestion around the school, this makes Coral Park a much safer place. Well done!

EASTER RAFFLE
Please return all tickets and money by Monday 23rd March.
Make sure you put your child’s name and class on each ticket or the buyers name and phone number.
The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 26th March during Coral STAR News.
This gives us time to follow up with the winners.

HOP TO IT AND SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

CONGRATULATIONS
Pegasus
The winning house this week!
The National Assessment Program for Literacy & Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a national assessment and reporting program in the areas of numeracy, reading, writing and language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) for students in Years 3 and 5 each year. This testing will be conducted next term between 12th-15th May. Now is the time to begin preparing students for these assessments. Students will begin looking at some practice tests at school to help them to understand the format of the questions and give them the experience of completing the test in the required test conditions (eg. working silently and independently and within a time limit).

The following web address http://www.naplan.edu.au has practice exams if parents would like to have a look before the tests. You can also find some samples at http://www.studyladder.com.au/learn/naplan

Last weeks answers: are on the back page. Submit your answers into the red post box at the office this week for your chance to win a prize. The first correct entry drawn wins.

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4 5 6 7

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The writing pieces are marked according to set criteria. The readers are looking for students abilities to:

- Engage and persuade the reader;
- The structure of the text—does it have an introduction, a body and a conclusion. Does the body have 3 strong persuasive points?
- Ideas—what ideas can the student use to persuade the reader, are they related to the topic, has the student elaborated on their ideas or simply stated them?
- Persuasive devices—Has the student given 3 or more persuasions for their argument?
- Vocabulary—Has the students used precise and effective words such as: urge, support, certain, definitely, rarely, impact on society? Have they used descriptive words (adjectives) for their nouns (naming words)?
- Cohesion—Does their writing flow, does it have connecting words to join points of view and links between sentences, has the student use word associations e.g. different words for the same thing to avoid repetition?
- Paragraphing—Has the student correctly used paragraphs in their writing. Students must use paragraphs to their introduction, their body and their conclusion. The body would also have separate paragraphs for the 3 points of view.
- Sentence Structure/Punctuation/Spelling—Are sentences grammatically correct and meaningful? Has the correct punctuation been used? e.g. full stops and capital letters. Are words spelt accurately?

So.....would you disagree or agree with the sample text?

Good techniques for answering multiple choice questions:
- Read and carefully underline/circle/highlight key words or the main question.
- Understand what information is required.
- Read through the choices.
- Eliminate the obvious incorrect response/s or distracters.
- Refer back to the question.
- Choose the best response (shade/fill in the bubble).

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Rick and David met on the corner of two streets. The corner is in C4 on the map.

Which clock shows the time as 5 minutes past 4?

4:50 5:40 5:04 4:05

Which shows a reflex angle?

On the corner which two streets did Rick and David meet?

Summer and Money
Cannan and Fox
Duncan and Summer
Summer and Fox

Too much money is spent on toys and games

People like to play with toys and games to have fun and relax.

Some people think that too much money is spent on toys and games. They think the money could be used for more important things.

What do you think? Do you agree or disagree?

Perhaps you can give ideas for tom writs on this topic.

Write to convince a reader of your opinion.
- Start with an introduction. An introduction lets a reader know what you are going to write about.
- Write your opinion on this topic. Give reasons for your opinions. Explain your reasons for your opinions.
- Finish with a conclusion. A conclusion sums up your reasons so that a reader is convinced of your opinions.

Remember to:
- plan your writing
- choose your words carefully to convince a reader of your opinion
- write it sentences
- pay attention to your spelling and punctuation
- use paragraphs to organise your ideas
- check and edit your writing so it is clear for a reader.
If you ever wondered how it would be like in the early 1900`s, go and check out Coal Creek! There are lots of historical buildings. My highlight was when we bought things at the General Store.

By Melissa Kara S12

S12 travelled to Coal Creek on 12 March, it was an amazing journey to see what life was in 1900. Students that misbehaved or didn’t do their homework got hit by the cane.

By Bunrany Heng S12

Coal Creek has taught me a lot about what life was like 100 years ago. One particular train looked very similar to the one in Harry Potter (although it didn’t move. It was there only for display.) We had a ride on another small train that moved.

-Jessika from S12

Thursday 12th of March 2015 senior students had lots of fun at Coal Creek. This is an old place where the shops, mines, schools and ancient trains existed over 100 years ago! Coal mines are really deep, they can also be very dangerous even though coal was valuable in that time.

By Vasco Jesus S12

The Casey Safety Village in Cranbourne East contains the Casey Road Safety Education Centre (CRSEC) and the CFA Learning Centre. The CRSEC is a mini version of Victorian roads and aims to educate the community about road safety in a fun, safe, controlled and positive learning environment.

The CFA Learning Centre is a simulated home environment delivering a fire safety educational program by trained CFA staff.

Autumn 2015 Program Dates: Thursday 7th, Wednesday 8th, and Thursday 9th April. Sessions run from 10am to 2pm.

Activities on the day may include visits from the CFA fire truck and crew, Victoria Police, Metro Trains, SES and Ambulance Victoria. Check the website www.casey.vic.gov.au/health-safety/road-safety/casey-safety-village closer to the event for confirmed activities.

Don’t miss out! Join the electronic mailing list now to be advised of all upcoming School Holiday programs and special events. Email your details to safetyvillage@casey.vic.gov.au for notifications.

What to bring:

- Bikes and helmets (if possible bring your own)
- Sunscreen and a hat
- Appropriate clothing for riding – closed toe shoes are essential.
- Fold-up chairs, picnic basket (limited seating is available around the track)
- Food and drinks for the day (no Alcohol)

Bikes and helmets for hire

The centre has a limited number of bikes suitable for children of all ages available for hire including:

- Bikes suitable for children aged 4-7 years old (16 inch single speed bikes—training wheels are available)
- Bikes suitable for children aged 8-10 years old (20 inch single speed bikes)
- Bikes suitable for children aged 10+ years old (24 inch bikes)

If you wish to hire a bike/helmet, you must indicate this at the time of booking (all equipment/bookings are held until 11am)

Whilst the centre does have bikes/helmets for hire, we strongly suggest bringing your own as children tend to be more confident riding their own bike and therefore will gain more experience.

Sausage Sizzle

Community groups supply sausage sizzle for all visitors and participants at small cost.

Admission fees

Children 12 and under—$5.50 per child

Carers/parents— Free admission

Non-riders— Free admission

Hiring fees:

Bike hire—$3 each

Helmet hire—$3 each

Bike and helmet hire—$3

How to book:

Bookings are essential. Please contact 9705 5200 to book your place. Bookings will be taken until 5pm the day before unless booked out earlier. Applicable fees are payable on the day and can be made in cash only. Please note: Children must be supervised by parents/carers at all times and must wear a helmet when riding their bikes.

The Casey Safety Village is a no smoking facility.
CONGRATULATIONS:
These children won a prize in the Healthy Food Raffle:
- Chantelle, J2 for eating a ham sandwich, cheese, grapes and water.
- Lukah, J1 for having a sandwich, grapes and water.
- Gabriel, M17 for eating a roll, grapes and water.
- Harmony, M17 for eating lots of fruit and some cheese.
- Bailey, S13 for eating sandwich, banana and water.

CONGRATULATIONS to all students who participated in the day and thank you to all the parents who were involved also.

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TERM DATES 2015
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Term 2: 13 April to 26 June
Term 3: 13 July to 18 September
Term 4: 5 October to 18 December

Kid’s Club are getting ready for Easter!
It’s almost time for the Easter holidays, so Kid’s club are jumping in with egg themed crafts.
We are decorating eggs and making baskets and bunnies.

Answers to the NAPLAN questions in last weeks newsletter:
13 cakes. At 1.00 the students will be at the park. The litter bin is the cylinder shape. The letter B is in both the square and triangle but not in the circle.
Column B shows football on the graph. 432 is four hundred and thirty-two written as a number. The ▲ is located at D2 on the grid.
Shows the correct view of the model on the side.
The 3D object was a prism. Jane has 6 classes in her school. 10x3+6 has the same value as 12x3.
Shelley needs at least 3 packets of biscuits. Finding a green peg and a green peg are an impossible choice to be pulled out of the bag.
We hope you had a go at the questions.

Place your completed form from this week in the red box at the office with your name on it for your chance to win a prize.

Zooper Dooper sales
Monday to Thursday in the artroom at lunchtimes.
$1 each, half sizes for 50c.

Curriculum Days in term 2 - The School Council have agreed to two pupil free days next term:
Our first will be Friday 1st May for staff professional learning time. The second will be on Tuesday 23rd June for Student Led Conferences. Please put these dates into your calendar now.

Out of School Hours Care
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It’s almost time for the Easter holidays, so Kid’s club are jumping in with egg themed crafts.
We are decorating eggs and making baskets and bunnies.
Have a look at the MPC foyer next time you visit and see how many hidden eggs you can discover!

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