Calendar of Events

Don’t forget, every Friday the Student Leaders host Parent coffee & chat in the MPC from 2.35pm. Come along and meet with other parents.

Friday 18th March
Assembly item S14

Tuesday 22nd March
Harmony Day celebrations
Assembly at 12.35pm in the MPC.
Lunch in classrooms 1.15–1.45 feel free to bring a long a plate to share

Wednesday 23rd March
School Photo Day

Thursday 24th March
House Cross Country event
Students are asked to come dressed in their house team colours, have their face painted in team colours and run for their team.
Preps run at 9.15
Juniors run at 9.30
Middles run at 9.45
Seniors run at 10.15

Last day of term 1 2016
2.30pm finish
No assembly

Harmony Day
22nd March

The message of Harmony Day is
our diversity is our strength. Our
diversity is our strength because
together we can...

Our Australian Story is diverse. We
come from many countries around the
world. Sharing a story is a way we can
learn and understand each other.

Come along to our
Harmony Day celebrations on
Tuesday 22nd March
Students are invited to dress in their cultural clothes, colours of the flag of their heritage or orange – the colour of Harmony Day.

On this day we will hold our assembly for the week (this means no assembly on Friday afternoon).
Parents are invited to our assembly to watch the concert performed by students at 12:35 in the MPC.
Then join your child’s class for lunch between 1.15–1.45. Bring along a plate of food to share.

DON’T FORGET:
Thursday 24th March is the last day of term 1 2016.
School finishes at 2.30pm. House Cross Country is on this day and there is no assembly at the end of the day.
Have you changed your address, medical or phone numbers recently?
If so, it is vital that you provide updated details to the school.
Term 2 begins at 8.55am sharp on Monday 11th April.
Do You have a Year 6 student starting Secondary School in 2017?

Choosing a secondary college for your Year 6 child is one of the most important and significant decisions you will make in relation to your son or daughter's future education. It's time to start thinking about selecting a secondary school for your child. You will be receiving a Transition Pack for your year 6 student early in term 2. In it will be a preference form for you to nominate your 3 preferred schools for your child. These are due back to Coral Park in early May.

Coral Park has two neighbourhood secondary schools: Hampton Park Secondary College and Narre Warren South P-12 College. Both secondary colleges conduct transition activities for our year fives and sixes to offer our students a taste of what to expect and begin preparing them for secondary college.

If you intend to enrol your child in another school we suggest you check their zones for accepting enrolments as some schools extending out into Dandenong, Berwick and Cranbourne have strict zoning restrictions.

Below are links to our neighbouring secondary colleges; Hampton Park Secondary College and Narre Warren South P-12 College. Browse their websites and feel free to contact the school directly to enquire about open days/night or organize a tour.


We have had several past students attend Dandenong High School and who have been accepted into their Accelerated Learning Program. If this is something you are considering for your child, details are as follows:

- Applications close: April 13th
- Examination date: April 23rd
- Cost: $65

More information can be found on their website via this link: http://www.dandenong-hs.vic.edu.au/aelp/

If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher.

Kirwan Peluso—Senior School Transition Coordinator.

School Council Parent/Community Representative
Congratulations to the following representatives who have nominated for school council. As the number of nominations did not exceed the vacancies these persons are duly elected:

Parent representatives: Liz Huggins and Meryem Sekar.

They will join Kahli Richardson and Fiona Pennell as Parent Representatives, myself (Gill Gray) as the Department of Education and Training Nominated representative and Katrina Holland as the DET elected representative.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 16th March with our Annual General Meeting to be held prior to this meeting. School Council meetings are always open to any interested members of the community. It will be held in the staff room commencing at 4pm. Please notify the school office if you would like to attend for catering purposes.

LJ Hooker, proud sponsors of Coral Park and other local schools, are running an Easter Colouring Competition.

The colouring competition will be split into two groups, one for preps to grade 3 and the other for kids in grade 4-6.

Win yourself a great Easter hamper.

All entries are due by the 23rd March to the school office. All entries will be on display at the Hampton Park L.J Hooker office windows and advertised on their social media page. All personal details are kept confidential. So hop to it, collect an entry form from the school office, do some great colouring and win a great prize.

For further details and a program outline collect a flyer from the school office.
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- All our parents who encourage safe play and responsible behaviours.

DIVISIONAL SWIMMING

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Thanks again!

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Lions Club of Hampton Park

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Birthday Books

Thank you to Samren, Sameer & Ali for donating birthday books to our library. We wish you a very happy birthday.

If you would like to donate a birthday book to the school, please see the Linda.

What are you doing these Holidays?

At OSHC this week we are getting into the Easter spirit and making cards that kids can give to family and friends.

Did you know that Camp Australia also runs holiday programs? Our closest holiday program is at Lynbrook Primary School. These school holidays they will be making tie dyed shirts, basket weaving, and visiting the Enchanted Maze Garden! If you would like more information visit Jess at the MPC or go to www.campaustralia.com.au/Holidayclubs.

Contact Us: Direct: 9799 6182 or School office : 9702 8398

Easter School Holidays

Moonlit Sanctuary Junior Ranger Program
Kids enjoy environmental activities, animal encounters and native animal care.
Day includes: interactions with dingo, python, off-limits animals, feeding animals & food prep, animal enrichment activities, fun and games for ages 7-14 years.

Easter school holiday dates:
Week 1: Tuesday 29th March to Friday 1st April 10am – 4pm
Week 2: Monday 4th to Friday 8th April 10am – 4pm
Cost: $65.00 per day, or $175 for 3 days (pro rata for additional days).
Maximum 16 children per day.

Bookings essential as spaces are limited
Dress for the weather and wear closed-toe shoes, long pants and remember your hat or raincoat. BYO lunch or purchase at the café.

Moonlit Sanctuary
550 Tyabb-Tooradin Rd,
Pearcedale
Phone 5978 7935
Open daily between 10am and 5pm.

If you are interested in going into the draw to win a free family pass to the Moonlit Sanctuary, complete a raffle ticket with your child’s name and class at the office. The raffle will be drawn in the last week of term.

Parent Feedback

We aim to please so would love more feedback on how we can improve. We often ask for feedback via the Coral News or our website, we have even prepared online surveys to try and get responses from parents as to how we can improve.

Now, our School Councillors & Parent Volunteer Group would like to give you more opportunity. Each Friday, Parent members will be in the SLC Café from 2.40pm, before assembly for you to meet and chat with. There will also be feedback forms that you may complete, if you don’t wish to stop and chat, these can be placed in the red letterbox labelled Parent Feedback which is in the MPC. They can also be left in an envelope at the office.

Please, come and chat or drop us a note, we would love to hear your thoughts and help make Coral Park the best it can be.
Thank you to the first parent who wrote last year:
A major concern about the boys toilets outside, there is no running water on the trough panel, hygiene wise and bad odour. Please look into having running water to flush.
Thank you
Response: Thank you for bringing this up. There is running water, it is on a timer to flush every 10 minutes. However, the battery in the timer had run out therefore it hadn’t been flushing. I have also asked the cleaners to do an additional clean mid-term on the trough as the grime builds up causing the odour. Thanks for bringing this to our attention.

Our changes: The painters re-painted the toilet floors in the December holidays. We now have the cleaners scrubbing the toilet floors daily and the urinals and toilet bowls have a deep clean every school holidays. We hope they are already smelling better.

School Photo Day is Wednesday 23rd March.
Envelopes and payment must be returned to the school office by Thursday 17th March.
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