Calendar of Events

Friday 27th March
House Cross Country event
Come dressed in your house team colours, have your face painted in team colours and run for your team.
Preps run at 9.15
Juniors run at 9.30
Middles run at 9.45
Seniors run at 10.15
Assembly begins at 2pm
Assembly item - J3 & J4
Last day of term 1
School finishes at 2.30pm.
Term 2 begins at 8.55 on Monday 13th April
Change of senior sport date next term:
Due to our curriculum day on Friday 1st May, the scheduled game has moved from then to Friday 17th April.

Celebrating Harmony Day at Coral Park was so much fun!
Thank you for your support and efforts on the day, we had an amazing food experience, a huge array of food was shared, parents came together and our students put on fabulous performances for assembly. We are truly an amazing school community, thank you!
We wish you all a safe and restful break over the school holidays and Easter time and look forward to a successful term 2.

TERM DATES 2015
Term 1 finishes on Friday 27th March at 2.30pm.
Term 2: 13 April to 26 June
Term 3: 13 July to 18 September
Term 4: 5 October to 18 December

Congratulations to Basmah in M17 who became an Australian citizen on the weekend.

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.
NAPLAN—Practice your Literacy skills

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

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NAPLAN Reading Test

- Students will read a booklet containing six passages that illustrate different writing styles.
- Students have 45 minutes to answer between 35-40 questions, which are mainly multiple choice.
- Here are some samples. Shade the right bubbles.

Rain
An extract from ‘Rain’ by Libby Gleeson from Kids’ Night In

I'm up my tree now. There's warm rain falling but the cold, flat leaves leave me dry enough. I can't actually see the river but I know it's there. First, there's the road and then it drops down to the market gardens all flat and brown with splashes of shiny green lettuces and other vegetables that I don't recognise. Then there's lines of trees. They struggle around like a line of kids and I know the river is there. We saw it in the first week. Dad took us for a drive, down across the river flats and over the old White Bridge, and we looked down on the slow-moving brown water. All the rivers are like that out here.

If there was another flood, when there's another flood, I can watch it from up here. I'll watch it and then I'll have something to tell.

At breakfast, Dad told me to shush, he wanted to listen to the weather report. I told him he wasn't a farmer so why did he bother? He said everyone should bother and why didn't I listen? Over the crunching of the cereal, Dad repeated the same thing it was allaying up north and the rivers were sending huge amounts of water down into New South Wales.

In a few days, said Dad, some of that water will reach us, and when it does, when it joins up with that river out there, he pointed across the road, 'we could be in for something, 'A flood.' He shrugged.

From her position the narrator can tell where the river is because she can see
- Other kids standing near it
- The trees that run alongside it
- The white bridge that crosses it
- How it winds around the river flats

Which of the following best describes dad's mood?
- Angry
- Impatient
- Sad
- Concerned

From the text, it is possible to tell that the narrator believes
- It is unlikely a flood will affect them again.
- This will probably be the last flood she will see.
- There will most likely be another flood in that area.
- It is unusual to see floods in that part of the country.

Why did the narrator think it was necessary to listen to the weather report?
- She wanted to eat her breakfast.
- She knew it was raining up north.
- She could see it was already raining.
- She thought these reports were for farmers.

Order the events 1, 2, 3 & 4 to show the correct order of Tom's holiday.
- Go on a plane flight
- Travel to rest harbour
- Visit the crocodile farm
- Arrive in Holiday Cove

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).

Who is this postcard being sent to?
- Tom
- Peter
- Kim
- Gemma

When did Tom arrive at Holiday Cove?
- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday

Which words are used to describe the plane flight?
- Fun and scary
- Great and exciting
- Smooth and scary
- Boring and smooth

Where is Gemma's caravan?
- Rest Harbour
- Holiday Cove
- Crocodile Farm
- Lansdowne Parade

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This term has been a busy one in Prep Physical Education. The students have been busy learning their colours and shapes while running and sorting through balls and bean bags. They have learnt how to stretch after a warm up. During our skill development rotations the focus has been on movement, balance, sharing and cooperating. The preps have been a joy to teach and I love working with them and look forward to an exciting term 2.

Lunchtime Clubs are available for our students throughout the week. Term 2 includes:

**Mondays:**
- Running/Walking Club with Matt, Katrina & Gill
- Keyboard/Piano with Mr Tilley
- Fine motor activities in J6/7 with Janelle & Pania

**Tuesdays:**
- Gardening with Leanna at recess
- Guitar practice with Mr Tilley
- Junior soccer in the MPC with Lisa & Rebecca

**Wednesdays:**
- Recorder (for anyone) with Mr Tilley
- Guitar with Jerome (Paid students only)
- Walking Club (Yrs 3-6) with Katrina & Vicki

**Thursdays:**
- Band practise with Mr Tilley
- Junior Lego with Lesley in J6
- Middle & Senior soccer in the MPC with Brandon

**Fridays:**
- Cultural Games (Yrs 3-6) in S11 with Solange & Bianca
- Junior choir/singing with Sue in J2

On Friday 20th March, Coral Park travelled by bus to Lyndhurst Primary School for our last interschool sport game of the term. This was our first away game, we were feeling excited, but also very nervous. The Footy Team has been training hard, learning new skills and techniques. The boys have been learning to handball, kick, mark and of course kick goals.

The final scores were:
- Football: Coral Park 6 points to Lyndhurst 11 points.
- Netball: A Team; Coral Park 5 goals to Lyndhurst 5 goals
  B Team; Coral Park 3 goals to Lyndhurst 2 goals.
- T-Ball: A Team; Coral Park18 Runs to Lyndhurst 16 Runs
  B Team; Coral Park 19 Runs to Lyndhurst 13 Runs
- Kickball: A Team Coral Park 27 Runs to Lyndhurst 31 Runs.
  B Team Coral Park 25 Runs to Lyndhurst 22 Runs.
- Badminton: Many games were played by all students.

Well done to all the Seniors!

A reminder to parents, next term we have a curriculum day on Friday 1st May. We had a senior sport game scheduled for then, playing at St.Francis Primary School. This game has moved forward to the first week of term to Friday 17th April.

**Senior Interschool Sport**

Neighbour Day is held annually across Australia on the last Sunday in March. The aim of the day is to encourage everyone to have better relationships with people next door and across the street, as a way of strengthening our communities and creating safer, healthier and more vibrant places to live.

Please read Casey Council’s Tips on how to meet your neighbours.
Thank you to Ankita, Adriana and Jada for donating birthday books to our library.

We wish you all a very happy birthday.

Happy birthday wishes to all those celebrating over the holiday break.

Keyboard lessons run by Primary Music Institute will be held again next term after school each Tuesday. To ensure your child's place, please make your booking this term or visit www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au

Guitar lessons run by Jerome are held each Wednesday during lunchtime.

For prices and availability of session times please contact the office.

Answers to the NAPLAN questions in last week's newsletter:
11 students voted for horse. The bookshelf is between the bed and the toy box.
Jim brought 5 tins of dog food. The missing number is 47. There are 6 classes in Jane's school. Anne's answer to 1999+1476 was 2000+1475.
The picture left shows a reflex angle.
Container 3 had the least liquid. The third Sunday on the calendar is 20th October.
Rick and David met on the corner of Summer St and Fox St.

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.

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