JEWSLETTER Term 1 Issue 2, 9th February 2023

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### School Council Nominations

Our school council plays an important part in how we operate as a school and this year is no exception. If you are interested in becoming a school counsellor, nominations are now open and close Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 4pm. Nominations will not be accepted after this period has expired. Nomination forms can be obtained from the front office.



As a school counsellor you will be committing to two meetings per term. Meetings are held at the school at 3.45pm. This is a fantastic opportunity to support the fabulous work being done by Coral Park Primary School. We have five positions to fill, so don't be shy give it a try.

# Communicating with your child's teacher / Meet and Greet Interviews

Please check your emails over the coming week for email details of your child's teacher. If you need to speak with your child's classroom teacher in the meantime, all you need to do is ring through to the office. Linda will inform the teacher you would like to have a chat with them, and the teacher will call you to



arrange a time to discuss any issues or concerns. You will also have received a letter to book a 'Meet and Greet' interview. Please ensure you book your interview time and have a chat with your child's teacher.

## Please update your information

It's important that the school has your correct phone numbers and email addresses so that you do not miss out on receiving vital information pertaining to what's happening across the school with your child's education. Please ensure that if your phone number, email or address change that you give the school a call and have our office staff update your details.



# Sun Smart /Hats

Coral Park is a Sun Smart school and as such it is compulsory for all students to wear a hat to participate in outdoor activities. This includes PE, recess and lunchtime. Any student who does not wear their hat in the yard will be sent indoors. Skin cancer is a major health issue within Australia due the nature of the



harshness of the Ultra - Violet rays we are exposed to. Wearing of hats is so important to help protect your children from the harmful nature of these UV rays. School hats are available at the office for \$10.

## Camps

Once again, we have been fortunate to be part of the Government's Positive Start Initiative and have access to providing a free camp for our senior students. Our senior students will be heading to Mill Valley Ranch from 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> April this year. This is the last time we will be able to offer a free camp as the funding for this program has now been exhausted. Senior students received notices today about camp.



Enjoy Life! Justin Thompson Principal

# Diary Dates



Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February
Assembly in the MPC at 2.30pm
Item by the Band - All Welcome

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 'Meet and Greet' Interview Bookings must be finalised

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February Scholastic Book Club Orders Due

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> - Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> February
'Meet and Greet' Interviews



Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February
Assembly in the MPC at 2.30pm
Item by the Band - All Welcome

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February CSEF Applications Due

### **MARCH**

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March School Photos

### **FEBRUARY**

As part of the Positive Start in 2023 initiative, we are extremely fortunate to be able to offer all of our Year 5 and 6 students the opportunity to attend a **free** three-day camp. The camp will be held at Mill Valley Ranch in Tynong North from Wednesday 26th to Friday 28th April 2023.

YEAR 5/6 CAMP



During the three days at camp, students will be involved in a number of organised fun, recreational, environmental and cooperative activities. Some of the activities planned may include horse riding, archery, canoeing, ropes course, craft, bush tucker and frisbee golf. There are excellent outdoor recreation areas for the children to play. The camp will be an excellent learning experience for your child. Notices have been sent home today with more information.

We strongly encourage all children to attend camp as it is a fabulous experience for all students, especially those who have not been away from home overnight before.

### **2023 PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS**

Coral Park Primary School does not charge compulsory fees and relies on the generous contributions of families to be able to purchase resources to facilitate our student curriculum and maintain our great school. A \$100 contribution per student is suggested, but any amount is helpful.

To make your Parent Contribution, please phone the school, visit the office or make a direct deposit into the school bank account.

School bank details are: Coral Park Primary School

BSB 063 250

Account Number 009 018 17

Please include your child's name as a reference.

### **CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND**

CSEF is an annual payment available to **eligible** families, to be used towards school Camps, Sports and Excursions. Notices have been sent home so eligible families can apply to receive \$125 per student. Please return all CSEF application forms by **Tuesday 28**<sup>th</sup> **February**.



You will also **need to provide a copy of your Healthcare card**, which can be emailed or completed at the office.

# **2023 TERM DATES**

Term 1

30 January - 6 April

Term 2

24 April - 23 June

Term 3

10 July - 15 September

Term 4

2 October - 20 December

### **PLAYGROUP**



Playgroup times have changed slightly. Playgroup now operates from 9.30-11.30am each Tuesday and Friday in the hall. All pre school age children are welcome to attend with their parent, grandparent, guardian or carer. Playgroup is a great way to meet other families

and helps your child socialise. It is free of charge.

### SEPTEMBER TO MAY - NO HAT NO OUTSIDE PLAY

School hats need to be worn for all outside activities from September to May and water bottles need to be used to ensure students remain hydrated and ready to learn. Hats are available for \$10 from the office.

# SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) is a framework which we use across the whole school to model, acknowledge and reward positive behaviour. Everyone in the school community is aware of our behaviour expectations, as listed in our Behaviour Matrix, and using the SWPBS framework is an effective way of reducing negative and unwanted behaviour. By focussing on good behaviour choices, students are encouraged to gain attention by doing the correct thing, rather than getting attention for doing the wrong thing.

Students are given clear details of what positive behaviour looks like and there are posters and banners throughout the school as reminders of our school values and how to display them. Students choose a reward chart and gain stickers for positive behaviour and displaying school values, then when their chart is full of stickers, they can select a reward of their choice.

Congratulations to the following students who have demonstrated our school values and completed their reward charts...

Ali Asghar J7 Hadia S19 Max

> Shanawer S19 Fatima S20

> S20 Ayra S20 Tatyana





others.



We walk together. We walk our scooter or bike

# Determined

# Resilient

We wait at the door for teacher directions. We join at the back of the line. We stay in our place in the





As part of our formal communication processes at Coral Park Primary School, we will be conducting 'Meet and Greet Interviews' in the week of <u>Monday 20th February to Thursday 23rd February.</u> This will give all families the opportunity to speak to their child's 2023 teacher and communicate any information that will help support their learning.

# To book an interview time please follow the instructions below:

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au



enter the code 877u4



Enter your details



Select the teachers you wish to see



Select the appointment times that suit your family best



When you click FINISH your selected bookings will be emailed to you immediately. If you do not receive your email, please check your junk-mail, or enter the event code again and check your email address spelling. Update your details if email address is incorrect.

DO NOT DELETE the email you receive. Keep it somewhere safe. You may need to refer back to it at a later date.

REMEMBER TO ADD YOUR APPOINTMENTS TO YOUR CALENDAR - reminders will not be sent home.

# Bookings must be finalised by Thursday 16th February at 4pm.

If you need to view, cancel, change or print your bookings:

- Click on the link in the confirmation email you received after you made your bookings
- OR return to <u>www.schoolinterviews.com.au</u> and enter the code and the email address you used when making your bookings.
- OR call the school office on 9782 8398



### National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2023

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests will be conducted from 15<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023. From this year on, the NAPLAN tests will be conducted in Term 1 rather than in Term 2. Coral Park Primary School will be completing these tests online and the testing period will run over two weeks. These tests are common national tests undertaken by all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. The Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) is responsible for NAPLAN across the state.

NAPLAN provides information to students, teachers, parent/carers and school communities about how students are performing against the national benchmarks for literacy and numeracy. The results provide a measure of how Australian schools and students are performing in the areas of reading, writing, spelling, language conventions and numeracy.

Specifically, information gained is used for:

- individual student reports to parents
- school reporting to their communities, and
- aggregate reporting against national standards.

It is also important to recognise that the National Assessment Program is not seen as the sole criterion for measuring student performance, but rather as a part of a broad range of measures used by teachers to evaluate and assess the learning and teaching process.

To assist in the administration of NAPLAN, parents/carers are asked to keep the 15<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> March free from interruptions to the normal school routine. Parents/carers could also assist their children by speaking positively about the tests with the view to avoid undue student anxiety.

Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the test formats and will provide appropriate support and guidance leading up to the test date. Over the next few weeks our Year 3 and 5 students will be given the opportunity to participate in NAPLAN practice testing. The purpose of these tests is to provide an opportunity for our students to familiarise themselves with the test layout, types of questions and test conditions.

If you would like to provide some extra online practice for your child, you can also access some practice tests at the following website: https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's participation in the upcoming NAPLAN tests, you are encouraged to make a time to speak with their teacher. Alternatively, you can contact the office to speak to the Assistant Principal Liz Wilson.









# Playgroup

We would like to inform all families that playgroup will now operate from

9.30am - 11.30am

each Tuesday and Friday

in the school hall.

Playgroup is a great opportunity to meet other families and help your child socialise.

It is FREE and everyone is welcome!



Want to prepare your kids for a healthier future?

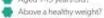


Participants receive great freebies and a reward at the end!

# BETTER HEALTH PROGRAM

### ls your child...

Aged 7-13 years old?



In need of support to improve eating and activity habits?

Better Health Program is a free, 10-week, online program for children and families.

There are weekly online sessions, free resources, including a fitness tracker, and weekly coaching calls. These are with a qualified health coach who gives you professional advice and helps keep you on teack!

MONASH University

### Sign up today!

ww.betterhealthprogram.org 1300 822 953



Better Health Program is an online healthy lifestyle program for families with children aged 7-13 years who are above a healthy weight. In 2022, the program is free for

s as part of a large research project with Monash University

To join the program, families must agree to participate in the research project, which involves completing at-home time-points over an 18 month period (30-60 minute duration at each time pointl.

### Sign up today!

www.betterhealthprogram.org

9° 1300 822 953





# PROTECT

Everyone has the right to be safe and be protected from abuse.

No one should behave in a way that makes you feel unsafe or afraid, including anyone in your family, anyone at school or anywhere else in the community.

Tell a teacher or any adult at your school if you feel unsafe.





It's everyone's responsibility.

Adults at school must listen and respond to concerns about child abuse

If you suspect abuse of any child or young person, you have a responsibility to report it, even if you are not sure.

Further information & resources www.education.vic.gov.au/protect















