Thursday 16th October 2014

Dear Parents and Carers

Literacy

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Kate Miles to Carole Park State School. Kate is our new Literacy Coach and will be working with staff and students to support their literacy learning. Reading will be a big focus as it is one of the most important skills that children can learn for their future success.

This week is our second week of our special literacy program and from all reports from Teachers and students, it has been a success. The children enjoy the opportunity to work with different Teachers and with students from across the school. I want to congratulate all the students on how they have settled into their new classes and are making the most of the learning opportunity.

Why is Reading so important

Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading tests than those who don’t, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures.

In fact, there’s evidence to suggest that reading for pleasure is more likely to determine whether a child does well at school than their social or economic background.

http://uk.pearson.com/enjoy-reading/why-is-reading-so-important.html

WHY READ: When we don’t like it?

1. To Develop Your Verbal Abilities
2. Improves Your Focus and Concentration
3. Readers Enjoy The Arts and Improve the World
4. It Improves Your Imagination
5. Reading Makes You Smarter
6. Reading Makes You Interesting
7. It Reduces Stress
8. It Improves Your Memory
9. To Discover and Create Yourself
10. For Entertainment


2015 Changes

As you are all aware, next year will be very different for Primary and Secondary schools as Year 7 moves to Secondary schools. This will have an impact on staffing and classes and it will be important to ensure the best opportunities for your children that all children return to school next year on Tuesday 27th January 2015.

If you are planning a holiday and will not be returning on time, it is important that you notify the school. If you will not be returning until after 5th February 2015, we will require evidence that you will be returning so that we can count you in our numbers.

We will be sending a letter out this term with this information and what is required. This may include evidence of your return date, e.g. airline tickets.
**Morning Routines at School**

Students should not be arriving at school until after 8am. Once they arrive at school, they should not then be leaving to go to the shops or meet up with friends outside of the school.

We have had a number of students going to the shop and purchasing chocolate and soft drinks which can have a serious impact on their behaviour at school.

**Stephen Rowe**

Principal

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**Gentle Reminder**

Soft drinks, chocolate and lollies are not allowed at school.

We have a concerning number of children buying these items before school and eating throughout the day. A large amount of sugar in the morning does not set them up to do their best and learn.

If students bring these items to school they will be asked to leave them in the office until the end of the day.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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**STUDENT AWARDS**

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Would you like your child to be part of the art therapy project?

Did you know that we do relaxation groups here at school? Kristy will be working with our students using focused psychological strategies to help our students to achieve their full potential. How could coming to see Kristy help your child?

See your GP and ask for a Mental Health Care Plan for your child today.

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**Get Ready for PREP**

Morning Tea
24th November 2014
Meeting room @ 11:00am

Come and join us for morning tea, and find out what you and your child needs, to Get Ready for PREP 2015.

Uniforms will be available for purchasing, and booklists.

If you know anyone whose child will be ready for Prep in 2015 bring them along!

We look forward to seeing you there.

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**Forest Lake State High School**

**Important uniform information for year 7s and 8s for 2015**

As with most schools, school uniforms are compulsory at Forest Lake State High School and we try very hard to have uniforms to fit all our students. We have ordered smaller uniforms for our year 7s for next year.

We have put together a starter pack for new students which contains all the basics a year 7 or 8 student may need. You may find once your student has their timetable (which they will get on their first day) that you need to add items but as the name suggests it is only a starter pack.

**The girls starter pack consists of—**

- 1 Blouse, 1 Skirt, 1 Sports Polo, 1 pair sports shorts, a hat, 3 pairs ankle socks (1 free). Total cost $151.50

**The boys starter pack consists of—**

- 1 Shirt, 1 pair formal shorts, 1 sports polo, 1 pair sports shorts, a hat, 3 pairs ankle socks (1 free). Total cost $144.50

The uniform shop is open from 8am to 10am each school day and will close on December 12, 2014 and will not reopen until January 19, 2015. We will be open on Enrolment day on Saturday November 1, 2014 from 9am to 2.30pm. This is the only Saturday we are open. We accept eftpos, Mastercard, Visa and cash. You can also Lay-by.

In an effort to alleviate the waiting times we are introducing a booking system for the week of January 19 to 23, 2015. Please contact the uniform shop either by phone on 3714 2341 during uniform shop hours or email uniformshop@forestlakeqld.edu.au.

You can also turn up during that week and either pick an available time or take a number and wait.

**Opening hours for January 2015**

- Monday 19th………………to 23rd………………. 8am to 3pm
- Tuesday 20th………………………………………9am to 12pm
- Wednesday 21st………………to 25th………………. 9am to 3pm
- Thursday 22nd………………to 26th………………. 9am to 12pm
- Friday 23rd………………to 27th………………… 9am to 12pm
- Monday 26th……………… Closed
- Tuesday 27th to Friday 30th………………………8am to 11am

Then back to normal hours - 8am to 10am each school day

Fran Santin
Uniform Shop Manager
FOREST LAKE STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Enrolment interviews are still available on Monday October 20 and Saturday November 1.

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**Change of Personal Details Form**

Name: __________________________

New Details
Address: _______________________

Phone: __________________________

Mobile Phone: ____________________

EMAIL: __________________________

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**Forest Lake State High School**

**Enrol now for 2015**

**Yr 7 & Yr 8**

**Enrolment Interviews available**

- Thursday 14th August 7.30am - 3.30pm
- Tuesday 9th September 8.00am - 3.30pm
- Monday 20th October 8.30am - 3.30pm
- Saturday 1st November 9.00am - 2.30pm

**Book your enrolment interview**

Ph: 3714 2333 www.forestlake.qld.edu.au

- Entry from South East of City Centre
- Easy to park

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**Tuckshop Lunches**

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