Thursday 11th December 2014

Dear Parents/Carers

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank the community of Carole Park State School for having me as part of your school community this year. In 2015 Mrs Wendy Hoskin returns to Carole Park State School as the Principal.

I have enjoyed my time at Carole Park and can tell you that your children are very lucky to have the dedicated team that I have had an opportunity to work with over the last 6 months. They work tirelessly with children of all different abilities and with children who struggle sometimes to be in a school environment. All staff, not just the Teachers, work together as a united team in the best interest of your children.

Priorities for 2015

Why is Reading so Important

1. Reading is fundamental to function in today's society. There are many adults who cannot read well enough to understand the instructions on a medicine bottle. That is a scary thought - especially for their children. Filling out applications becomes impossible without help. Reading road or warning signs is difficult. Even following a map becomes a chore. Day-to-day activities that many people take for granted become a source of frustration, anger and fear.

2. Reading is a vital skill in finding a good job. Many well-paying jobs require reading as a part of job performance. There are reports and memos which must be read and responded to. Poor reading skills increase the amount of time it takes to absorb and react in the workplace. A person is limited in what they can accomplish without good reading and comprehension skills.

3. Reading is important because it develops the mind. The mind is a muscle. It needs exercise. Understanding the written word is one way the mind grows in its ability. Teaching young children to read helps them develop their language skills. It also helps them learn to listen. Everybody wants to talk, but few can really listen. Lack of listening skills can result in major misunderstandings which can lead to job loss, marriage breakup, and other disasters - small and great. Reading helps children (and adults) focus on what someone else is communicating.

Why is Numeracy so Important

Everyone needs to be numerate to maximise their life chances and to make a positive contribution to society.

Australia needs a numerate population in order to build a strong economy and to compete globally.

We are currently failing to achieve this.

The effect of poor numeracy on people’s lives is often much less obvious than poor literacy. But there is substantial evidence that low numeracy skills are associated with poor outcomes for many people. This has a negative impact on them and their families – and on society as a whole.

The direct impact

Poor numeracy is a problem in its own right. People who struggle to use numbers may feel embarrassed by their difficulties, and this can affect their confidence and self-esteem. They may be unable to help their children with their maths homework and be reluctant to apply for a more demanding job. They may fail to manage their money well or to get the best deals when shopping.
Change of Personal Details Form

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

Kristy Thorburn
Mental Health Social Worker and Art Therapist
MMH, ATMH, BSc(W), BA,
MASW (Adv. Accred.)
Carole Park State School
260 Waterford Rd, Carole Park, 4110
Medicare Provider number:

Forest Lake State High School

Opening hours for January 2015
- Monday 19th 9am to 3pm
- Tuesday 20th 9am to 12pm
- Wednesday 21st 9am to 3pm
- Thursday 22nd 9am to 12pm
- Friday 23rd 9am to 12pm
- Monday 26th 9am to 12pm
- Tuesday 27th to Friday 30th 8am to 11am

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

Fran Santin
Uniform Manager
FOREST LAKE STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Enrolment interviews are still available on Monday October 20 and Saturday 24.

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Farewells

This year we say goodbye to a few staff members who have made our school a great place to be. They will all be dearly missed and we wish them all the best in 2015.

Mr Rowe - Principal
Ms Natalie – 2/3 Teacher
Mr Walkden – Music and PE teacher
Ms Morris – LOTE Teacher
Mrs Miles – Literacy Coach

Free School Holiday Program

When: 15th, 16th, 17th & 18th December 2014
Time: 9.30-1.00pm
Who: Children between the ages 6-12
Where: Elorac Place – 11a Southampton Rd Ellen Grove

Monday 15th December – Art and Craft day
Tuesday 16th December – RACQ Safety Day
Wednesday 17th December – Games Day
Thursday 18th December – Outdoor Adventure

Contact: Elle on 3271 3592 or pick up a registration form available at Elorac Place Reception.

2015 School Bus Passes

Please apply for your child bus pass before 5th January 2015. This is so they have their bus pass before the first week of school.

Apply through Westside Bus Company.

Westside Bus Company

Attendance: “It is Not OK to be Away!”

Fact: Over a 12 year period a student who attends 92% of the time will have lost almost 1 year of school contact.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and at work.

Stephen Rowe
Principal

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