Monday 25th February 2013

Welcome
We’ve had a great first few weeks. This term is only nine weeks long and we are already in week 5. Student behaviour has mostly been outstanding. Expectations of our students are very high and we will continue to reward those that consistently do the right thing.

It is important that students arrive on time each day. There is extremely important learning that occurs in every classroom in the morning session. Even if your child is only a few minutes late each day, these times add up to a significant loss of learning over a term.

I am always so proud when our students receive compliments from visitors to our school (of course we expect nothing less!). We recently had several people visiting our school and they highly commended that work that was going on in classrooms.

Reading
It is so important for your child to read every day. Explicit instruction in reading is scheduled into every child’s timetable at school but they can also get a lot of reading done at home. Please encourage your child to read. It doesn’t have to be a book. Encourage children to read magazines, menus, television guides, brochures, shopping lists, newspapers, street and shop signs, instructions on packets and anything else you can think of. It all adds up.

Dogs
We recently had a dog in the school grounds that had followed children to school. Could I ask that you ensure your dogs are secured at home before your children walk to school? Dogs are forbidden on school grounds by Education Qld unless they are part of an approved program. If you have any questions about this please contact the office.

There are some exciting things coming up in the next few weeks:

Life Education
The Life Education Van will visit Carole Park State School on the 13th and 14th March. This van provides important education for children around healthy foods, safe behaviour and cybersafety. The classes are tailored to each year level. The cost for each child is $5.

Extreme Science Van
The QUT Science Van will visit our school on the 6th and 13th March. This van provides a great opportunity for students to participate in extension activities. There is no cost to students.

Cooking and Gardening
The gourmet dishes keep coming out of that kitchen. The children have cooked and eaten some very tasty fresh foods. If you happen to be around the school at 11.30 on a Tuesday or Wednesday feel free to pop in to our kitchens to check out what the children are cooking. Be prepared for your mouth to water.

NAPLAN
The dates for NAPLAN are the 14th, 15th and 16th May. Students in Years 3, 5 and 7 will participate in the tests. See next page for table.

Why do students do NAPLAN tests?
The tests provide parents and school with an understanding of how individual students are performing in Literacy and Numeracy at the time of the tests.
It is important to understand that NAPLAN...
tests are just one aspect of assessment and reporting, and do not replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by your child’s teacher.

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How is NAPLAN reported?
NAPLAN is not a pass or fail test. Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale. There are six levels (bands) for each Year. One of the bands will represent the national minimum standard for students at that level. A result at the national minimum standard indicates that the student has demonstrated the basic Literacy and Numeracy skills needed to participate at that Year level. Each student from Years 3, 5 and 7 who participates in the tests will receive a NAPLAN report later in the year.

If you have any questions about the NAPLAN tests please feel free to contact the school or visit the website at www.nap.edu.au

Cathy Forbes
Acting Principal

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Banana Chips Recipe

5 minutes preparation + 15 minutes cooking
Serves 4

Ingredients
4 Bananas

Method
Peel and slice banana thinly. Bake in a hot oven (250°C) for 15 to 20 minutes or until crisp.

Recipe sourced from www.betterforlife.vic.edu.au

Pre-Prep Class

My Child ____________________________ is eligible to start Prepp next year. I would like him/her to participate in the Pre-Prep Program at Carole Park State School. I understand that not all children who apply for the Pre-Prep Program will be able to participate in the program. My contact details are:

Name: ____________________________
Address: ____________________________
DOB: ____________________________
Phone Number: ____________________________

I know of a child who would be eligible to start Prep next year. Contact details for the child are:

Parent Name: ____________________________
Address: ____________________________
Phone Number: ____________________________

I have gained parent permission to forward these details to the school.

Change of Personal Details Form

Name: ____________________________
New Details
Address: ____________________________
Phone: ____________________________
Mobile Phone: ____________________________
EMAIL: ____________________________

☐ I wish to receive an email copy of the newsletter

Other Information: ____________________________

GREAT NEWS the STREET DREAMS FREE HIP HOP DANCE CLASSES ARE BACK FOR 2013
BUNDABERG, GOGOA & FOREST LAKE at the Salvation Army Hall!! Classes are for all students between the ages of 6-10yrs old.
So get your groove on and get inspired!
For more information regarding class times go to www.streetsdreamselho
HURRY places are limited to 25 people per class and they fill up FAST!