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Dear Parents and Carers

The school year is rapidly coming to an end. This newsletter sees a special insert that showcases the latest media presence that the school has had. It also gives dates for events leading up to the closure of school for the Christmas Break.

Showcase Award

This was a very special award to receive. It shows that at a state level, the programs we offer at Carole Park are excellent. Everything done at Carole Park State School is focussed firstly on students and their learning outcomes. We strive to make our school a positive and safe community for all and I am proud to state that. Behaviours that interfere with the safety of students is not tolerated from either the students or the wider community. This is a safe haven for our Carole Park Cats. Click onto the site below to see our Showcase Award.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GZAReXsvzDA

Staffing

I have been on leave for the last two weeks and wish to thank Mrs Johal for stepping into the Acting Principal role and Ms Bond for acting, once again, as Head of Curriculum.

Parade

Monday saw the school leaders once again lead a commemorative Service, this time for Remembrance Day. I am so proud of the way our school community pays respect at these times. We were also entertained by the choir who are participating in a competition at Redbank Plaza later in the week. We are lucky to have just so much talent in the school.

Making every day count

As we near the end of the school year, it’s important to remember that all students are required to attend school every day until the end of term which is 13 December 2013. Not only is attendance at school a legal requirement, but being at school helps students to achieve more and builds social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience. For more information, visit http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts.

Wendy Hoskin
Principal
On Tuesday, 11 students from Carole Park attended Forest Lake High’s Brain Day Challenge. Two other schools also participated. Miss Muller, the teacher who takes care of the grade 8s and 9s Lighthouse class and the transitions for the grade 7s, organised the whole day. We had 3 challenges. The Long-Term Playground Challenge, Drama / English Challenge and Maths Challenge. We had 2 teams. My team had Kit, Kira, Kimberley and Lauren. The other team had Grace, Salvation, Emily, Robert, Arwen and Colleen.

Our first challenge was the Long-Term Playground Challenge. We had to make a playground that had to have something that rotated a climbing frame and something that could swing. My playground had a Standing Swirl, Climbing Swans, Picnic Place and Swinging Chair with a white cushion. We had an hour and a half to build it. After that we had to present it to the judges. Our judges were Mr Terry, Mrs Scholes, Amy, Saleha and Thomas. We wrote a speech and presented with our playground. When finished, we were asked a few questions from Amy, Saleha and Thomas. I think we did an awesome job so did Team 1.

In the second challenge, we had Drama/English with Mrs Gleeson and Mr McGrath. We had Trivia. Following that we sat with our teams and competed against one another. We had to sit in the ‘Hot Seat’, chose a topic and either Mrs Gleeson or Mr McGrath asked us a question related to the topic. The topics were clichés, TV shows, ads, tricky trivia, general trivia and music. Some questions were a little bit hard. My team won by two points.

The last challenge was maths with Mrs Brooking. We were taught some techniques on how to check our work. Our school was the fastest at learning the techniques as Mrs Brooking would put it. The technique was called coding.

First break we had a 45 minute lunch and we got to experience how they had lunch in high school. Everything was so different to how primary works. The canteen was also open for us. In the canteen there was fast food, slushies, ice blocks and drinks. Second break was half an hour. It was pretty much the same as first break, only a little different. Some people were playing handball.

At the end of the day we had a ceremony where medals, certificates and trophies were handed out. Carole Park team two won the best teamwork. Emily won best mathematician and I won best drama/English. Pallara team two came third. Forest Lake team two came second and Pallara team three came 1st. Our school came fourth and fifth. We had a lot of fun and we enjoyed it so much.

Jessica