Monday 09 December 2013

Dear Parents and Caregivers

The school year is rapidly coming to an end. Today saw our Year 7 Farewell Assembly. Parents were invited to this assembly to see their children transition to high school. Siblings welcomed the Year 7 students. It was a great Assembly.

This week we have a number of activities going on:

- Tuesday Afternoon sees the Christmas Concert. This is in the hall and will start at 1:25. It will be a tight schedule to get through before 2:30. All parents are welcome to attend.
- Wednesday sees Books in Homes Book Giving Ceremony. P-3 students receive their books at 9:00 and Year 4-7 receive their books at 9:30. As part of the 9:30 Ceremony Dr Sue Waterson from Griffith University will present the prize for the Term 3 I Dream Project which was again won by our Year 6 and 7 Options Team.
- Wednesday also sees the Year 7 Graduation. The Graduation Ceremony at Carole Park State School is amongst the best I have ever had the privilege of attending. It starts at 5:30 with children going to the Resource Centre for official photographs. Parents then join their children after dinner for the Graduation Ceremony and an evening of dance.
- Thursday sees some celebration activities in various classes.
- Friday is our Behaviour Reward Day. The reward this term is a free swim at the pool. For children to participate their behaviour at school has to be wonderful and they must also have a current swimming permission note.

Book Packs

These need to be ordered before school finishes to ensure that your children have books ready to begin the year. This year we have introduced Centrepay possibilities. Please contact the school if you wish to utilise Centrepay for your books and swimming. Your children receive their books on day 1 of school if you have completed an undertaking to pay through Centrepay. To access this, you must receive a Centrelink payment.

Staff Farewells

We sadly farewell Ms Nikki Larkman who has been a member of our Early Years Team for two years and Ms Rosemary Cusack who has relieved in both Ms Bond’s class and Mrs Johal’s class.

Disco Night

Last Thursday saw Channel 10 do their weather cross from the hall during our Disco. The children sang beautifully and our disco attendees loved the chance to be on television. Thanks to the staff who assisted with the disco and the P&C for their contributions to the evening.

Swimming

We have had another successful term of swimming instruction. Craig, an instructor who has been coaching our children over a number of years has stated that Carole Park Children are the best behaved of all schools that he takes swimming. Congratulations kids!!
The P&C have been very active this year... and have managed to raise some funds for school activities. They have:

- Paid for the buses for the P-3 Excursion to the Train Museum and Queen’s Park in Ipswich.
- Paid for the bus for Year 4/5 Camp to Currumbin Farm.
- Purchased items for the tuckshop and classrooms including a large esky, 5 water coolers for classrooms and a microwave for the tuckshop.

This fundraising included weekly tuckshop, three discos and stalls for Mother’s Day, Father’s Day and Christmas. The P&C also coordinate school banking. Thank you to a very small group of parents for assisting with these undertakings. Please think about helping out with these undertakings.

Take care over the Christmas Break. Classes for next year are not yet finalised. These will not be displayed until Popup Free Days next year as we have had to look at only 8 classes rather than 9 for next year. If there is movement in the community during the holidays, it is very important that we know as early as possible. If new people move into the suburb with school age children you could direct them to the school webpage for information as well as Enrolment Packs.

School recommences on Tuesday 28 January.

I have thoroughly enjoyed yet another year at Carole Park State School. Take care over the holidays.

Wendy Hoskins
Principal