

COMMUNICATION

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ROOM 7

Our theme this term is The Great Outdoors. We are studying Australia state by state using the story, "Are we there yet?" about a family that travels around Australia. As we do that we learn more about each state, the animals, plants, physical features, iconic buildings and anything of interest in the state. Art and cooking activities are also related to the theme. So far the class has made a good start



and we are still getting on with the journey. The class has a new student, Alexia Fawkes who started on the 20th of May 2013. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Alexia to room 7. One of our main focuses this year is communication and a lot is being done to increase communication levels in the class. We have news sharing on Mondays and each student chooses pictures of things they did on the weekend. We then write out the news

and read it to the class. We are also using Book Creator on iPad to write some simple stories about each student to share in class. A lot of the students enjoy their own books as well as others, motivating them to read and listen to other people's stories. We look forward to a great term in room 7.



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From the Principal's desk

The winter season has commenced but with the cold early mornings still turning into quite pleasant days. The good news according to one's point of view is that this is only a nine week term.

School for students commenced on Wednesday this term which is a little unusual but staff attended professional development sessions on the Monday (with colleagues from the Education Support South Network) and Tuesday at school where the major theme was Emergency Management Planning. Planning for efficient school evacuations if an emergency occurs, although not an easy task, is of course extremely important and so we have engaged EMQ to assist in developing our procedures. Whilst the school has never been in a lockdown situation we need to practice for any such incident.

Communication Theme

This newsletter features a number of the many communication systems our students use on a daily basis. For our students, communication takes place in a number of ways and involves all the senses. Preferred methods of communication may include the use of:

- body language, for example turning towards or away, stiffening, relaxing
- facial expression, for example smiling or grimacing
- eye-pointing
- objects of reference to signal events or to indicate choices
- communication aids
- photographs, pictures and symbols, for example, in a communication book (PODD)
- print
- signing
- information communication technology (ICT) sounds and the spoken word
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Some examples of specific teaching approaches include Pragmatic Organisation Dynamic Display (PODD) and the Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS)

School Staff Farewell Acting Registrar Dee Maddin

A morning tea was held to thank Dee for her dedicated work to our school and to wish her all the best for her sea change. Dee has been with us for over a year and has been very committed to the school and its' ethos. Best wishes from us all for the future Dee.

Kind Regards
John Exeter
Principal

A message from the nurses . . .

To stay home or not?

Children with a cold who feel unwell should stay at home until they are feeling better. However, there is no need for them to stay at home if they feel well enough to play and participate in regular activities despite their runny nose or cough. Children tend to get 5-10 colds per year. This means with common cold viruses it is extremely difficult to say when a child could infect others. Antibiotics don't work on viruses so they won't stop a cold from spreading. For more information go to www.nps.org.au/commoncolds.

Thanks to those parents who have returned the Dental Health Surveys and a friendly reminder to those who haven't yet. Please return them as soon as possible and please put your child's name on them so that we can direct follow-ups to the correct students.

SPECIAL REQUEST

Staff would be most grateful if parents are able to send a spare set of clothing to school to be stored in case of need. Students can become wet during a water activity and can also have "accidents" at school. It can be distressing for students and staff if clean dry clothing is not readily available. A spare set of clothing is mentioned on the class items lists distributed at the start of the school year. If you have already sent spare clothing to school we thank you but if you haven't as yet please consider sending these items in to school for the peace of mind of students and staff.

P&C News . . .

Uniforms: the P&C now has a sample of uniform items in a variety of sizes for those new to the school or those wishing to try before ordering. Please contact Liz on lizgreenpnc@hotmail.com.

Disabled Childrens' Foundation Raffle: For the past few years we have participated in this raffle. Books of five tickets will be sent home shortly. Each ticket costs \$3.00 with all money raised being returned to the school. We ask that you sell these to family, friends, neighbours.

Disco: The Disco last Friday was fantastic. Many thanks to all the parents who came along and danced the night away. Special thanks must go to Dallas and the rest of the Carson Street staff for all their help and especially to those who dressed up. We have received lots of positive feedback. Hopefully, if there is enough interest, we will make this a regular event, possibly once a term.

We were very fortunate to have the services of the FABULOUS DJ Scott-e. The music and lights were great and everyone wanted to keep on grooving. We have some awesome dancers at the school with special mention to Adrian who didn't stop dancing all night.

Quiz Night: Saturday 24th August at the Belmont Sports and Recreation Centre. This is our major fundraiser for the year. We will be sending home a letter to be handed out to your local businesses asking for their support/donations. There are many ways that you can support our school. More details to follow.

Liz Green

P & C President

Community Support Officer

On the 14th May we held our first Pamper Morning Tea. This was a very enjoyable time where a Nutrimerics Consultant came to do the 'pampering' while ladies were able to chat informally with each other. Thank you to those who came – it was great to see you there.

This Morning Tea was enjoyed by all who attended and we are hoping to have similar opportunities in the future, where parents and caregivers are able to meet for the first time, connect with each other and share information in an informal setting.

Some parents have also received a flyer from me which outlines my role. Eventually I would like to contact each parent/caregiver of the school community. As stated on the flyer I am seeking to get to know you and your needs where appropriate and generally find ways of helping, seeking relevant information and resources, or just to be a listening ear.

I have also begun a 'Car Park Wander', introducing myself and offering assistance where appropriate, to parents and caregivers as they arrive in the school car park. This has been very interesting and I have met some very wonderful and warm people - once again thank you.

If anyone has any suggestions or questions, or would just like a chat my contact details are as follows and there is also a communication book in my pigeon hole in the front office.

Thanking you

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RECYCLED CLOTHING BIN

Just a reminder that we have an E'co Kids clothing bin located at school in the undercover area. Please bring any unwanted clothing items to school and place them in the bin. E'co Kids is a not-for-profit organisation running school environmental education programs. More information at www.ecokids.com.au

Room 9

Room 9 students had every reason to be happy to be back at school this term. First we had to finish our Mother's Day gifts—jewellery trees for all those confused mums!! And we were all excited to meet Adrian's baby sister, Shanika, who arrived on April 19th. She is soooooo cute and immediately stimulated communication in the room ... from "please take her away" to "I want one just like this"!!!

We have also been bashing on switches to get our messages across. Jess quite fancies using her head!

As always, as we discuss our feelings, we invariably get some incredible expressions from the kids...check out Ben's!



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Yellowgum

In Yellowgum we have been busy learning and using our skills to communicate with our helpers and friends. We are so clever at it. ...LOOK!

Muji learning to sit straight and tall whilst talking about shopping.



Lachlan doing his counting with a PODD Communication book.



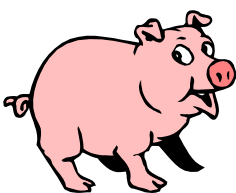
Sam and Madi forming their friendship through playing and laughing together.



Madison practising her switching skills.



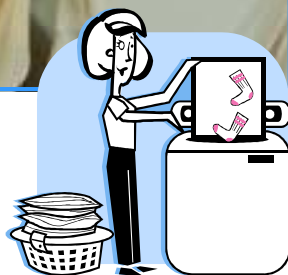
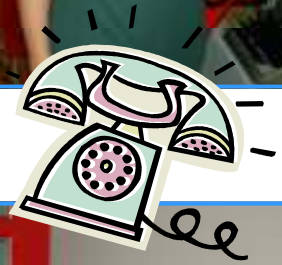
Dawn and Nathan are both joining in with the story Don't Forget the Bacon!



Belmay Satellite Class

Our last class excursion was to The City of Belmont's Historical Museum. The children had so much fun learning about the Past and the Present.

They loved using the old phones, putting calls through the switchboard and talking to each other whilst doing their chore of washing the men's dirty shirts!!



Disco Fever Hits Carson Street School

A huge thank you to the P&C, the staff and parents who enabled the disco last Friday evening. There were more than a few dancing queens in the crowd, and from the looks of the photos, everyone had a great time.



Job Well Done, Greg

The school staff, and in particular our other gardening staff—Neville and Les—would like to thank Greg for the huge effort he has put in recently in cleaning up the grounds following the removal of several large diseased gum trees. The 'old guys' couldn't have done it without you!

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NEW STAFF MEMBER

We welcomed our new Registrar, Corina Botica in May. Corina comes to us from Duncraig Education Support Centre. We would like to thank our former Registrar, Dee Maddin for all her hard work and wish her well for the future.



Carlisle Dental Therapy Centre

A friendly reminder from the Dental Centre to call the centre on 9362 2950 should you be unable to attend an appointment and they will happily re-schedule to a more suitable time. Your prompt arrival for appointments is also greatly appreciated as the clinic is extremely busy .

SCHOOL BANKING DETAILS

You can pay your child's School contribution on line for convenience. School banking details are BSB 066-040 Account Number 1990 1199 Commonwealth Bank name of Carson Street School. You can also make payments to the school P & C as follows BSB 016-263 Account 340823556 ANZ Bank name of Carson Street School P and C Association.





Happy Birthday to You!

Abigail	Redgum	8th June
Mujaheeda	Yellowgum	13th June
Hannah	Belmay	13th June
Violet	Room 2	15th June
Juanito	Room 5	18th June
Nawid	Wattle	20th June



School Newsletter

If you would like to receive the school newsletter by email instead of hard copy, please send details of your email address to Chris.Davison@education.wa.edu.au. Newsletters are also available to read on the school website <http://carsonst.wa.edu.au/> . If you haven't already checked out our website, have a look! It has lots of information all about the School and the fabulous Carson Street students and staff.

What's on . . . what's coming up . . .

Thursday 27th June	After School Activity finishes for Term 2
Friday 5th July	Last day of Term 2
Monday 22nd July	School Development Day
Tuesday 23rd July	Students return for start of Term 3

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