



# Carson Street School

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BACK TO SCHOOL

February 2013



## New Teacher Conductor

My name is Laura Farkas and I am a Teacher-Conductor from Hungary.

In 2009, I completed my Diploma of Conductive Education - Conductor-Teacher at the Andras Peto Institute of Conductive Education, Budapest Hungary.

After my graduation I stayed for another 6 months at the Andras Peto Institute of Conductive Education because I wanted to increase my experience of working with children with Cerebral Palsy and other neurological disabilities.

In 2010, I moved to Birmingham and I worked at the National Institute of Conductive Education in the Adults Department for 12 months.

In 2011, I immigrated to Australia as my partner is Australian. I have lived in Brisbane and Gold Coast for over 18 months. In Brisbane I did some volunteer work in a charity where I could use my skills and knowledge of Conductive Education.

I was looking forward to starting work Carson Street School as I have heard a lot of positive things about how Conductive Education has been continuously successful in the school.

My main goal is to help the children to learn to increase their level of ability as my first priority is always the children and what they need. I hope I will achieve my main goals and become a great member of the Carson Street "Family".



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## From the Principal's desk ....

Welcome back one and all to Carson Street an Independent Public School (IPS) for the 2013 school year. Last year was the third year of the IPS program and we were most pleased with the outcomes of the review which a number of parents were involved in providing feedback. We now have to begin the process of making our next 3 year plan, taking into account the recommendations included in the report received.

It is also our second year as a Teacher Development School (TDS) for all those working in the education support early intervention arena and we have been commended by Central Office management for our positive contribution last year in the areas of Positive Behaviour Support, Risk assessment and Primary Science.

The start to the 2013 school year has been quite hot but this is expected during the month of February. Thankfully all teaching areas have been air conditioned to combat the heat. A number of teachers moved to new classrooms prior to the school year starting along with our increased compliment of 83 students. This year we have a record number, 18 in all, of Kindergarten students who will be attending 3 days per week. We welcome them and their families and parents of any other new students to our school.

### Welcome New Staff

I'm delighted to welcome Teacher Conductor Laura Farkas to our Conductive Education program where she will work with the Parent and Child groups. My special thanks to Shane Jez the President (and members) of the Conductive Education Centre of WA (CECWA) who assisted her to settle in WA with a generous relocation support. In addition Kate Wilson will be teaching in Rm 2.

### Report Survey

Late last year a short survey was sent home seeking information on parents perceptions of our annual student reports Thanks to all those who have replied already but please note it is not too late to have your say. If you would like another copy of the survey please ask your child's teacher.

### School Website Changes

Don't forget to visit the new school web site which can be found at [www.carsonst.wa.edu.au](http://www.carsonst.wa.edu.au). If parents have any ideas on what could be included on the site which would be useful please contact the office on 93617500 and ask for Lisa who works Wednesday to Friday.

## P&C

The Parents and Citizens Association ably lead by President Liz Green, is an amazing support to the school and is constantly working to improve amenities for our students.

### School Board

Our Board members know the school very well and provide an excellent balance of support and challenge which ensures that the school continues to move forward.

The current members are:-

Liz Green – Parents & Citizens' representative

John Exeter – Principal

Ros Hamling – Deputy

Mim Little/Shona Ballantyne - Education Staff

Shane Jez – President Conductive Education Centre WA

Julie Holding - Sec/Community

Ben Wyatt MLA—Community

Nichola Tomkins - Town of Victoria Park

Darryll Ashworth – Chief Executive Officer Metier Consulting

Les Ozsdolay – Community (Chair)

Sue Carpenter - Department of Education

### Summer Holiday Program

Thanks also to Suzanne Hall and team for running the largest Summer Holiday program ever which culminated in a display of the students' art in an exhibition entitled "Over the Rainbow" at the Victoria Park Gallery. Our students were able to display their talents in a public forum thanks to Suzanne's initiative and enterprise.

The theme for this newsletter is 'Back to School'. The 2013 Parent Handbook has been sent home with students—please let office staff know if you haven't received one.

Best wishes for the challenges ahead.

John Exeter  
Principal

### Individual Education Plans (IEPs)

Staff will soon be contacting families to assist in the development of their child's IEP.

Family input is vital to providing each with a challenging school program.



## P&C News . . .

Last week saw the first of the P&C meetings for the year. It was great to have some new people come along, as well as the usual faithful few. A lady from the Active After School Program came to talk to the P&C about what they have to offer and to get feedback on the two programs currently running at school.

Once again this year the P&C have donated \$200 towards tea/coffee for visitors to the school, \$200 towards the cost of photocopying and \$300 for a "Hospitality Fund".

We have agreed to fund the new playground that will be installed to challenge our kids and make play time fun. When the Playground Committee have reached a final decision on the plans, this should go ahead quite quickly.

We are holding a BBQ at Bunnings on Saturday 9th March and need volunteers to help with the cooking etc. This is usually a fun event and a great way to meet other parents/carers.

We have sent home P&C membership forms. Financial membership does not mean you have to attend meetings, though you are always welcome. It gives us a greater chance at being successful in receiving grants if we have a large number of official members. Please ask all family members to join. There is a compulsory fee of \$1.00 per person. Extra forms are available at the front office.

The P&C also send their best wishes to Kawana who is recovering in PMH.

The P&C meets on the third and seventh Wednesday of the school term, at school at 9.30am. Meetings usually last no more than an hour and morning tea is provided. All welcome. These meetings are also a good way to meet other families and share ideas.

If anyone requires any information about the P&C, fundraising, uniforms etc, please email [lizgreenpnc@hotmail.com](mailto:lizgreenpnc@hotmail.com)

Liz Green  
P&C President



## Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Promotion

Many thanks to everyone who collected the stickers from Woolworths for the Earn and Learn Campaign in 2012. We were able to order a variety of educational supplies and resources which will be put to good use by our students.

## IPad Project Outcome - Parent Ning

Last year some of our staff were involved in an iPad project with other schools in our South Network. One of the outcomes has been the establishment of a Parent Ning. The purpose of this Ning is to involve parents in our journey, support them with understanding the potential of iPads as a tool in the classroom and providing them with any support they may require. The Ning can be found at (<http://essnipadproject-parents.ning.com/?xqi=0DbwkZzlkE7Qr0>)

We would be very interested to find out if parents take up this option and how useful you find this innovation.

## Room 9

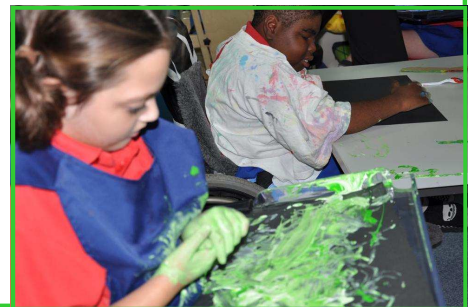
The students in Room 9 have returned to school ready to work. Jess managed to achieve one of her outcomes on the first day and continues to amaze us with her progress.

We are all missing Kawana who has been in PMH for seven weeks. She continues to prove the experts wrong and is making progress daily, small steps but huge leaps for her and we look forward to seeing her back at school before too much longer. Adrian is missing his "Knock, knock" respondent!!!

James is proving that his teenage years will be eventful ones, so look out world!! Ben is learning how to play the "I'm not well enough for school" card. As soon as he is dressed in regular clothes, there is a miraculous recovery!

We have been busy making cupcakes to take to Kawana, and Sam and Jacqui joined a science lesson wearing blindfolds so they could understand how important our words are in directing students—it is right there in front of you has taken on a whole new meaning!

Sam, Jacqui, Suzanne, Aly and I are all looking forward to an eventful year....roll on Christmas!!



## Room 7

The year 2013 has started on a very good note in room 7. Most of the students are settling down well to their new class and getting accustomed to their daily routines and tasks. It's a class of 8—5 boys and 3 girls.

This year the class programmes include Literacy, Numeracy, Art, Cooking, Swimming, Music, Physical Education and Society and Environment, Horse riding and Community Access All these programmes have started quite well and students participate in them with great enthusiasm .The students show a lot of interest in all these activities and participate well.

The class theme for this term is "Aboriginal Culture" and the class has been doing a lot of art work based on the dreamtime stories they read and discuss in class. Through these activities students learn aspects of the Aboriginal culture like musical instruments, weapons, food and symbols used to communicate different ideas.

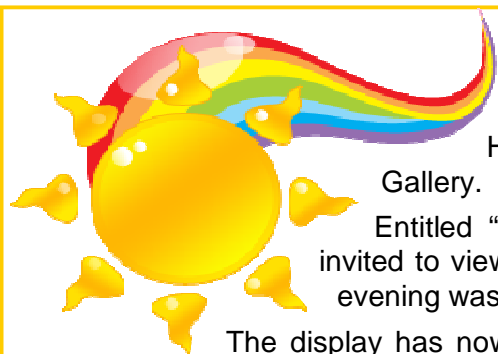
The class programmes keep students busy all the time and they have been working well in all of them .We look forward to a successful term





## On the Move!

Staff worked hard to re-arrange classrooms and equipment ready for the start of the new school year.



## Over the Rainbow

Art work completed by students who attended the Summer Holiday Program was on display recently at the Victoria Park Art Gallery.

Entitled "Over the Rainbow", parents, families and the community were invited to view a fantastic display of art work by our students, and a wonderful evening was enjoyed at this local venue.

The display has now been transferred to the foyer of the Department of Education, along with some art that the visiting German students did and the Christmas Concert banners. It will be displayed for the next two weeks.



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## Belmay Satellite Class



Our first outing for the term was to visit the Victoria Park Art Gallery, to view the Carson Street Holiday Program Art Exhibition.

We were so thrilled to see one of our classmate's work on display! Hannah was extremely proud of her work! Everyone enjoyed looking at the exhibits and photos! Before we left the group posed for a photo outside the Gallery. They do this so well!!



Olympic Triathlon Bronze Medalist, Mark Fountain, paid us a visit, to invite the children to register for the Weet Bix Kids TRYathlon

on Sunday 28, April. There will be no winners, but everyone is guaranteed to have a FUN day!

Last year we worked with the Artists in Residence to plan a Sound Garden.

This year we are rostered to play in the Garden every Monday and Tuesday with another class



## Coffee & Chat Morning

Fancy meeting other school parents and having a chat over coffee?

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March we will be meeting at the Dome in East Victoria Park (cnr of Westminster St and Albany Hwy), at 9am (after school drop off). Our Community Support Officer will be there to meet and greet too. This is a great informal way to share ideas/information and get support from the school community.

Younger siblings are most welcome. We look forward to seeing you.



## Room 2

My name is Kate Wilson and I am the new teacher in Room 2.

I originate from New South Wales and have been in Western Australia for the past few years.

In 2005, I graduated from the University of New England (NSW) with a Bachelor of Commerce and later a Bachelor of Teaching (Primary).

Over the past couple of years in WA I have been contracted and casual teaching in both mainstream and Ed Support schools. I particularly enjoyed working at Carson Street School and am very excited to have my own class here this year. I am really looking forward to teaching here and immersing myself in all aspects of conductive education so that I can effectively use it within my classroom.



## Snapshots from the Summer Holiday Program



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Department of  
Sport and Recreation

## Greetings from the KidSport Team!

Have you or your children heard of KidSport?

It's a partnership between the Department of Sport and Recreation and local governments. KidSport is a voucher scheme giving eligible youth aged 5-18 years up to \$200 a year per child towards club fees. So far, more than 13,000 Western Australian kids have taken part in KidSport!

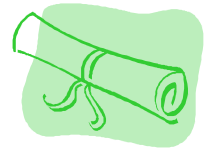
**Registrations for winter sports are just about to open, so don't let your club miss out!**

To register for KidSport as an applicant or to be a school referral agent, talk to your local government or get further details from [www.clubsonline.dsr.wa.gov.au/kidsport](http://www.clubsonline.dsr.wa.gov.au/kidsport)

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*Congratulations to our staff member, Grace Torrens, who recently completed her Certificate IV Education Support (Special Needs) through the Central Institute of Technology.*



### Developmental Disability Council of WA (Inc)

*Working for People with Intellectual and other Developmental Disabilities*

DDC is a not-for-profit organisation which has been a leader in the disability sector for over 25 years. People with developmental disabilities and their families live their lives their way. DDC creates lasting positive change by supporting people with developmental disability and their families to have a strong voice, partnering with others to develop more connected and inclusive communities, and influencing government and other decision makers. We also run courses and workshops for families, professionals and other interested members of the community. See our website for more details <http://ddc.org.au/>

### Do you have room for a foster child?

If you make room in your heart and home for a foster child, you'll change their life forever. You'll give them a chance to be safe and nurtured, as every child deserves to be. We need people like you. Come to a **Foster Care Information** Session on **Saturday March 16 from 12-2 at Wanslea Scarborough – 110 Scarborough Beach Road, Scarborough** and on **Saturday March 23 from 12-2 at Wanslea Cloverdale - 311 Abernethy Road, Cloverdale**. To register call 9245 2441 or email [support@wanslea.asn.au](mailto:support@wanslea.asn.au). [www.fosternow.com.au](http://www.fosternow.com.au) or follow Wanslea Foster Care on Facebook



### A Belated Happy Birthday to:

Lachlan and Taine in Yellowgum; Hayley and Tayla in Banksia; Jake in Room 5; Nikki and Isobel in the Burbridge class; Kaitlin in Room 9; Aiden in Redgum and Koby in Wattle who all had birthdays during the summer holidays.

And to all the students with birthdays in February—Adam in Bluegum; Stephen in Room 7; Yahya in the Belmay class; Kate and Abbie in the Burbridge class; Aleigha in Wattle and Clare in Room 5—we hope you celebrated your birthdays in style.

### Birthdays coming up in March include:

Noah	Burbridge class	12 March	Angelica	Yellowgum	23 March
Jake	Burbridge class	18 March	Harrison	Burbridge class	26 March
Katie	Burbridge class	22 March	Obaid	Room 5	30 March
Robbie	Room 2	22 March	James	Room 9	30 March

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

Wednesday 13th March	School photo day
Thursday 14th March	School Board Meeting
Tuesday 19th March	Swimming carnival—Room 7 and Belmay students
Wednesday 20th March	Bike Week excursion—Burswood Park

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