



Values Flags

The school has recently had flags made to communicate the 6 Values we incorporate into our lives. This month we are focusing on **Be KIND to the Environment**

- ◆ Don't leave the tap running
- ◆ Turn off the lights after you leave a room
- ◆ Put things away
- ◆ Pick up rubbish, even if you didn't drop it
- ◆ Have shorter showers

P&C News—NEW PLAYGROUND OFFICIALLY OPENED!

After a lot of fundraising, donations and grants, the new playground is completed. This is a new, challenging area for our more mobile kids to climb, explore and, most importantly, have fun.

Next time you're at school, come and have a look at our happy children trying out the new equipment.



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From the Principal's desk

School Board and New Faces

So far there are a number of new faces on the new School Board, but we still have a couple of positions to be confirmed.

A special welcome to Lisa Wells-Wright who joins as a parent representative and to Kate Wilson our new Teacher representative who was elected by staff for the challenges ahead. They join Principal John Exeter, Deputy Ros Hamling, Conductive Education Coordinator Shona Ballantyne, Education Assistant Mim Little, Chair Les Ozsdolay, Liz Green (P&C) and Community reps Darryll Ashworth, Shane Jez (CECWA), Ben Wyatt and Sue Carpenter for the first meeting. Nichola Tomkins from the Town of Victoria Park is a non-voting member as is our Registrar Corina Botica.

Carson Street is proud to have been selected in the first cohort of schools to participate in the Independent Public School process and our students have benefited from the flexibility evolving from the one line budget and the freedom to merit select all our own staff.

New Playground

On behalf of the staff and students I would like to offer our thanks to the P&C President Liz Green and her committee for the fabulous playground which has just been erected. A great deal of time and effort has gone into fundraising and design. The result is a an exciting area to challenge our students throughout the school day.

Staffing

- ◆ Liz Rowley, a very experienced teacher conductor, has joined us from the UK and has been generously sponsored by the Conductive Education Centre of WA (CECWA) for a period of two years.
- ◆ Deputy Ros Hamling is in the second of 3 weeks Long Service Leave and was last seen cruising towards Turkey after visiting Italy and Greece.
- ◆ Speech Pathologist Yvette Theodorsen, who has been on parenting leave, has officially resigned her position. Yvette was appointed

to work in the Conductive Education Parent and Child program. Fortunately we already have Katy Payne working in the early intervention area.

In addition we have decided to employ a part-time (0.4FTE) Occupational Therapist in term four to assist in setting up the Sensory Room program and to maximise the use of the facility.

We now have Cherrie Goodier working 0.4FTE and she will soon be joined by Colleen Hackett working 0.4FTE later in the term. Both are experienced Education Support Psychologists.

Kind regards

John Exeter

School, Therapist & Nursing Collaboration



An important part of the school's focus is the working collaboration between the Therapy Focus therapists, our school nurses and the school management.

We meet each month to discuss relevant issues and how we can continually monitor and improve services to students.

P&C News . . .(cont)

This last month has been very busy for the P&C.

We recently sold tickets for the **Disabled Children's Foundation** raffle. Each ticket cost \$3.00 and we will be lucky enough to receive 100% of the money from ticket sales back as a donation from the Foundation. This should total \$1,432.00. Great effort from those who sold tickets on our behalf.

Bikes, Not Barriers - this was the on-line voting competition run by Credit Union Australia (CUA) where the winning school would receive \$5,000.00 for the project of their choice. Competition was fierce and the lead changed several times. Many thanks to all the people who voted and encouraged their family, friends and colleagues, both in Australia and overseas, to vote. Unfortunately, we were just pipped at the post. But....there's always next year!

Quiz Night - this was held on Saturday 24th August at the Belmont Sports and Recreation Centre.

We owe a HUGE Thank You to everyone involved. From those who very generously donated or organised donations, to those who booked tables, helped set up, sold tickets and cleaned up afterwards.

There are too many people to thank individually but the families of Tyler Kee and Jackie Ebsworth need a special mention for the wonderful job they did sourcing donations for prizes and the silent auction, from businesses.

Without the support of all the families and staff, this event wouldn't be as successful as it was. The final total of money raised should be available by the end of the week.

Next term we can look forward to our modified Fun Run, Disco and ever popular Fun Day for the kids and families. Planning for these events is well under way. More information to follow.



The Great Aussie Crunch is coming

Crunch 'n Sip September

Our school is taking part in The Great Aussie Crunch, joining with schools from across Western Australia to simultaneously crunch on apples or carrots. The Great Aussie Crunch is part of Fruit & Veg September, aiming to get children eating more fruit and veg. We will be providing suitable fruit for our students to munch on as to enable everyone to join in. We will start munching at 10am on Tuesday 17 September 2013 so please come and join us! We would love parents, friends and relatives to come along and munch with us!

Well Done!

Teresa Cobbett, one of our staff members from the pool has recently completed the AUSTSWIM qualification for Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety.

Congratulations, Teresa.





A visit by Sunny the Sunflower from Therapy Focus was a great hit with the children.

Belmont Forum Community Awards



Ben, from the most excellent Room 9 team, was the worthy recipient of the Belmont Forum Community Award at the end of **July**.

Ben won a \$20 voucher to spend at Belmont Forum, which he is looking forward to using.

Unfortunately Tanya from Belmont Forum was ill on the day, so Ben received his award *"for being the quiet achiever"* from the Principal, John Exeter.

Well done Ben, keep up the good work!



Axl, from Room 5, also had his moment of glory when Tanya Musgrave from Centre Management at Belmont Forum presented him with the Community Award for **August**.

Axl was nominated for his *"super behaviour in class and improvements in classroom learning"*. He also received a lovely certificate and \$20 voucher to spend.

Rainbow Dream Boats Art Exhibition

A huge thank you to the students and teachers who participated in the Carson Street School Rainbow Dream Boats exhibition at the Victoria Park Centre of the Arts. It was a great opportunity to showcase the hard work and awesome achievements of our students.

Also, thanks to the staff members who helped set up, attend the opening of the exhibition, cook the BBQ and make the delicious cakes on the weekend.



RSPCA Cupcake Day

The Belmay class again co-ordinated this yummy fund-raising event to raise money for the RSPCA. Thank you to all the families and staff members who contributed cupcakes on the day, or supported the cause by making a donation and eating them—we raised \$256!



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Don't forget to register your email address with the Carson Street School website (www.carsonst.wa.edu.au). Each time we post new events—and newsletters—to the site, you will be automatically updated with a brief email. It's a great way to stay in touch with what's happening at the school.

Staff Award Nominations

Elaine Spark—Room 7:

For being a good role model to others, and for her integrity and excellence in her contribution to all class programs.



Leonie Cady—Room 7:

For maintaining a very positive attitude in her work, and always willing to engage students to the best of her ability.



Thank you!

Happy Birthday, Melinda Davies

Mrs Davies, our teacher of the Belmay satellite class, recently celebrated a special birthday, and all the staff benefited with a lovely morning tea.



Congratulations, Anna Kocsis, now Mrs Pugh

Our Yellowgum teacher, Anna Kocsis, recently had some time off to get married.

We wish her and her husband, Dan, a very happy future together.



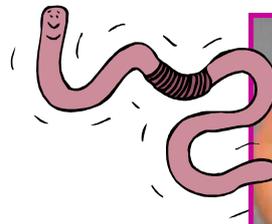
Mini Beasts in Yellowgum

In Yellowgum we have been learning about mini beasts. We know what they do for our environment so we need to look after them. We also talked about life cycles and observed different mini beasts such as snails, as well as creating a class wormery.



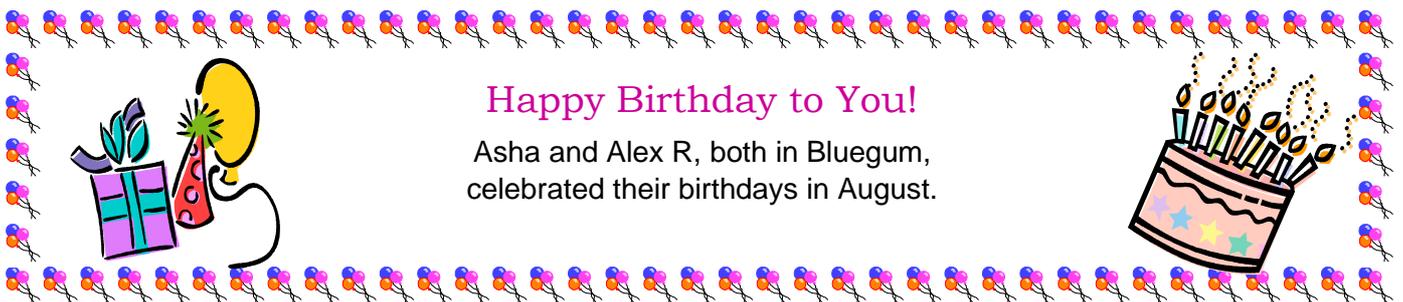
Sustainability

Muji, Madi looking at worms.
Nathan and Sam making the class wormery.



Life cycles

Angelica and Dawn learning about caterpillars and butterflies by reading the very hungry caterpillar.



Happy Birthday to You!

Asha and Alex R, both in Bluegum, celebrated their birthdays in August.



Family Law Network Australian (FLNA)

Family Law Network Australia is a new website providing a free information resource and referral service for family law matters. Through the website you can submit a question and have it answered by one of our VIP lawyers, receive a free financial health check (suitable for anyone seeking to secure their financial future), understand definitions of commonly used family law terms, search and find family law professionals and much more. Go to <http://familylawmattersaustralia.com.au> or call Julie Dye on 0448 148 145.

Seeking Participants for Clinical Study in Down Syndrome

The COMPOSE clinical study is being conducted by a select number of clinicians around the country, including Professor Leonard at the Telethon Institute for Child Health Research and Dr. Stuckey at the Keogh Institute for Medical Research. The Compose study is a clinical study that will assess the safety and potential efficacy of a compound that could enhance cognitive function in people with Down syndrome. The compound is well understood and has been in used for a variety of conditions for decades. The study was recently reported by the Herald Sun and ABC News.

For additional information about COMPOSE, including how to contact the nearest study site, please visit www.compose21.com.

Better Start Program

The Better Start Program provides eligible families with up to \$12,000 in early intervention funding for children with certain disabilities to access services.

A child must be under the age of six years and have been diagnosed with one of the listed disabilities and meet the required thresholds, to be eligible for Better Start Funding.

The Carers WA Counselling Service provides face-to-face, telephone, email and Skype counselling to adult and young carers.

The Carers WA Young Carer program offers young carers (aged 8-25 years) access to specific information and service referrals, counselling and support as well as camps and other fun activities.

For more information contact Paige Munro on paige.munro@carerswa.asn.au or 9228 7417 or call your local Carers Assoc. on 1800 242 636.

- ◆ Angelman syndrome
- ◆ Cerebral Palsy
- ◆ CHARGE syndrome
- ◆ Cornelia de Lange syndrome
- ◆ Cri du Chat syndrome
- ◆ Down syndrome, including those with mosaic
- ◆ Down syndrome
- ◆ Fragile X syndrome
- ◆ Fragile x syndrome with full mutation, includes mosaicism
- ◆ Kabuki syndrome
- ◆ Prader-Willi syndrome
- ◆ Smith-Magenis syndrome
- ◆ Williams syndrome

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

Wednesday 4th September	P&C Meeting—9:30am
Friday 27th September	Last day of Term 3
Tuesday 15th October	School commences for Term 4
Tuesday 22nd October @ 9:30	Presentation by Medicare for Parents, Guardians & Carers

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