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From the Principal’s desk ....

We have reached the end of another term and indeed another school year. This term has been very busy with student reports and the concert featuring prominently.

School Concert

Our annual end of year concert was held on Friday 13th December. Each year a large proportion of our school community attended. We acknowledged those students who are graduating and those who have made an extra special effort resulting in amazing progress during the year. I must say that choosing students for the awards was not an easy task this year and staff presented passionate cases for why their nominee was the most deserving. My congratulations to all the nominees. The winners were:

★ David Lee—Achievement Award
★ Axl Kane—Progress Award
★ Robbie Cole—Citizenship Award
★ Stephen Cornock, Holly O’Rourke, Cain Morley-Burrows—Science Award
★ Luke Barden—Improvement in Communication Award
★ Mikayla Spence—Specialist Program Award for Swimming
★ Adrian Labiche—Music Award
★ Ryan Lally-O’Sullivan—Overcoming Adversity Award
★ Kaitlin Hammond—Therapy Focus Award

Staff Movements

We will be welcoming teacher Alicia Bani back next year who has spent the past 12 months in Canada. The school wishes music teacher Tim Schoenmakers all the best for his 12 months leave during 2014. Neville Talbot will replace Tim. We say farewell and good luck to teacher Karen Osborne who is relocating to Queensland.

School Satisfaction Surveys

Thank you to the parents who completed the survey. Your feedback is important to us and informs future planning. Copies of the outcome are available upon request to the school office on 9361 7500.

Pool Renovations

The school received a grant from the Department of Education to cover improving the ventilation system in the pool area in a bid to make the environment more comfortable for both staff and students. Work on this project will mostly be carried out over the holiday break and at this point in time will mean the pool will not be in a condition to be used for at least the first two weeks of term one 2014.

Summer Holiday Programs

In January the Conductive Education Association of WA is sponsoring two programs for children and a family member. We also have our general program running from January 13th to the 17th. Nakita Kitson is planning a suitable program which will not include the swimming pool but with the assistance of Alicia Bani will have a focus on outside water play and iPads.

School Bus Transport

Parents please note that it is a requirement that you are home in the afternoon to receive your child from the bus aide. It is essential that the aide hands the student over to a responsible adult and it is not appropriate for the door to be left open for the child to enter the house and nobody to be seen. You may feel your child is responsible enough to do this but I hope you will appreciate that the bus staff need to be comfortable that the child is in the proper care and that somebody is actually at home to accept them.

Best wishes for a safe and happy festive season.

John Exeter

Thank you …

… to Anthony Bavin—Store Manager of Officeworks, East Victoria Park—and his staff for donating the printing of our 2014 calendars.
P&C News . . .

Fundraising for Equipment
The beginning of the P&C year began with the decision to make outdoor equipment our main focus for fundraising. The Easter raffle kick-started us. This is always a very popular raffle with kids and staff alike with lots of prizes. We also held the usual raffles for Mothers’ and Fathers’ Day during the year. The Disabled Childrens’ Foundation ran their annual raffle again and we were invited to take part. We raised just over $1,600.00 for our efforts, so definitely a worthwhile event.

Our Quiz Night in August is our major fundraiser for the year. This is a huge event to organise and this year the school and local community did a fantastic job sourcing prizes. The school families were very generous with their donations and helped make it another success. We also had the support of Metier Consulting who contacted their clients for donations. We raised just under $8,000.00.

We received a grant from Volunteers WA to purchase a new BBQ, dishwasher and outdoor seating. This is currently being undertaken. We’ve also just received a cheque for $1,000 from Credit Union Australia (a result from the online voting competition), which will be put towards the purchase of more cycles.

Funds from last year and this year were combined and we now had enough money for the new proposed play area but first had to get the site cleared of the large trees. With a bit of negotiating, we managed to get this done free of charge, saving the school approx. $20,000.00.

A grant from Variety WA helped to cover the cost of the soft fall ground cover.

We finally had installed our new, challenging, fun play area. The kids get so much enjoyment from it, which makes all the hard work worthwhile. We still have a small amount of funds left over and these are being spent on swings (including a Birdsnest swing). These should be installed at the end of term four, ready for use during the Summer Holiday Program and first thing term one, next year.

Disco
This year saw the introduction of discos. We held two this year and they have proven to be very popular. We have been lucky to have DJ Scott-e provide the groovy music each time, free of charge. Of course, there are always prizes for the best dancer etc. We hope to continue these on a regular basis next year.

Fun Day
At the end of October we held our Fun Day for the kids. We had pony rides, animals, a bouncy castle, remote controlled cars and our new attraction - the light/dark room. A sausage sizzle was cooked for lunch and everyone had a fantastic time.

Bike Track
Our next project is the building of a new bike track at the back of Bottlebrush. This will enable the older, more able kids to ride a longer track and hopefully reduce the risk of accidents on the current path.

The P&C would not be able to achieve all that it does without the support of the kids families, staff and local community. Whether you are donating items for raffles/quiz, buying tickets or supporting our events, your help is invaluable and much appreciated.

Special thanks to our current P&C committee. As always, they continued to support each project and found time to attend all our meetings.

The P&C would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

Liz Green, P & C President
**Banksia**

What a hectic but exciting year it has been in Banksia. Your children have worked extremely hard this year and are in no doubt looking forward to the break just as much as we are. They have covered lots of work and have participated in many fun activities, excursions and incursions.

A few highlights for Banksia this year were our visit to the Outdoor Viewing Area at Perth Airport (where we were rained upon), Bike Week at Burswood Park and the P&C Fun Day at school. All were great opportunities for the children to learn and have lots of fun whilst doing so. We are hoping that 2014 will be equally interesting and rewarding.

Most students will remain in Banksia next year whilst some will be leaving us to go to new classes or new schools. We bid Hayley a fond farewell as she heads off to the Belmay Satellite class (we'll still get to see her every Wednesday), and we say a very sad farewell to Cain who will be starting at Kalamunda ESC next year. We wish Cain every success in his new school and we hope that he'll pop in to say hello to us once in a while.

We've had many challenging days this year but mostly we've had fun. Your children have given us much joy, laughter and happiness and we thank you for entrusting them to our care and a bigger THANK YOU for working with us to make this year such a huge success.

Have a wonderful Christmas and we'll see you again in the New Year.

*Deanne Jones and all the hardworking EAs in Banksia.*
Burbridge Satellite Class

We have been so busy in the Burbridge Satellite Class that 2013 has just whizzed past. All the students have worked hard all year, enjoyed lots of hands on activities and produced some fantastic work. We particularly enjoyed setting up our own worm farm and recycling our scrap foods to feed the worms and everyone enjoyed our shopping excursion to Mirrabooka Shopping centre for some secret Christmas shopping for Mums and Dads. We have been celebrating the end of the year with some fun sports days, as you can see in the pictures below.

We would like to thank the staff at Burbridge for all of their help and support throughout the year and allowing us access to their swimming and drumming programmes and being part of their school community. We have had another happy year at their site and look forward to more adventures at Burbridge next year. We would also like to thank the parents for their constant support. We are very lucky to have such a great bunch!

As we end the year and think ahead to 2014, we are very excited to announce that we will have a new little friend joining us next year. Charlotte will be in Kindy Mondays to Wednesdays and we can’t wait to get to know her and her family.

Have a great Christmas and summer break everyone.

Sarah O’Neill and all the dedicated EAs from the Burbridge Satellite Class

Everyone likes races! Crawling, rolling, running...we can do them all. We are very good at cheering our friends on too!
Belmay Satellite Class

**Term 1 and 2**
Therapists Freya and Sharmila from Therapy Focus ran 2 workshops on Protective Behaviours and Positive Affirmation. This reinforced the Circle Concept and helped the students to feel more positive about themselves. Each child was given an iPad with the Rainbow Emotion App which was used to help them to deal with different situations.

**Terms 2 to 4**
The students started their Life Skill Safety lessons with Tye. They certainly got the message about wearing safety equipment when working with dangerous tools and how to handle pieces of equipment such as sharp instruments, saws, drills and hammers.

**Term 3**
This was a highlight for us to meet up once again with the Artists in Residence, Michelle, Frankie, Rachel, Amity and Jamie.
The students loved the sensory experiences and the storyline, in fact they added a few suggestions for the finale!!

**Term 4**
6 students attended the 3 day camp at Landsdale Farm. Our thanks go to Mrs Travers, Mrs M and Mr C for all their hard work, which made it a wonderful camp for everyone.
It is now with great sadness that we say “Good-bye” to Holly, who has been by far the most popular student in our classroom and Carson Street School.

Our very Best Wishes for High School Holly! You will be missed!!
Belmay Class 2013 Camp—Landsdale Farm

The Belmay Satellite Class went to Landsdale Farm for their annual camp. It was a most enjoyable trip.
Wattle Class

We have had a wonderful year in Wattle, with all the children enthusiastically making great progress towards their goals.

Our favourite place to play this year has been in the home corner. Our imaginations and play skills have soared as we have dyed each other’s hair, performed surgery, made toast and put up a Christmas tree to name but a few activities.

We have also enjoyed strengthening our bodies and challenging our minds by trying to solve a-maze-ing obstacle courses. Water Play is another of our favourite activities.

Thank you to parents for your help and support throughout the year, to our volunteers for giving so freely of their time, and especially to Pauline for always bringing in knitted treasures for our students to play with.
Room 9
2013—THE YEAR THAT WAS!

Two thousand and thirteen was a crazy year for everyone in Room 9. It started with Kawana in hospital for most of term 1 and all the associated anxiety that comes with long term hospitalisation. Kaitlin attended regularly and showed us just what a smart and funny kid she is. The group dynamics changed accordingly which brought lots of laughter and new friendships. It was a baby year with both Adrian and Jess having little sisters, Shanika and Chelsea.

James decided that there was something in all this communication business and started telling us what he needed with such amazing regularity that we now take it for granted.

Madison joined us in term 3 and immediately became a fully fledged member of the fun club. Jess stunned us with her instigation of the Mexican wave and some nifty ball work with her feet. Adrian continued to be the ringmaster of the classroom with his calls for more fun, laughter and ball throwing. As a senior, and graduating, member of the group, Ben watched on with his typical reserve until he could no longer restrain himself.

None of this would have been possible without the fantastic team of people, Sam, Suzanne, Jacqui, Sara, Heather and Ali. Thanks guys, it’s been remarkable!

James and Ben are heading off to high school (Castlereagh and Kenwick respectively). We will miss them both after such a long time here, and know they will continue to grow into fine young men. Muchas gracias to their families for all their support over the years, we will miss you too!

To the nurses, who always manage to add to the hilarity with their frequent classroom visits, thanks for training us to handle peg feeds, just what we needed….more jobs!

Room 9 staff
and students wish you all a hilarious, joyful Christmas and summer break. We’ll be back here next year for more of the same.
Redgum

Redgum Kindy children have been busy during this, their first year at school, and should feel very proud of themselves for all of their achievements! They have enjoyed learning about feelings and emotions, Australian animals, transport and festivals. Whatever the topic has been, the Conductive Education framework has enabled the children to be actively involved in all of their lessons and they have produced some excellent work. They have worked hard to develop their skills for sitting, standing, walking and using their hands, as well as developing their communication skills through using their PODD communication books. The children have also been able to benefit from weekly swimming lessons, which they enjoy enormously.

Teaching through the year has been shared by Shona and Liz, and we would both like to thank our wonderful team of EAs for their continuing hard work, support and commitment to the children’s learning – we couldn’t do it without you! A huge thank you is also extended to the parents for their ongoing support of the Conductive Education programme.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and a well deserved restful holiday!

Shona, Liz and the Redgum team
Room 5

Wow what a year we have had! Our class of 7 children have achieved so much this year and we are so proud of them! So much so that our very own Axl Kane and Luke Barden received awards for their achievements this year! Good job boys!

Highlights of our class would be horse riding on a weekly basis which the children loved: along with cooking with Tiff on a Thursday!

As part of our themes throughout the year we visited Caversham Wildlife Park, Kings Park Festival, and various shopping centres. Not only did we have fun visiting these places but we learnt social behaviours and expectations.

Technology has been a highlight also with having ipads this year as they have been a great and successful learning tool for the children: along with the use of the interactive whiteboard.

We have enjoyed being a part of our children’s learning journey this year and wish all the children and families a safe and enjoyable festive season x.

Deepika, Tiffany, Deb, Anne, Kaoru and Kayla
Bluegum

We have had a number of successes through the year, here are just a few…

★ Kezia is able to indicate yes and no, through nodding and shaking her head
★ Alex has developed clarity in his words and increased his verbal vocabulary to over 10 words in context
★ Adam has just become independent at lunchtime, eating with a spoon and holding and lifting his cup to drink
★ Asha is a spelling champ! (She can spell her name and is matching character names from the Oxford Reading Tree)
★ Hollie has matured a lot in 2013, she is now following instructions, and can use her PODD book to ask to go to the toilet (and be successful too!)

The Bluegum staff would like to say ‘Thank You’ to the students for all their hard work throughout the year and coping so well with the many changes in staff and location of their classroom!

We must also say thanks to the parents as they never quite know where their children will be at the end of the day!

Natalie and Deepika would like to thank our EAs -Simone, Shanelle and Leone for their contribution too!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all!
Parent and Child Group 2013

We had a very successful year. Our children, with their parents, have achieved a lot of progress during this year. We have worked mainly on our communication; gross and fine motor skills and self care.

Thank you for continuing attending during the year; Aralie, Ruby, Evie, Amalie, Levi, Evan, Enya, Ben, Addison, Eve, Nathaniel, Brayden and Charlotte.

We also hope the children who have recently started; Emily, Alisa and Brooke, and their parents are enjoying the group and we hope to see you return in 2014.

Also good luck to Nathaniel, Aralie, Ruby, Charlotte, Evie and Enya who are big boys and girls moving into Kindy next year and to Ben going into Pre-primary!

Our regards,
Laura, Katy, Jess and Lisa
Room 2

We started off the year with Aboriginal studies where we were lucky to have parent Lisa Eades bring in an emu egg, dot paintings, photos and explain traditions. In this time we also looked at family structures and roles where the students shared their family photos and roles and compared them to traditional Aboriginal families. We also learnt our body parts in Noongar to the tune of head, shoulders, knees and toes.

In Term 2’s shopping topic Room 2 created many beautiful items to be sold at the Yellowgum/Room 2 market. We were sold out in 20 minutes! Thank you to the parents and friends who came. During this topic we also visited the Park Centre, each with $10 to spend. Alex bought a truck, Jack E a book, Violet a girly pink lip-gloss and Mikayla a fluffy red flower. We also went on a trip to the supermarket to purchase ingredients for cooking.

Room 2 students proved to be quite the gardeners. With a grand potato harvest of 18 potatoes, leeks, tomatoes and herbs…we planned to sell these at our shops but Kate misjudged the time it takes plants to grow! Our gardening led nicely into our science topic of what plants need to grow and how they grow in Term 4. Science has been a big part of our learning this year-studying mixtures, plants and exploring mini beasts- their lifecycles and how they move (credit must be given to our very artistic worms).

We were also lucky enough to study the lifecycle up close with hatching chickens in Term 3. Out of the 9 eggs, 7 hatched which Mikayla, Lucya and Ingrid predicted. Of these 7 chicks, there were more boys than girls (5 boys, 2 girls) as predicted by Jack W and Kate. Additionally Jack W and Alex correctly predicted that the first chick would hatch on Tuesday; it was on Tuesday that we first met Robbie’s chick Chuck, a girl. Our chickens were marked with a food colouring dot and each child got to name one and write a story about their chick whilst also tracking growth.

Robbie named his Chuck (a girl), Violet had Acit (a boy), Alex had Suwz (a boy), Jack E had Bik (a boy) and Mikayla had Aimo (a boy). Unfortunately one of our chicks, Olivia (Liv for short) later changed to Nugget, fell ill and spent some time in nurse Corine’s ICU. She didn’t make it this year. The rest of the chicks thoroughly enjoyed their 2 week stay at Room 2s Club Med before being put to farm.

We have also been on a fabulous outing to the Zoo in Term 3 under our mini-beast theme which was very informative and enjoyed by all. Throughout the year we have been reading about Kippers family and adventures from the Oxford Reading Tree which everyone is enjoying. Another highlight of the year is our artworks created for the ‘Over the Rainbow’ exhibition. The student’s group canvas, “Pot of Gold”, received great reviews with many people wanting to buy it. The artwork will remain at school on display for many years for all to enjoy; artists Mikayla, Jack E, Alex N, Violet, Jack W and Robbie should be very proud.

Currently in class we are focusing on the Geography of Australia by going on an imaginary journey around Australia with Alison Lesters book “ARE WE THERE YET?”. We have visited the Great Barrier Reef in Queensland and plan to finish our trip back in Binnum (SA).

Well done to the students of Room 2 for working so hard and to the Education Assistants Lucya, Ingrid and Maureen - we couldn’t have done it without you.
Room 7

2013 has been a great year in room 7. The class had lots of fun learning new ideas based on the four themes covered in the year. The Aboriginal Culture in Term 1, The Great Outdoors in Term 2, Mini Beasts in Term 3 and Shopping in Term 4. Through these themes, the class did a lot of exciting artwork, cooking and also learnt a lot about Australia, its animals and what is found in the different states.

One of our biggest highlights this year was our involvement in The Oddysea Sensorium Theatre at Kenwick School. Our students were very actively involved in the activities and made a very significant contribution in the making of the show. It was amazing to see how well they responded to the different sensory props that were used in the workshops.

It has been great to be part of the students’ learning journeys and to see them learn new skills. We look forward to another great year. Have a great Christmas Holiday everyone!

Connie, Anna, Elaine, Leonie, Jess, Jana & Azam
Yellowgum
Wow. The school year has almost ended, and what year has it been. The Yellowgum students have been very busy all year learning about Aboriginal culture, shopping, minibeasts and great outdoors. They have made fantastic contributions to the topics using their AAC systems. They have also been showing us just how independent they can be whether it is sitting by themselves or using switches to communicate. Nothing is impossible for this group of children. Through their determination and hard work they break down the barriers to learning and come up with the most amazing work, opinions and suggestions.

Here are just a few of these achievements:

**Dawn** – has discovered the joy of learning and has become engaged in all types of activities.

**Nathan** – has the amazing ability to overcome the biggest obstacles and always gives 150%.

**Angelica** – has started showing us what she likes and dislikes through her facial expressions. She has little smirks and a fantastic sour face.

**Muji** – has shown us that she is fantastic at haggling as she didn’t want to pay any money for the dress she was pretending to buy off Dawn.

**Sam** – has come leaps and bounds with his communication and telling us what may be wrong or just having a general chat.

**Lachlan** – has become a very independent young man taking himself to the toilet, following instructions and getting himself off the floor independently using furniture.

Well done Yellowgum students. Words cannot express how proud we are of you all and how much you have taught us throughout the year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank my wonderful team of EAs who always rise to the occasions no matter what the task to make sure the children achieve above beyond expectations. Their support and hard work has been vital throughout the year.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and a well deserved restful holiday!

*Anna Pugh and the wonderful Yellowgum Team who are Nette, Grace, Marie and Jo.*
Conductive Education

Committed to Inclusion through Early Intervention

It’s been another very busy year in the Conductive Education (CE) Program here at Carson Street School. We were all deeply saddened with the passing of one our precious students, Falcon.

Student numbers continue to rise with 57 students in total across the CE provision. There have been 15 assessments this year, mainly for Parent and Child and 3 are booked in already for the start of next year! The students have all made progress in their own ways and we are extremely proud of each and every one of them – well done!

We have welcomed two new Teacher/Conductors this year, Laura Farkas and Liz Rowley, and a new Speech Pathologist, Katy Payne, who replaced Yvette Theodorsen.

As always the Teacher/Conductors and ACE teachers have been supported by some amazing EAs. I would personally like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of the CE staff who do a tremendous job and go above and beyond to meet the needs of the students and families. We couldn’t do it without you!

We submitted a report based on Key Performance Indicators, which highlighted the work of the CE Parent and Child Program, to the Department of Education in December 2012. This has led to the receiving of ongoing funding for the 0-4 CE Program for the next three years.

Natalie Fitzpatrick and I represented CE in WA at the 8th CE World Congress in Germany in October. We presented papers and raised awareness of CE within our State. We will be offering a presentation on our trip early in the new year.

Finally I’d like to thank all of the students, their families and the charity, CECWA, for their ongoing support of the CE Program here at Carson Street School.

Happy holidays everyone!

Shona Ballantyne
CE Services Coordinator
Community Support Officer

A big thankyou to all those who contributed to the Southcare Christmas Appeal – our bin in the front office was filled to the brim and has now been collected.

This term has been a lot of fun as I have gone into classrooms to support the Values Program across the school. The value for this term is “Being the Community Kind” and the children have had fun interacting with puppets and making a policeman’s cap while discussing places and people who help us in the community.

Parent Information Morning Teas

We have also had two Parent Information Morning teas this term. We had speakers from Medicare on the 22nd October and more recently, speakers from the Independent Living Centre, Jessica and Sophie come on the 26th November. The main areas of the services offered by the Independent Living Centre include the following:

★ Noah’s Ark WA which is a toy library supporting children with disabilities and developmental delays. They are situated in Morley.

★ Assistive Equipment Service provides free information and advice for people with disabilities. There is also a new national website and equipment database which has over 10,000 assistive technology and equipment products. www.ilcaustralia.org.au

★ ILC Tech

★ ILC Hire

★ OT Driver Assessment Service


★ Respite & Carelink

★ Multicultural Aged Care Service

The Independent Living Centre is located at The Niche, Suite A, 11 Aberdare Road, Nedlands. Telephone numbers are 08 9381 0600 or 1300 885 886.

Did You Know …?

You may be eligible for the “Thermoregulatory Dysfunction Energy Subsidy Scheme”. The purpose of the subsidy is to assist people or carers of children who have significant loss in the ability to control body temperature when exposed to extreme environmental temperatures.

The TDES is an annual payment of $567 and is paid directly into your cheque or savings account. To be eligible for the TDES, the applicant must hold one of the following means tested concession cards:

★ Pensioner Concession Card (issued by either Centrelink or the Department of Veterans’ Affairs); or

★ Health Care Card (does not include Commonwealth Seniors Health Card); or

★ Health Care Interim Voucher.

For more information please go to Government of Western Australia Department of Finance website—http://www.finance.wa.gov.au/cms/content.aspx?id=1691—which also has links to the fact sheet and the application form. Or you can get a copy of these forms by contacting me on 0432 570 768 or by emailing Marian.Tetlow@education.wa.edu.au
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Message from the Nurses—Sun Safety

With the hot weather approaching, it is important to talk to your children about sun safety and teach them good sun protection habits.

★ Slip on some sun-protective clothing - that covers as much skin as possible
★ Slop on broad spectrum, water resistant SPF30+ sunscreen. Put it on 20 minutes before you go outdoors and every two hours afterwards. Sunscreen should never be used to extend the time you spend in the sun.
★ Slap on a hat - that protects your face, head, neck and ears
★ Seek shade
★ Slide on some sunglasses - make sure they meet Australian Standards.

Extra care should be taken between 10am and 3pm when UV levels reach their peak.

Happy Birthday to You!

3 December Kawana 1 January Evan
Aiden 2 January Kaitlin
9 December Adrian 6 January Hayley
Mikayla 8 January Koby
Alex N 12 January Evie
15 December Jemma Isobel
17 December Ruby 13 January Nikki
22 December Lauren 18 January Michael
23 December Benjamin Tayla
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30 December Jesse

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