



Belmay's Banner and more . . .

Oh! What a feeling!! The students were so excited to see their banner up on St Georges Terrace as part of Local Government Week. We waited for a break in the traffic to take this memorable shot! Our thanks go to Alex and Izzy from The Town of Victoria Park for making it such an educational and exciting experience!

Dearbhla from Therapy Focus has been running the ALERT Program with our students. She is teaching them how to self regulate their behaviour by understanding how their body and mind should feel 'Just right' in order to maximise their learning. If their engines are running 'Too slow' or 'Too fast', then there are exercises or activities they can do to get themselves back to working at their best!



This Term our theme is "Green Behaviours" and so we are learning about growing vegetables and herbs. Luckily, Neville our Gardener went with us to buy our plants from Bunnings and we later planted them in our vegie patch.



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From the Principal's desk

Term three is proving to be very busy with a number of events and incursions. We have been fortunate to gain a second visit from DreamCricket and to have the Red Cross run some safety workshops with our students.

Students also participated in a day of Cultural celebration organised by Community Support Officer Marian Tetlow. In addition the Independent Living Centre and Therapy Focus have been running a series of 'Switching' workshops for interested parents.

The theme for the newsletter this month is Incursions/ Excursions & Active and Engaged Learners.

There are also two major events for term three. Firstly the Quiz Night held on Saturday 17th August was a wonderful success. P&C President Liz Green and her team worked extremely hard over a long period to ensure that we had an abundance of prizes and a full house of participants. Thanks to all our families and friends who joined in the fun on the night or who sourced prizes for the lucky ones.

Secondly and a work in progress is the 10th Anniversary Celebration of Conductive Education at our school. Shona Ballantyne our conductive Education Services Coordinator and team are working very hard to make this a wonderful celebration of the ten years of the program, a fun day for students and a reunion for many families involved in the program over the past 10 years. We are delighted to be able to inform everyone that the Minister for Education Mr Peter Collier MLC will attend on the day and address those present.

Enrolments for 2015

Like all government schools we are seeking enrolments for next year so could parents please spread the word and we can have time to prepare our classes before the end of the current year. Parents are warned that the Public Transport Authority is eager to learn of any new students who require travel to and from school and for those graduating to confirm they need transport next year as well by making a new application. We will certainly miss the thirteen students graduating at the end of 2014. I appreciate that this is a difficult time for the parents of students leaving and that the process is happening early in the year but congratulate those who have looked at all the options available. We have just completed the Second term census number and currently have 79 students from K-8 years.

PD Portfolio Feedback

Many thanks to all those parents/carers who sent back the survey on the Portfolios which were sent home at the end of term. I personally think they are a very

informative way of reporting progress and effort by our students and to demonstrate the diversity of each student's program.

Four Blocks Intensive

The school thanks Teacher Alicia Bani for unselfishly spending one week of her term two holidays at a Four Blocks Literacy Intensive in Melbourne. Alicia is now imparting the knowledge gained from the workshop to the rest of our teaching staff at regular teacher meetings. Thanks Alicia

Best wishes to our students and families for the rest of term three.

John Exeter,
Principal



P&C News

On Saturday 16th August 2014 we held our annual Quiz Night and it was another successful event.

This year we had some amazing vocal auction prizes, including framed and signed 2014 footy jumpers from the Dockers and the Eagles. Our silent auction items were also very popular.

Many thanks to those families who donated items, sourced donations from local businesses, booked tables and helped out on the night. Special thanks to the P&C committee for their assistance. It was a great team effort.

The total raised so far is \$8,470. A final total should be available in a couple of weeks.

Another bonus is that Programmed Management, who donated the Dockers jumper, have also said they would like to buy the school two modified bikes. At a cost of approx. \$1,250 each, this is a very generous offer.

The next P&C meeting is Wednesday 3rd September. Meetings are held at school in Bottlebrush at 9.30am. All welcome.

Liz Green

P & C President

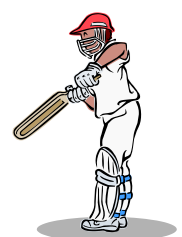


Dream Cricket



The school was lucky to have the team of people from Dream Cricket visit us again on 14th August, and run a series of cricket-based activities for the children.

The wet weather held off, and everyone had a great time.



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From Marian, Community Support Officer

Cultural Day

With cultural music, people dressed in their national attire and cultural food so generously provided by parents students and staff, cultural day was a very enjoyable time for all.

We would like to say a big thank you to the parents who provided their national dish and dressed their children in their national clothes. We held a national dress parade where the children and adults enjoyed showing off their national dress.

We also enjoyed cultural music, where all participants were able to interact with a variety of instruments, listen to music and dance to cultural music. We would like to acknowledge especially, with a BIG THANK YOU, our Music Specialist Neville Talbot who put ALL this together. I would also like to acknowledge the generosity of the staff that also contributed food and helped dress the children in national costume.



Value

The value this term is “Be kind to the Environment”. This term we are hoping to talk about recycling, saving water and caring for the natural environment.

Some of the activities that the children will be doing to reinforce these ideas are:

- Craft, using recycled boxes and materials.
- Sorting activities
- Sharing fiction and non-fiction books on recycling and looking after the environment.
- Discussions, using appropriate communication aids, about caring for the environment and saving water.

Community Support

Surveys: This term I am hoping to conduct a couple of surveys to help gauge interest and assist future planning.

The first survey, which was sent out by email and hard copy to those who do not have email, is in regards to an **Ethnic English Speaking Group**. If you know of anyone who may be interested in such a group, could you please refer them to me for further information?

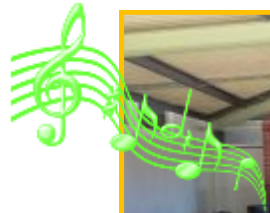
The next survey, which I will send out later in the term, is in regards to relevant **topics for the Parents and Carers Information Morning Teas**. It would be great to get feedback from the community and for you to let me know what topics would be of interest to you.

Morning Teas: The last morning tea unfortunately was cancelled due to my ill health, so I do apologize again to those who had committed to come. I am hoping to reschedule this topic on **Red Cross Respite** to later this term.

The next morning tea planned is on the **Thursday 11 September 9am**, and our speaker is from **‘Family Support WA’**. I look forward to seeing you there. As always please let me know if you cannot make it but would like the information. I welcome opportunities to catch up with parents and am available for a confidential chat on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. My contact details are Marian.Tetlow@education.wa.edu.au or 0432 570 768

Wesley Music Incursion

Music is a subject that is by its very nature active. It is therefore critically important that students are involved in the activity of both making music and in watching live music being played. With this in mind, on Wednesday June 25, the students of Carson Street School got to participate in a live music presentation by the boys of Wesley College's Jazz Band.



These 18 students, playing drums, piano, guitar, bass, trumpet, saxophone, trombones and even a euphonium, played a selection of jazz, latin and rock numbers to the delight of all those who attended.

We were fortunately blessed by a sunny and warm winter's day to enjoy this high-quality music presentation. Students sat in their seats and enjoyed the high level of musicianship on display, learnt from the Wesley boys about the various instruments from the ensemble, and heard demonstrations of the different instruments.

This quiet sitting didn't last long however, with students and staff alike getting up and grooving along to the funky tunes, with some especially cool dance moves being demonstrated by those of rooms 5 and 7!



My thanks to the staff and students of Wesley for making this experience possible, and to the Carson Street School staff for making the day such a success for all the students. We are looking forward to two more performances from the Wesley students, with a string ensemble visiting in Term 3, and a choir in Term 4. I'm sure all the Carson Street School community is looking forward to these events.

Neville Talbot,
Music Teacher



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Yellowgum

Yellowgum class is always learning new things. This term our class topic is my body.

We have many different art and craft activities

In our music class we are learning difficult music instruments.

Nathan is holding a garmut that our music teacher Neville brought to school.



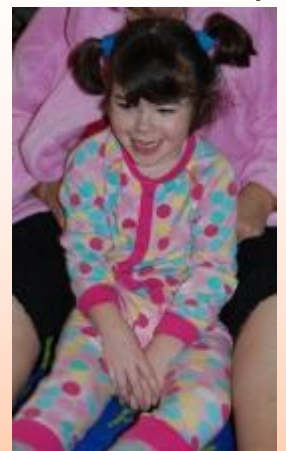
Pyjama Day Fun in Redgum Class!



Banana splits, hot chocolate and movies, Oh My!

We celebrated Pyjama Day in style ! The school raised funds for a very worthy cause supporting those with mitochondria disease.

Redgum and Bluegum class made banana splits with chocolate sauce, hot chocolate with marshmallows of course, and we had a wide variety of DVDs (thanks to Emily Fitzpatrick) to snuggle up to! We even invited our Principal John Exeter to come in and join the fun.



In the afternoon we had an assembly and chose an outfit to dress up Darcy the Labrador in (a fire fighter costume was the final selection) . We had so much fun wearing our pyjamas to school!



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Carson Street School on Facebook



With so many events, incursions and excursions happening at the school, we have been looking at ways we can quickly and easily communicate with our school community. Many schools are now using 'closed' Facebook pages as a means of doing just that, and at the same time promoting their school to the wider community.

We are pleased to say that Carson Street School has now launched its own Facebook page, and we welcome you to click on the link below and LIKE us to receive our updates.

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Carson-St-School/252642758265077>

Please note that this is a 'CLOSED' page, which means that only our Facebook administrator can upload information to it. No photos of students will be posted unless we have your permission to do so. At no time, will students be identified by name.

Photo Permissions

Regardless of whether you are a Facebook user or not, we would appreciate you letting us know your wishes with regards to your child's photo approval. You should already have received a Facebook Permission slip, and we'd be grateful if you could ensure you state your Consent or not and return it to the school.

A visit from the Red Cross



We learned about danger, how to call 000 in an emergency, and what a paramedic is.



And had heaps of fun refining our bandaging skills!



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Room 2—Destination Dinosaurs!

On Thursday 21st of August Room 2, joined by Mr Exeter, went to a Dinosaur Exhibit at the Western Australian Museum. We started our adventure with a ride on Heidi, the school bus, then a train into the city which was Adam and Dawn's favourite part. We saw many big dinosaurs that breathed, blinked, moved and made noises. We also explored the music playground outside the Museum. It was a great day out and enjoyed by all.



I think the excursion was funny. The Dinosaurs were green, long and felt hot. The best part was the people. (Samuel)

The dinosaurs were green, tall and all gone. I had fun and enjoyed the train. (Adam)



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PODD Communication Systems

Carson Street School has been using Pragmatic Organised Dynamic Display (PODD) communication systems since approximately 2005. As soon as formal training was available Carson Street School committed to training a number of teachers and latterly Education Assistants too.

Natalie Fitzpatrick went on to complete the Advanced PODD Training and took on the role within Carson Street School as Communication Coordinator. She has delivered a number of non-accredited, informal training sessions for parents on the use of PODD and the methods that support it's teaching to; Carson Street School staff, satellite schools, special needs school, therapy professionals and other education facilities too.

She has since successfully applied for a grant from Landsdale Farm School, to enable her to apply to become an accredited Introduction to PODD trainer. The hope is that if a WA based PODD Introductory presenter was available, it would vastly reduce the costs of training for additional schools, parents and therapy providers to access the training.

To become a PODD presenter you must complete the Advanced PODD 5 day course and have been using it for at least two years post course completion. An application to Gayle Porter, the creator of PODD must be made prior to beginning the formal Case Study.

What has been achieved so far?

Successful initial application for PODD accreditation. Information received with details of what the case study would involve (Part 1 of the Accreditation process).

- Identified and gained consent to use one student for case study.
- Base line Pragmatic Profile of current communication with family and class teacher / team
- Video footage taken of baseline / current communication, observational assessment forms completed for school and daycare settings.
- Strategies to be explored were devised from the observations and put into place.
- 2hr Intro to PODD workshop delivered to parents, guardians, respite carers, daycare staff.
- Follow-up PODD practice sessions set up for parents and staff fortnightly.
- Follow-up and review of strategies put in place.
- Meeting arranged with stakeholders to share observations, strategies and their feedback. Decisions made on what type of book to be made.
- Personalisations to be gained from family / guardian and templates modified to reflect these.
- Personalised PODD to be constructed and training given in its use to all stakeholders.
- Review of PODD with student, family and key stakeholders.
- Post-Intervention Pragmatic Profile completed with family members and the class team, comparisons made with pre-intervention.
- Completed case study files to be sent for accreditation to Gayle Porter.

What's next?

- Await information regarding success or more work required on case study files.
- If successful, plan and deliver a 2 day Introduction to PODD course with Gayle Porter.

Teddy Bears Picnic

Save the Date Thursday 30th October
(4th Term)

Whole School Family Fun Day/PMH Fundraiser

This is going to be an **awesome** family fun day that all parents, children and family members are invited to attend.

It is in aid of raising funds for the PMH Foundation as nearly all of our Carson Street Kids have been under the care of PMH at some time during their lives, and we wanted to give back to them and help raise funds.

The day will be held at Carson Street School. A big lunch with great food and drinks will be provided and many fun activities such as the special appearance of "Stitches the PMH Bear".

Fun colouring in activities, nursing students who will be doing health checks and first aid for children's sick or injured teddy bears!! And much more!!

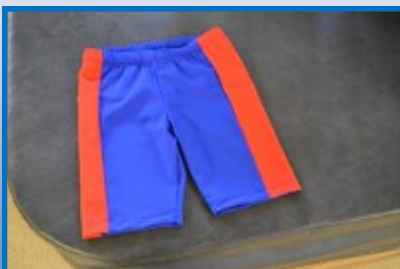
All children are invited to bring along their favourite teddy bear or even dress as a BEAR!!! We will have PMH bears for sale (4 different types) on the day for \$10. And Stitches the Bear pins for \$4

Please bring some money along to purchase some great bears to help raise money for a very important and worthy cause!! If you can't afford to buy any of these things we will also have PMH tins around the school and Gold Coin donations will also be welcomed.

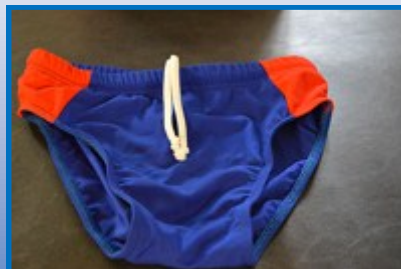


School bathers available

Excellent quality, chlorine-resistant bathers are available now for boys and girls. See pictures and prices below.



Boys swim shorts
Sizes 6-16: \$28



Boys Racers
Sizes 6-16: \$25



Girls Racers
Sizes 6-16: \$40

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More of this month's activities . . .

Red Cross



Cultural Day



Book Week



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Companion Cards for Students

Carson Street School would like parents to consider applying for a Companion Card for their child through the school. That way we are able to get 2 cards for the child—one of which will go to you at home, the other which will be kept at school for use on Class outings and excursions.

There is a fairly lengthy application form for parents to fill in, and our school nurses also need to contribute information, but the benefits of having a card can save families a significant amount of money in entry fees and other charges.

If you'd like an application form, please let us know by either sending a note in your child's communication book, phoning the office on 9361 7500 or emailing lisa.sinclair2@education.wa.edu.au or chris.davison@education.wa.edu.au

Chickenpox (Varicella) Vaccinations



Government of Western Australia
Department of Health

Department of Health is encouraging families to ensure they are vaccinated for chickenpox.

Chickenpox is a serious disease and you are encouraged to get your children vaccinated through the national immunisation program. You are also encouraged to check your immunisation status and get vaccinated if you have not been vaccinated or if you have not had the disease.

Chickenpox is highly contagious and if you or your children have the disease it can spread to over 90% of your close contacts, such as family and friends, if they have not been immunised.

While most children who get chickenpox have a mild illness, some can become very sick. Symptoms are worse in adults, and can lead to hospitalisation and even death.

Vaccination is easy and free from when your children are 18 months up until they are in Year 8. Don't leave your family unprotected. Talk with your doctor about vaccination today.

For more information visit the chickenpox pages at www.healthywa.wa.gov.au.

Happy Birthday to You!

Amelie	Parent & Child	8th August
Asha	Room 2	17th August
Harrison R	MyTime	20th August
Enya	Parent & Child	23rd August
Alexia	Room 7	29th August



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

27th August	Science week activities - 9am—12noon
4th September	Incursion—visit from the Mounted Police - from 10am
17th September	Conductive Education 10th Anniversary fun day - 10am
26th September	Last day of Term 3

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