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#### Active & Engaged

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## Wattle Classroom

In Wattle, we have been busy this term learning about people who help us in the community.

We had a visit from the mounted police to meet the brave police men and women and their horses. We have visited various places to meet people who can help us in the community, such as the baker and the airport!

We have enjoyed science day during which we conducted many

> experiments. We have constructed car remote holders for our Fathers and are becoming expert cooks with continuing cooking lessons.

We have also been up to a few messy sensory experiences which we all love!

Phew, I think it's nearly holiday time!





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## From the Principal's Desk ....

We certainly have had a very busy term three with a number of incursions and excursions taking place to enrich the curriculum and student learning. I had the pleasure of accompanying the Room Two staff and students on their visit by bus and train to see the Dinosaur Exhibition at the museum. I would like to offer my thanks to Kate Wilson and her hard working team for including me on this exciting day.

I trust all our Fathers enjoyed their special day on September 7<sup>th</sup> and my congratulations to all the winners in the P&C raffle.

# Conductive Education 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

What an amazing day we had with so many old friends and supporters of the school turning up and renewing acquaintances. Our students had a large variety of challenging and fun activities during the day. Special thanks to Conductive Education Coordinator Shona Ballantyne, her Girl Friday Dallas Bird, and their team for organising such a well-supported event. I'm sure all our staff and students slept well that night.

Special thanks to Eirlys Ingram, Regional Executive Director, South Metropolitan Education Region, who stepped in at short notice to represent the Minister for Education Peter Collier MLC. Eirlys has long been a friend and supporter of our school and its programs.

#### **Quiz Night Success**

Our annual Quiz Night was a resounding success. Once again thanks to P&C President Liz Green and her hard working team and all those parents and staff who sourced prizes for the evening or who turned up on the night to test their grey matter.

The grand sum of over \$10,000 was raised on the night to be used to enhance the 'Cycling Like Other Kids' program at school. This will inspire some more improvements to the recently completed bike track. Congratulations to East Victoria Park Education Support Centre who were the winning team on the night.

#### Staff News

Teacher Conductor Natalie Fitzpatrick and Aspects of Conductive Education (ACE) Teacher Sarah O'Neill who leads the satellite class at Burbridge are both taking maternity leave at the end of this term. We wish them all the best for the birth of their children.

Teacher Violetta Kartuz has also resigned her position with the possibility of the family moving overseas. We have also farewelled Education Assistant Ann Wray who has moved to Kalamunda Education Support Centre.

Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday.

John Exeter Principal

#### National School Opinion Surveys

All schools are now expected to survey their parents using a National format. Students, parents and caregivers will be encouraged to take part in this year's National School Opinion Survey and share their ideas about what the school does well and how we can improve.

This year the survey will be done online, and to maximise participation we will be emailing the link to the email address we have on file for you. If you haven't yet given us a current email address, please do so by emailing

lisa.sinclair2@education.wa.edu.au using "School Opinion Survey" in the subject line.

Please note that the surveys results are not linked to individuals and you cannot be identified in the survey results that are reported back to the school or the Education Department.

Parents are carers will also be able to complete the survey online at school. School computers will be made available at a time of your convenience. Information on how to access the survey will be sent home early in Term 4.

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## Marian's Community News

#### Nikki Gay memorial

As many of you are aware, one of our students, Nikki Gay, sadly passed away at the end of term 1, aged 10. Nikki had attended Carson Street from an early age, in the Parent and Child group, and was an important part of our school community. We will be holding a rose planting ceremony in memory of Nikki on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am**, at Carson Street. This will be followed by a morning tea. We would like to invite parents who knew Sue, Louise and Nikki to attend this event and to help us to remember our special friend. (From Sarah O'Neill)



#### Values education

The Value lessons on **"being kind to the environment**" have gone really well this term. The children had a lot of fun dressing up as the character inspired by the story 'Michael Recycle' by Ellie Bethel, and they also enjoyed making the character out of recycled materials.

Room 2 did a wonderful job with planting seedlings; Belmay students discussed the value of saving water using their stick puppets. Room 5 discussed the value of recycling and went on a treasure hunt to find reusable objects marked with an 'R'.







#### Surveys and morning teas

Thank you to those who have handed back your survey responses, and have indicated your topics of interest for the Information Morning Teas. There is still time to hand in your responses if you haven't already done so.

The next morning teas are as follows:Term 3Thursday 25 SeptemberTerm 4Tuesday 4 November

Red Cross Respite Family Support WA 9am Room 8 9am Room 8

There will be another Morning Tea later in Term 4 – details of this will be sent out later. I welcome opportunities to catch up with parents and am available for a confidential chat on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. My contact details are <u>Marian.Tetlow@education.wa.edu.au</u> or 0432 570 768.

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## Book Week in the Burbridge Satellite Class

We celebrated Book Week in the Burbridge Satellite Class, by dressing up as some of our favourite book characters. Below you can see us dressed up as: the 'Room on the Broom' witch with her magcal friend Harry Potter, Pippy Longstocking, The woodcutter from Little Red Riding Hood, Smurfette, Barbie Princess, Pirate Pete, a wizard, Bob the Builder ...and in the centre the Junior Book



Princess, Pirate Pete, a wizard, Bob the Builder ...and in the centre the Junior Book Week Dress Up Winner, Harrison Pierce as Chicken Little. Harrison is showing off his prizes.



















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## Room 5

This term Room 5 has been actively engaged in learning about Reptiles. They have been learning about their characteristics, food habits and habitat. They went on an excursion to the Dinosaur Museum to learn about Extinct Reptiles and how we learnt about them by looking at Fossils, Then they went to Armadale Reptile centre to look at Reptiles and their habitat. They saw snakes , turtles, lizards, crocodiles and a few other native Australian animals.

They also visited a few pet shops to see which reptiles could be kept as pets and what could they be fed in their cages. We also had Spikey the lizard visit our class. He is a pet Lizard and belongs to one of our staff members at our school. The children could hold it, feel its body, look and count body parts. They also learnt that Spikey eats crickets.

The students also will be going to Triassic Park play area to conclude the lessons on reptiles. Throughout the term they learnt about the characteristics of Reptiles and their habitat. They painted, collaged and even looked for Turtle eggs in the sand and counted how many they found. They all worked together in a group to make a large Dinosaur Egg and watched it hatch. They learnt how the Dinosaurs became extinct due to volcanoes and conducted experiments to make a volcano using kitchen resources The students pretended to be Palaeontologists, dug through and scraped the rocks to look for fossil of extinct reptiles. They had an enjoyable experience and were actively

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#### Yellowgum

We are learning the topic "my body" and exploring different body parts. Violet is touching jelly with her feet.





Yellowgum enjoyed science day. Nathan is experimenting with sounds.



Angelica is learning about taking care of the environment.



In science we are learning about plants in action. Mikayla is observing a blossoming orange tree.

We had a lot of fun when the mounted police came to school. Alex and Nathan became good friends with one of the horses.



## **Teddy Bears Picnic**

Save the Date Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October (4<sup>th</sup> 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. More details to come.



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## Belmay Satellite Class

During Term 3, some Year 9 students from Ursula Frayne College made a visit to Carson Street School to meet our students from the Satellite Class. After getting to know the children, their assignment was to plan specific activities for their chosen student. When they returned for their second visit, our children lapped up all the attention! The day was most enjoyable and rewarding for all concerned.

On August 28th, the Year 9 students from Santa Maria chose Carson Street School to carry out their Strive 9 Project. They planned activities for the students from Room 7 and the Belmay Satellite Class. The High School students sought sponsors to fund their activities, which were biscuit decorating, Egg and Spoon Race, a Treasure Hunt and a Disco. The day ended with a Sausage Sizzle. They gave our classes a small donation to spend on our students.

"It was the best

day ever!!!"

As Hannah K summed up the day







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## Technology & Enterprise Workshops

Monday afternoon "Technology and Enterprise Workshop" lessons have been a hit with Room 7 this term. The students have responded with interest and enthusiasm toward the lessons. The ability to access and use tools and instruments that are out of the ordinary for most of the students, has been well received by all with eagerness to participate.

Safety and supervision in the work place has been a number one priority for these lessons where lesson rules are enforced with some students

reminding their peers to adhere to them. Parents have also gained from the lessons with the finished products being sent home after being on display at school.





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#### Room 9

It seems that my students enjoyed their time with relief teacher Connie Andersen, going from the photographs I found on my return from New Zealand, Hawaii, San Francisco, Alaska, Toronto and Quebec City. I won't bore you with my fantastic nine weeks travelling.....unless you'd like to see any of the 3000 photographs that I took?? Anyway, back to my group who took their community helpers topic to the extreme...even getting Neville to teach them how to start fires....and put them out! It is impossible to be more actively engaged than that.

Everyone really enjoyed the Conductive Education 10th Anniversary celebrations, including Kaitlin who took great delight flinging wet sponges at her teacher! There is nothing like a bit of incentive to get it just right!













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## Conductive Education 10th Anniversary Fun Day















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## Seminars for individuals, families & supporters

- 10th November, 2014—Latest evidence from the UK on epilepsy and intellectual disability 9:30am—12pm at Lotteries House, West Perth. To register: <u>www.ddc.org.au/our-events/</u> Queries to: <u>mary.butterworth@ddc.org.au</u> or phone 9420 7230 (exc Wednesdays)
  Outcomes:
  - Causes of epilepsy in people with intellectual disability
  - Best possible care for a person with intellectual disability and epilepsy
  - How epilepsy and behaviour interact in people with intellectual disability
  - Treatment options for epilepsy in people with intellectual disability
  - Risk reduction for epilepsy in people with intellectual disability
- 12th November, 2014—Mental health and intellectual disability: holistic, client-centred mental health care

12:30—2:30pm Lotteries House, West Perth. To register: <u>www.ddc.org.au/our-events/</u> Queries to: <u>mary.butterworth@ddc.org.au</u> or phone 9420 7230 (exc Wednesdays) **Outcomes:** 

- Profiles of individuals with intellectual disability and mental health problems
- Maximising quality of life for people with intellectual disability and mental health problems
- The use of medications for people with intellectual disability and mental health problems
- Treatment goals in mental health care for people with intellectual disability

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## Happy Birthday to You!

<b>A</b>			
	Mikayla	My Time	2nd September
Â,	Kaillee	My Time	4th September
	Matthew	Room 5	5th September
	David	Room 7	9th September
	Blake	Wattle	11th September
× R	Arshia	Room 5	13th September
R	Ashleigh	Room 5	18th September
â,	Stephanie	Room 7	20th September
R	Jack	Yellowgum	26th September



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What's on what's coming up		
Friday 26th September	Last day of school term 3	
Tuesday 14th October	Students return to school—Term 4	
Thursday 30th October	Teddy Bears Picnic	

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