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The Year in Review

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Skateboard Clinic



Science Week



Teddy Bears Picnic



Dream Cricket



Wesley College Band visit



Red Cross visit



Bike Week

Mounted Police visit



CE 10th Anniversary



Building maintenance



Book Week Storytime



Cultural Day



Nikki Gay Memorial



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From the Principal's desk

We have reached the end of another term and indeed another event-filled school year with the highlight being the 10th Anniversary Celebration of our unique Conductive Education program. This term has been very busy with student reports and the concert preparations featuring prominently.

Due to the graduation of both our year six and seven cohorts we are not only saying goodbye to a number of our students, but also to many fixed-term staff, some of whom are travelling overseas. We say goodbye and thank you to them all for their contribution to our school during 2015. I would also like to thank all our staff who are returning next year for all their hard work and effort during the year

School Concert

We celebrated another busy year at the Graduation Concert on Friday 12th December. Each year a large proportion of our school community attend this end of year event where we acknowledge those students who are graduating, and those who have made an extra special effort resulting in amazing progress.

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:

Nawid & Dakota—Achievement Awards

Tyler—Progress Award

Tayla—Citizenship Award

Alex Y and Noah—Science Awards

Kawana—Swimming Award

Adrian—Music Award

Kawana—Overcoming Adversity Award

Dakota—Therapy Focus Award

The 2015 School Calendar which has contributions from each classroom has been completed and distributed to our families.

Summer Holiday Programs

Once again in January the Conductive Education Association of WA is sponsoring a week-long program for children and a family member. We also have our general program running from January 12th to the 16th with a number of exciting activities being planned.

My Life, My Place

Teachers Tiffany Plant, Andrea Rees and I had the pleasure of attending the community launch of this program at the Burswood open air movie theatre. The film featured a number of people living in the Town of Victoria Park and was a celebration of “the unique and incredible stories of seven local residents and families of all abilities.” Our interest was in one of the stars, student Clare Wells-Wright and it featured her and her family. Another star was Joel O'Brien, and some families may remember he attended Carson Street School for his primary schooling years many years ago.

I would like to add my thanks to Jo Fitzsimons who worked previously at Whitefield Schools and Centre in London. Whitefield Schools and Centre is one of the largest providers of Special Education in Europe, with an international reputation for

expertise, curriculum and resources, which is reflected in its status as a Teaching School. It was very interesting to have Jo volunteer and share her expertise at Carson Street School and to have the opportunity to learn about how this huge special needs school operates and to swap ideas.

I wish you all a happy and safe Christmas and summer holiday. We look forward to seeing students back at school on Monday 2nd February.

John Exeter,
Principal



P&C News . . .

End of Year Disco - This was another successful event. Lots of fantastic dancing and prizes won. We were very lucky to receive a visit from Father Christmas. Thanks go to DJ Dan and Dallas Bird for their time and effort to make this a fun Disco.

The P&C had their last meeting for 2014 on 3rd December. Special mention must go to our Secretary, Sally Dechow, Treasurer, Vanessa Gillies and Committee member, Ruby McGill. These ladies have children graduating and will no longer be on the P&C. We appreciate all that you have done for the school. Next year we will be looking for some willing parents to join the P&C and help make a contribution to our school.

CONGRATULATIONS to our 14 graduating students. We wish you every success in the future.

From the P&C committee, thank you to all those families who have supported us throughout the year. We wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.



From Marian, Community Support Officer

Values Education:

The Value for this term is *Be the Community Kind*. Some of the key understandings are following rules, giving everyone a fair go and sharing and caring for those in need. To help promote this value the classes have joined with a buddy class and play stations were organized for the children to help each other play and take turns. The children had fun joining in with their buddy class and helping each other play and complete the activities.



Morning Teas

We have just had a morning tea with Sue Gay who showed us her range of temperature control clothing which is suitable for children who have difficulty controlling their own body temperature. Please contact Sue if you have any queries regarding her products

NikkiGs™ Temperature Control Clothing.

Sue can be contacted on 0413 006 836 or by email at nikkigs@outlook.com. More information also available from the website

www.nikkigs.com.au

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



Bluegum

Bluegum's students had such a busy year in 2014. They learnt about their Environment and People Who Help Us in Semester 1.

In Semester 2 we all enjoyed learning about Pirates, Princes and Princesses and Superheros.

Our favourite term was Term 4 when we learnt about sea creatures. We loved our excursion to AQWA.

Well done, Lefaye, Lola, Mahoor, Mahdi, Aralie, Ruby, Evie and our new classmate, Faris!

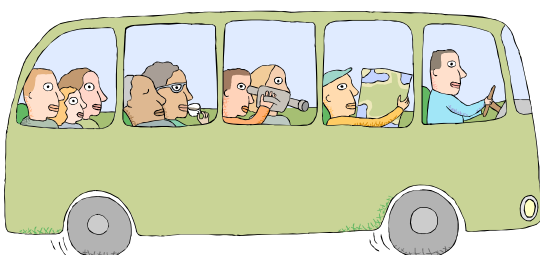
Laura, Simone, Kaoru, Talicia, Jess, Sarah and Gabi



Volunteer Bus Drivers Wanted

We are seeking expressions of interest from the anyone who has, or is willing to get, a HR (Heavy Rigid) Licence with an 'F Endorsement' to drive staff and students in our 'Heidi' Mercedes bus to and from horseriding lessons in Carine, and the occasional excursion.

If you or someone you know is interested, but don't already have the 'F Endorsement' the school is willing to help out with application costs. Please contact office staff on 9361 7500 or email john.exeter@education.wa.edu.au with your details.



There are also times we could use an extra driver for our 'Snoopy' Ford Transit bus. This requires a 'C Class Licence', but you do still need the 'F Endorsement'.

Burbridge Satellite Class

The children at the satellite class in Burbridge Primary have been very busy this year, participating in a variety of fun learning opportunities. They have created fantastic Dream Pots, become drumming stars and been able to make sushi and mini pizzas!

These are just a snap shot of what awesome activities our children have been able to do. 2014 has been a busy and productive year for our children and they have developed in all curricular areas with confidence and most importantly a love for learning!



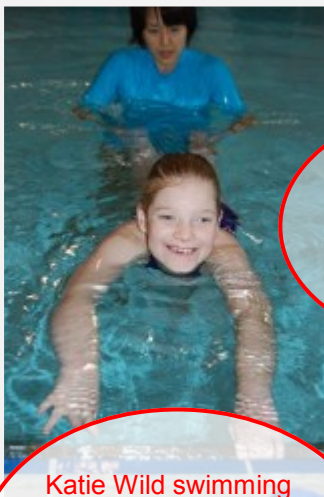
Noah Robbins
creating his Dinner
for dreams pots



Harry Dunn
listening to his
heart!



Harrison Pierce
drumming



Katie Wild swimming
in the Burbridge pool.
She loves the water
and kicking her legs
to splash her helpers!



Isobel Parsons
using her switch to
win her car race!
Well done Isobel!



Abbie Treanor
concentrating on her
Numeracy lesson



Noah Von Bergheim
made sushi with his
friends.

Music & Technology at Carson Street School

Across this year the students of Carson Street have been working with all kinds of instruments, including didgeridoo, cello, piano, and a multitude of small and interesting instruments.

The most modern instruments we've been using, though, are electronic instruments, including the Roland Handsonic and Loopstation.

The Handsonic, on loan from Tetrafile Percussion, is a manipulated hand drum, with 15 pads, a couple of touch-sensitive ribbons, and a laser beam. Students are able to access hundreds of sound pads to change the sets of sounds created. They can adjust the sound using many various methods. The pads are touch sensitive and can either cause the sound to sustain, roll (lots of repeated notes in rapid succession), or simply to play different sounds in the patches. The ribbons create sounds through touching, rubbing or scratching, and you can use the same techniques to manipulate other sounds from the pads on the instrument. Finally there is a laser beam which the students can use by putting anything from a hand or a face through to play sounds or manipulate sounds already being played.

The Loop Station takes sounds from either an instrument such as the Handsonic, or vocal sounds through a microphone, and then repeats or 'loops' these sound around and around, thereby creating funky rhythmic music tunes. The students have thoroughly enjoyed this process, and have been keen music makers.

Students from throughout the school have had multiple sessions exploring the possibilities of these sounds, and have in the process investigated ways to create their own music.

In a welcome surprise, Wesley College has donated money from their door sales at school concerts this year to our music program. Thanks to this donation I was able to secure Carson Street School its own brand new Handsonic, stand and the latest loop station. The students will be able to use these instruments to create their own fun music in the future and have enjoyed playing with our new instruments through this final term.

I would like to thank Wesley College and the teacher in charge of their incursion program, Mr Alex Boyd, for their generosity in this donation.

Neville Talbot
Music Specialist



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Belmay—2014 Landsdale Farm Camp



Our thanks go to Michelle Webb for helping us raise money for our camp

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From the Nurses

During fourth term year 6 and 7 students have taken part in group sessions with the school nurse Kirrilly Owen. They have been involved in healthy body, puberty and healthy relationships talks. There has been plenty of positive feedback from the students and plenty of laughs.



Wattle

Wattle has had a brilliant year with lots of successes. We are so pleased with all the children's development and achievements. We wish to thank Jo who volunteered in our class for term 4, she was an immense support and we learnt a lot from her.

We have visited lots of places around Perth and developed our community access skills and self- help skills. Sci-tech was our latest adventure. You can see how much fun we had from the photos!

We wish all Carson Street families a safe and enjoyable Christmas and summer holiday period.



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