



Carson Street School

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Back To School

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Welcome to our new
students . . .



Tristan



Isabelle



Riley



Orlena

Wayne-Carey



Ryan



Faris

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From the Principal's desk

The newsletter theme 'Back to School' celebrates the commencement of the new school year which has started in earnest, and we welcome a number of new students and families.

Ryan Neervort	Wattle
Riley Perrella	Banksia
Faris Naidoo (Term 4 2014)	Bluegum
Wayne-Carey Farmer	Bluegum
Orlena Forsyth	Bluegum
Tristan York	Room 7
Isabelle McIntyre	Room 9

(Ann Gray will provide photos which might be best in another page of the newsletter?)

School's Condolences

On behalf of the school I would like to express our condolences to Anna Pugh and her family on the sad passing of her mother. Our thoughts and wishes are with Anna and family at this sad time.

Farewell to Cleaner Pauline Madden

A school is more than chalk and talk and we have a number of valuable support staff who assist in its daily running. Such a person is Pauline Madden who has been a cleaner for many years. We wish her all the best for her retirement and thank her for all the additional support she gave our teachers over the years.

Students Leaving School Early in the School Day

Could I remind parents that if you are taking your child home early its important to sign the register in the office. This is an important risk management procedure.

Playground Changes

Whilst the school is quiet without students over the summer break it is also a time to get work done on a number of projects. Parents will note the new cover over the swings which allow students to access them in hot weather. A start was made on the placement of the new Early Learning Years Centre with a number of trees being cut down and the stumps being grinded. The building has arrived and is being fitted out. This will house our My Time and Parent and Child (0-4 year's early intervention) groups.

Summer Holiday Program

Suzanne Hall and team provided an excellent range of activities and challenges for the large number of students in attendance. I trust that parents were able to make good use of the respite time during the week.

The students certainly had a wonderful experience.

Conductive Education Holiday Program

Many thanks to the Conductive Education centre of WA for funding this learning opportunity once again. This year's program being very capably organised and run by Teachers Anna Pugh and Laura Farkas.

Active After School – Sporting Schools

The well supported Active After School program which has operated for the past 10 years with groups on Tuesday and Thursday has ceased to be funded. It is to be replaced by a new program entitled Sporting Schools, but this will not commence until Semester Two if we are successful in our application. In the meantime ... **may have an update after the P&C meeting.**

My Time

Some good news is that this unique early intervention program has been granted funding for the next five years. We currently operate two groups each week on Tuesday. The Program Leader this year is Tiffany Langoulant who is ably assisted by Ruth Harlow. Parents attend along with their child and learn together while sharing ideas with other families.

P&C Meeting—Wednesday 18th March at 9am.

The Carson Street School community is justly proud of its hard working P&C members who have fundraised for many projects and provided a number of a playground items over the past few years. All of these wonderful improvements help to motivate and challenge our students during recess. However there is always room for new ideas and new faces, so please come along and be a part of the changes at our school. The following meeting will be on Wednesday 18th March which is the same day as our Bike Week excursion.

Bike Week—Wednesday 18th March

This annual whole-school excursion will soon be upon us and we would like to invite our families to join in the fun at Burswood Park. The day's activities being rounded off with a sausage sizzle. Parents who attend are able to view a number of bikes which are suitable for children with disabilities before purchasing one for their child. Parents are able to apply to Variety for funding.

Staff here look forward to your input into student IEP's and I'm sure 2015 is going to be another great year at Carson Street School.

Best wishes

John Exeter
Principal

P&C News . . .

The Parents & Citizens Association is made up mostly of parents and a couple of community members. Our main role is to fundraise to improve the lives of our children.

We meet on the Wednesday of weeks three and seven of the school term, at school in "Bottlebrush". Meetings usually last about an hour and everyone is welcome. It's a great way to have a chat over coffee and be informed about the school.

We got the year off to a flying start by donating \$10,000 to the school to help pay for the new shade cover over the swings. On the 18th February we held our AGM. The following people were voted in as office bearers:

President - Liz Green (Stephen's mum)

Vice President - Janice Greaves (Abigail's mum)

Secretary - Lisa Wells (Clare's mum)

Treasurer - Rosannna Ballard (Mandy's mum)

Committee - Linda Skerry (Jemma's mum), Marian Tetlow (community) and Sue Carpenter (community).

Upcoming Events: Play date/coffee morning - this will be to welcome new families to the school and give "old" families a chance to catch up. More details to follow.....

Admin Housekeeping . . .

Contributions and Charges: Admin staff are happy to take your money and issue a receipt, or you can pay via your child's teacher, or on-line via Direct Deposit to the school's account. Banking details are: BSB 066 040. Account: 1990 1199. Account Name: Carson Street School

If paying via Direct Deposit, please ensure you include your child's surname in the reference so we know which child the payment is for.

Email Addresses: Our new system of emailing notices and the newsletter to parents seems to be working well, however we still have more than 20 students for whom we have no email address. If you are not receiving the newsletter by email, it means we don't have an address for you. Please let us know by emailing: lisa.sinclair2@education.wa.edu.au or chris.davison@education.wa.edu.au to go onto the email listing.

Contact Details: It's vitally important that the school and the nurses have your most up-to-date contact details, including home mailing address. If you have changed phone numbers or moved since the beginning of last year and haven't advised us, please do so as soon as possible. You can email either lisa.sinclair2@education.wa.edu.au or chris.davison@education.wa.edu.au

KidSport Vouchers: Families who have children participating in Riding for the Disabled are reminded that they may be eligible for funding up to the value of \$200. Submit your application through your local council. Application forms can be obtained from your council or download from the KidSport website. <http://www.dsr.wa.gov.au/funding/individuals/kidsport/information-for-parents>

Clothing Bin at school: There is a clothing bin at the school, located in the corner of the quadrangle area (where the buses are parked). Feel free to drop your pre-loved clothing items there.

Room 7

Greetings to you all and compliments of the New Year!

My name is Connie Jakopo, the Room 7 class teacher and I would like to give you a brief summary of the class as well as the programmes and activities the class will be covering this year.

The Room 7 class of 2015 has 7 students; three girls and four boys. Of the 7 students, four were in the class from last year, two have moved from other classes and there is a new boy, Tristan, who has come from Tasmania.

The year has started on a good note so far and most of the students are settling in well and getting accustomed to their daily routines. There is a total of five staff working with the children this year: myself, and four education assistants—Debbie, Sara, Leonie and Lindsey. Debbie and Sara work fulltime while Leonie works 4 days and Lindsey 1 day.

This year the class programmes include Literacy, Numeracy, Art, Cooking, Swimming, Music, Physical Education and Society & Environment, Horse Riding, Technology & Enterprise as well as Community access.

Communication is one of our major focuses this year. We are aiming to work closely with those students with communication devices to use the devices more during the day across activities. This also includes students who are still using ALDs and needing support with their communication.

News sharing is another area that we will focus on this year. All parents and caregivers are encouraged to briefly say what a child did or simply tick boxes in the communication book. Some children feel left out when nothing is said about them at news time. This term we are learning about Fairy Tales and will also cover Rain Forests, The Ocean and Journeys in the other three terms. We look forward to a fantastic 2015!

If there is anything you would like to ask regarding our programs this year, feel free to do so by talking to me at school or through a phone call. Thank you all for your support.

Connie Jakopo
Room 7 teacher



2015 Summer Holiday Program

A huge thank you to the sponsors of our 2015 Summer Holiday Program. Without their generous financial assistance, the program wouldn't take place.



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Room 9

It is with great pleasure that Sam, Lucya, Jenny, Nette, Anic and I introduce you to the Class to Beat All Classes!

Yes, we have been overtaken by a new group—Violet, Angelica, Muji, Isabelle have joined Madi to create havoc and mayhem in our little section of the world.

We eagerly await the return of Mikayla, Nathan and Jack whenever they are ready, but have been enjoying the relative ease of our start to the year—lots of time to get to know our new kids and see just where we will possibly go in 2015. Because that is sometimes what life is—a great big journey with no destination in mind but we will explore lots of new places along the way.

So watch this space and I'll see if we can create some magic!

Rose Linton
Room 9 teacher



Welcome to Banksia 2015!

We have a room full of lively boys this year and their names are Axl, Blake, Jay-Jay, Lachy, Luke, Lochie, Matthew and Riley. Staff are quickly discovering their little quirks and antics, and we are not ashamed to admit that we are quite exhausted by the time they leave at the end of the day.

The class teacher is Mrs Deanne Jones and the Education Assistants are Cinnamon Bonnefin, Anna Mirco (Thur + Fri), Elaine Spark and Roberta Taylforth. This year our Learning Journey starts with The Ocean theme. We are busily exploring this theme and look forward to our visit to Spare Parts Puppet Theatre later this term.

Banksia are participating in a weekly workshop program run by Tye. The students have grown accustomed to wearing their protective goggles and gloves, and they enjoy learning about the different workshop tools. The best part of the lesson is when they are allowed to explore the tools. Our goal for this term is to design and construct a wooden boat.



Wish us well on
our adventure.

Congratulations Jacqueline Finch

The school community sends its congratulations to Jacque who has recently graduated from Edith Cowan University with a Bachelor of Education in Early Childhood Studies.

She also achieved top honours in special needs education awarded by the Australian Association of Special Education. .

Jacque has worked at Carson Street over a number of years while she has been studying both in an education assistant and teaching capacity.

Belmay Satellite Class

What a wonderful way to start our year! Belmay Primary School invited the Satellite Class to participate in an Artist in Residence Program, called Song Room Puppet Theatre. The Artist is Rachel who is well known to Carson Street School from past performances. The program will run for 14 weeks and we will attend every Monday for an hour session. Our theme for our Shadow Puppets will be Fairy Tales and the students will create their own puppets, then plan and produce a class play.

They will also learn to make 3D puppets, and Rachel plans to take them on a journey where they will learn about connecting and putting things together in order to create their puppet.

Rachel's aim is also to provide them with an enriching environment which will increase their communication skills and allow them to be creative and be able to express themselves.

Shadow Puppets



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Burbridge Scientists

The students in the Burbridge satellite class recently conducted some science experiments. The children felt the texture of cornflour and when they added water they felt the difference which it made.





Carson Street School P&C Association Inc.

ABN: 33 830 335 871

We are launching a crowdfunding campaign and need your help!

At the end of 2014, the State governments were handed the responsibility of allocating funding for the School Chaplaincy and Community Welfare Program. Schools were required to apply for a reduced share of funding, with many schools missing out.

Carson Street School was one of those, and we're not happy!

We see the role of our Community Support Officer as vital within our school community, so we are doing all we can to raise the funds to ensure this service continues in 2015 and beyond.

Where and When is this fundraising going to happen?

One of the world's most successful crowdfunding organisations is [Pozible](http://pozi.be/brighterhorizons). We've set up our campaign, named "Brighter Horizons", with them in the hope of reaching as many people as possible.

**We have a target of \$10,000 and a deadline date of 31st March, 2015.
If we don't reach our target, we get nothing!**

How can you help?

There are several ways, and if everyone can do something, we should reach our goal.

- Make a donation through the Pozible crowdfunding site <http://pozi.be/brighterhorizons>. Every little bit helps. Remember, if we don't reach our target, we don't get anything.
- Spread the word among your family, friends and business colleagues—direct them to the Pozible site, and tell them about the deadline.
- Use your social media networks to share the link to the site. It's also on the School's FaceBook page <https://www.facebook.com/CarsonStreetSchool>

Why is this so important to the school?

The full story is on the Pozible site, but in brief, here's a word from one of our school parents:

"Having someone there who 'gets' it, has a caring nature and will listen and offer support is often all it takes to stop a family from falling apart."

Liz Green,
(parent to 6 children, 3 of whom are disabled)



<http://pozi.be/brighterhorizons>

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The Conductive Education Centre of Australia (CECWA) would love to meet you!

CECWA is the fundraising body that helps support the Conductive Education (CE) program by assisting with the purchase of equipment, funding for the summer school program and attracting and relocating teacher conductors to WA.

Our 1st meeting for 2015 is on Wednesday 25th March at 7pm at Carson Street School.

Our 2nd meeting is at Carson Street School on Wednesday April 1st at 7pm.

We would love to see more family members and CE staff at our meetings. This is your opportunity to have input into how we can help CE to thrive in WA.

Our 1st social get together is our Picnic in the Park at The Variety Pavillion Kings Park on Sunday March 15th from 10:30am (see opposite)

Our committee is made up of mostly parents who, like you, want the best education for their children.

President: Linda-Jane Eaton - mum to Grade 3 boy, Alex.

Vice President: Tracey Coad - mum to Grade 2 year girl, Asha.

Treasurer: Jennifer Jamieson - close family friend of Pre Primary girl, Aralie.

Secretary: Caroline Fitzpatrick - mum to Pre Primary girl, Charlotte
(who attends our satellite class in Burbridge PS)

Social Media Office: Renae Telo - mum to Parent and Child girl, Amalie.

Our website address is: www.conductiveedwa.com.au

Our FB address is: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Conductive-Education-Centre-of-WA-CECWA/286439658472>

Contact CECWA Secretary Caroline, on 0427 422 788, or email secretary@conductiveedwa.com.au for any questions

Companion Cards

The WA Companion Card Program is an important community initiative funded by the Western Australian Government through the Disability Services Commission (DSC) and implemented by National Disability Services (NDS) WA.

The program assists people with a significant and lifelong disability who require support from a companion to participate at community venues and activities. It also supports and assists businesses to comply with existing disability and anti-discrimination legislation.

Some of your students may benefit from this program.

Benefits of the card include:

- Access to admission or ticket for their companion at no cost to over 600 affiliates;
- Personal secure card with photo identification;

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you're invited

to

CECWA's

picnic in the park

Sunday 15th March ~ 10:30 to 2pm

Special Guest

Frozen By Holly

at 11:30am



Free
Sausage Sizzle
and Sweets

bring your own
PICNIC
BLANKET
...and family



Join us

Variety Pavillion, Kings Park



RSVP 4th March with numbers to:
secretary@conductiveedwa.com.au

OR remove this section and hand in to Carson St Reception

I _____ Will be attending
with ____adults and ____children requiring catering

- Participation as an active member in their community and beyond.

We currently have more than 9000 cardholders and 600 WA affiliated business outlets and local councils supporting the program. While these numbers are great, we know that there are a lot more people with disabilities in our community that would find this program to be of benefit.

More information can be obtained by phoning 1800 617 337. You can also download the application form and affiliate list from www.wa.companioncard.asn.au. If your organisation is on Facebook, you can 'like' our page using this link – www.facebook.com/CompanionCardWA to stay in touch



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The Burswood Park foreshore will come alive to the sounds of music from classic films and family favourites as part of the Town of Victoria Park's free Music by Moonlight concert from 7pm on Sunday, 8 March 2015.

This year's event, held in partnership with Burswood Park Board and the Western Australian Youth Orchestra (WAYO) and supported by Lotterywest, will feature highlights from *Harry Potter*, *James Bond*, *Back to the Future* and *Frozen* – to name just a few. The concert is performed by WAYO, and features special guests from the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts.

MOVIE CLASSICS & FAMILY FAVOURITES

WHEN: Sunday, 8 March 2015

TIME: 7pm – 8.30pm

WHERE: Burswood Park Foreshore, Burswood.

COST: Free

Happy Birthday to You!

Adam	Rm 2	12th February	Kate	Burbridge	17th February
Stephen	Rm 7	12th February	Abbie	Burbridge	23rd February
Aleigha	Redgum	16th February	Wayne-Carey	Bluegum	25th February
			Clare	Room 7	27th February

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

12th March @ 8:30am	Board meeting
18th March	9am P&C meeting. From 10am Bike week at Burswood Park
25th March @ 7pm	CECWA meeting at Carson Street School

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