

Room 7 Highlights

The group in Room 7 has had a fantastic Term 1. Highlights include horse riding, workshop skills, bike week and numerous classroom activities.

Everyone has worked well and we look forward to the upcoming school holidays!



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From the Principal's desk

This short (9 week) term is coming to an end and it has been an exciting and very interesting start to the year. The weather has noticeably cooled down and this is a particularly nice time of the school year being more comfortable for staff and students alike.

Bike Week Excursion at Burswood Park

Many of our students participated in this excursion during Bike Week at Burswood Park on March 18th. This was an opportunity for a number of the organisations which promote cycling for the disabled and who assist in the purchase of a suitable cycle to demonstrate their wares. This year it included Dreamfit, WADSA, KEQUIP and Technical Aids for the Disabled (TADWA) who displayed a variety of cycles and bicycle adaptations to parents and school staff. Our students enjoyed this 'Come and Try' excursion. In addition we are grateful to Gwen from the Town of Victoria Park which supplied a bbq lunch for staff and students. Lastly our friends from Kennard's Cannington donated the use of a large trailer to transport bikes to and from the park. Despite the inclement weather a good time was had by all.

Early Years Centre

Funding was received by School for Parents for the purchase of a large transportable to serve as our Early Years Centre. This building will provide a permanent home for the MY Time and the Conductive Education Parent and Child programs. The building is almost complete and staff are looking forward to moving in and setting up for their programs.

Board Update

At the recent meeting our Chair Les Ozsdolay welcomed new member Linda Eaton, the new President of the Conductive Education Centre of WA (CECWA), and Jamie Parravicini who represented member Ben Wyatt MLA, to our group and thanked them for their interest and support.

Vale Jack White

On behalf of all the staff at Carson Street School, we would like to express our heartfelt sympathy to the White family on the loss of son Jack. We were very saddened to hear the news that he had passed away. Over the past 6 years at the school we found Jack to be a very special boy who touched the hearts of all who came in contact with him. He was a credit to his wonderful family and we will miss him very much.

Individual Education Plans (IEP) Meetings

Thanks to all the families who assisted in the important process of the development of their child's IEP for this year. Once again your support is greatly appreciated.

Donations from Belmont Forum & East Perth Rotary Club

The school thanks the management of the Belmont Shopping Forum for their generous donation of \$1,700—money raised from Christmas last year.

We are also grateful for the support of the East Perth Rotary Club, who have been involved with the school for several years now.

Both of these donation stories are covered on page 6 of this newsletter.

Crowdfunding on Pozible

Families would be aware that the P&C have joined up with a crowdfunding program called Pozible in order to raise funds for the retention of the Community Support Officer position at the school. My thanks to all those who have contributed to the target of raising \$10,000. This will enable us to fund a Community Support Officer for one day per week in 2015.

It was heartening to see so many donations from Community groups and individuals. The list of donors appears further on in this newsletter and will also feature on our website.

E-Newsletter

The majority of families have now signed on to receive an electronic copy of each newsletter. We encourage all families to cut down on the paper trail and do this by emailing the Schools Officer with your contact details to Chris.Davison@education.wa.edu.au

Best wishes for the Easter break and the challenges ahead.

Kind regards

John Exeter
Principal

P&C News . . .

Play Date

By now everyone should have their invitations to our Family Play date on Saturday 2nd May 2015 9.30am to 11.30am. This will be held at school in the new playground, accessible from the staff car park. Morning tea will be provided. This is a great opportunity for families "new" (and "old") to the school to catch up and for the kids to have a play. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Disco

A very popular event with our kids.

We are planning to hold this on **Friday 15th May**. More details to follow.

Some of you will have seen that the small playground at the back of the school has been condemned. We have had a quote to have this replaced, another bird nest swing added and soft fall. The cost is almost \$40,000. Over the years, thanks to support from families, we have done a lot of fund raising and hope we will have enough funds to cover the cost. This will be a great addition to the play area for our kids.

Don't forget the P&C meets on the Wednesday of weeks three and seven of the school term. It would be great to see some new faces. Come along for a coffee and a chat and hear what's going on in the school.

Liz Green
P&C President

School Board

NOTICE OF ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE SCHOOL BOARD

All parents and carers are invited to attend the annual public meeting of the school board. It will be held on Week 6, Term 2, Thursday 28th May 2015 at 8.30am.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP by Monday 18th May to Corina Botica on 9361 7500 or by email to corina.botica@education.wa.edu.au

Sarah & Charlie

It was lovely to see teacher Sarah O'Neill return for a visit recently with her delightful boy, Charlie. We think motherhood agrees with her!



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Carson Street Music 2015 musical notes

Mr S is back at Carson Street School after a year off. Many thanks to Neville Talbot for the wonderful work he did with the students in Music last year.

The students are back in the swing of things and working very well. In order to promote interaction between students, different classes have again been combined in Music.

As you can see, the students enjoy working with students from other classes. We are looking forward to a fun and stimulating year with Music!



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Burbridge Class goes orange for Harmony Day



Our Satellite class in Burbridge had a fantastic Harmony Day dressing up in orange and taking part in creating fantastic Harmony Day artwork.

They listened to amazing songs from the Burbridge children and were able to taste a variety of yummy food from different countries. Balloons, facepainting and lots of fun was had during the day.



Up Close and Personal

Room 9 kids were thrilled to have a visit from Jessie (dog!) and Snowball (silky chook) when Nathan's dad, Steve brought them to school in Week 7.

Both animals were extremely well behaved and delighted the kids with their antics. Jessie found the cheese no matter where the kids tried to hide it and Snowball gave everyone the chance to see them up close and personal.



Amazingly it was a great start to the day and everyone was in a good mood for the rest of the day.

We would love more pet visits if anyone has the time or inclination!!!



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Support from Community Groups

Belmont Forum

You might remember that Belmont Forum designated Carson Street School as the recipient for money raised through their Photos with Santa initiative prior to Christmas 2014.

We were very pleased then to welcome Demelza Leonard - Marketing Manager and Stacie Thomson - Promotional Co ordinator to our assembly last week where they presented us with a cheque for **\$1,700!**

This is the second year our school has been the beneficiary. The Forum also gives regular prizes at student assemblies which are much appreciated by those who are winners

Thank you Belmont Forum . . . and Santa!



Rotary Club of East Perth

The East Perth Rotary Club, who have been supporting the school for several years now, held their recent breakfast meeting at our school. Several staff members joined them for breakfast and the presentation of an all-terrain buggy which students can use on excursions. This will be extremely useful for those students who like to walk when possible but often tire and need assistance.

Once again we say thank you to the members of the club for their generosity.



Brighter Horizons crowdfunding campaign

Some of our students helping spread the word of our campaign in the local area. See the page opposite for the list of our supporters.



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Thank you!

The staff, students and families of Carson Street School wish to acknowledge the contributions made to our recent Brighter Horizons crowdfunding campaign.

We met our target of \$10,000 with time to spare.

To the following individuals, companies and few supporters who chose to remain anonymous, your generosity is very much appreciated.

Baston & Co. Property
Rotary Club of Como
Kelly Exeter
Azzamatazz De Razz
Simone Bastin
Erin Black
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CECWA

Bike Week at Burswood Park



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The Belmay Satellite Class



The class visited the War Memorial at Kings Park, in order to gather some information

for our ANZAC day Commemorative Service, which will be held on April 30th at Carson Street School.

It was with great interest that our students looked for their surnames on the wall of Remembrance, which had the names of soldiers who had lost their lives.



Lest We Forget.



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My Time

We welcome all present families back to MyTime and have had a great start to the year with a new family joining us in our early intervention My Time group.

We welcome Austin to our afternoon group.

We have focused on the theme "The Beach" this term and have had fun doing lots of sensory messy play with paint and goop and sand.

We have finished our term of learning with a visit to AQWA on Tuesday where we had a lovely day of exploring the world of sea animals.



AQWA



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Presentation at Success Primary November 3rd 2014

At the end of last year I had the pleasure of presenting Literacy for All Introductory session at Success Primary School. This was an excellent experience for me as the school literacy coordinator at Carson Street School. I presented with the lovely Kim Coates, who is a teacher and also a school Literacy Coordinator at Malibu School. We shared about our experience teaching student with disabilities using comprehensive literacy instruction and approaches we had learnt at the AGOSIC Literacy in AAC intensive course. We shared strategies and resources that we had found successful after applying in our classrooms -Kim speaking from a high school perspective and myself sharing resources from an early childhood and lower primary point of view. It was a half day presentation and introduced the Four Blocks approach to literacy.

I first attended the AGOSCI Literacy in AAC intensive part 1 in 2010 presented by David Koppenhaver and Karen Erickson, a five day instructional course with all content directly related to students with disabilities and how to teach them literacy. This course has had the most profound impact on my teaching. After attending I implemented the strategies and instructional approaches to the children I taught over the next few years and saw fantastic progress with all my students. I then attended the Level 2 in July last year which focused on assessment in literacy for students with disabilities.

This news of this course is fast spreading across schools for with students with disabilities. Due to its comprehensive approach to literacy instruction, covering theoretical and practical aspects of literacy instruction for children and adults with disabilities, including cocomplex communication needs. Therefore it is so exciting that so many schools, such as Success Primary are eager to learn more!



Kim Coates and Alicia Bani presenting the "Literacy for All" Introductory session



Teachers and Education Assistants from Success Primary school at the Introductory session 4/11/2014

Feedback from the presentation was very positive with teachers and education assistants giving written feedback that it was great to see explicit & relevant examples of literacy teaching through videos and resources. Overall participants reported that they found it informative and extremely relevant to needs of the children they work with.

On another note the AGOSI Winter Literacy Intensive 2015 is coming to Perth this year from the 6th – 10th July 2015! The course is aimed at teachers and therapists who work with students with disabilities. Parents of children with complex communication needs are also welcome to apply. Please go to <http://www.agosci.org.au/WLI2015.htm> for more information or contact Yvette or Freya at agosciwa@agosci.org.au.

*Alicia Bani
Teacher at Carson Street School*

CECWA News

Thankyou to everyone who came for our Picnic in the Park at The Variety Pavillion. It was a great catch up and parents as well as our children were very happily entertained by Holly and Olaf. Please see CECWA Facebook page for all our photos.

At our special meeting on Wednesday March 25th it was a unanimous decision for our name change to better reflect who CECWA are, which is mainly parents getting together to fundraise and support the conductive education programme. The change is the word Centre to Charity. So our initials are the same and our new name is officially now **The Conductive Education Charity of Western Australia**.

Upcoming CECWA Events

- Next CECWA meeting—Wednesday May 13th at 7pm at The Saint in Innaloo.
- CECWA Sausage Sizzle - Saturday May 23rd
- Bogan Bingo (Our main fundraiser for 2015) - Saturday June 6th
- HBF Run for a Reason (CECWA Striders Team) - Sunday May 24th
- Activ's City to Surf - Sunday August 30th.

We would also love more volunteers for our Bogan Bingo 2015, and 2016 Dinner for Dreams.

Contact Caroline (CECWA Secretary) on 0427422788/94094740 or secretary@conductiveedwa.com.au for any more information.

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Happy Birthday to You!

Birthdays that we celebrated in March were:

Noah	Burbridge	12 March
Katie	Burbridge	22 March
Robbie	Belmay	22 March
Angelica	Rm 9	23 March
Harrison D	Burbridge	26 March

And in April, we say Happy Birthday to:

Kezia	Yellowgum	1 April
Luke	Banksia	30 April



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

Thursday 2nd April	Last day Term 1 for students
Wednesday 22nd April	First day Term 2 for students
Saturday 2nd May	P&C Family Play Date 9.30am—11.30am
Wednesday 6th May	P&C Meeting—9:30am —all welcome

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