



CSS News

February, 2017

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Welcome to all the new students for 2017!



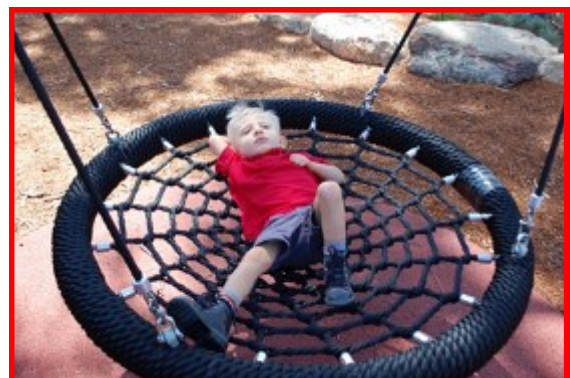
We are off to a great start in Greengum Kindy!

The students have done a wonderful job at adjusting to being away from Mums and Dads, meeting new helpers and friends and settling into new routines.

We are learning all about celebrations and music and have a potential boy band in the making!



We have also had opportunities to read some fun books and to explore the new nature playground. We are looking forward to more fun in the weeks ahead.



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From the Principal's desk

This term's value is 'Be Kind to Yourself'.

The newsletter theme 'Back to School' celebrates the commencement of the new school year which has started in earnest.

A very warm welcome back to Carson Street to our students and their families after the summer holidays. We are now in our eighth year as an Independent Public School. I hope you have all enjoyed spending some quality time with your family and friends and are ready to face the year ahead with us. We look forward to another successful term and year and will continue to focus on developing the quality of teaching and learning across all aspects of the school.

I would also like to welcome our new teachers Anna Ward (Bluegum), Graham Robinson (Wattle) and Catherine Curran (Banksia). Catherine is teaching in Banksia while Deanne Jones is on leave. In addition we have Speech Therapist Ruyi Tong and Occupational Therapist Shahrinaz Irani helping us one day per week by providing assistance to the classrooms.

We are committed to providing the best education for our students and are passionate about providing them with meaningful learning experiences which promote their development. At the centre of our beliefs is our commitment to meaningful partnership with our parents, peers, and professional partners.

Schools Resourcing (Student Funding)

My special thanks to Deputy Ros Hamling who has once again worked over the break to ensure that our students are adequately resourced and we are well staffed. In addition we are most appreciative of the information families have supplied to support and enhance these applications.

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.



School Uniform

We would like all students to wear our school uniform each day. The uniform consist of red polo shirts and sweat shirts with royal blue shorts and pants. These can be purchased from Target, Kmart and Best & Less for a very reasonable price.

School Hours

Please note the school day is from 8.30 until 2.30 and it is important that students arrive on time to maximise the benefits of their program and so that other classmates are not inconvenienced. If your child is sick and not attending please notify the school administration ASAP on 93617500 and they will pass the message on to the teacher.



Spot the Changes Around the School

IKEA Kitchen

Music teacher Tom Schoenmakers, Technical Officer Les Ozsdolay and Gardener Mike Ozsdolay installed an IKEA kitchen for us in the staffroom during the break. The school is most grateful for their dedication and expertise. I'm sure that everybody who sees the end result will be just as impressed as I was.

New Kindergarten Building

Pre-Primary Teacher Josie Vanweerden and her team have moved into the new transportable classroom (Rosegum) which was delivered over the break and is sited at the back of Bluegum in the Early Childhood Area.

Naturescape

A nature playground was also installed just outside Greengum. This was funded by the Non-Government Centre Support after a successful funding application from School for Parents Inc.

Bike Week - Tuesday 21st 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 McCallum Park. The day's activities will be rounded off with a sausage sizzle generously provided by the Town of Victoria Park. Parents who attend are able to view a number of bikes which are suitable for children with disabilities before considering purchasing one for their child. The good news is that parents are able to apply to Variety for funding of a suitable bike.



Parents & Citizens Association (P&C)

The Carson Street community is justly proud of its hard working P&C members who have raised funds for many projects and provided a number of a playground items over the past many 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 P&C usually meet in weeks three and seven on a Wednesday morning at 9 am.

Introducing our Hard Working School Board

Our Board members provide an excellent balance of both support and challenge which ensures the school has an excellent reputation and continues to move forward. The current members are:

Staff: Ros Hamling, Shona Ballantyne, Sara O'Neill, Corina Botica, Les Ozsdolay and John Exeter.

Parent members: Lisa Wells and Lisa Johnson.

Community members: Darryll Ashworth, Ben Wyatt MLA, Liz Green P&C President, Linda Eaton (President of CECWA), Lynne Anderson and Sue Carpenter, with Michele Fletcher co-opted from the Town of Victoria Park.

We are most grateful to Les Ozsdolay for once again accepting the role of Chair. Principal

Ambulance Insurance

Just a reminder that ambulance insurance is always recommended for our students.

KidSport

Parents and carers are reminded that funding can be applied through KidSport. Control click to go to <http://www.dsr.wa.gov.au/funding/individuals/kidsport>



Staff here look forward to your input into student IEP's and I'm sure 2017 is going to be another great year at Carson Street.

Best wishes for the challenges ahead,

John Exeter

P&C News...

On Wednesday 15th February 2017, the Carson Street School Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) held its Annual General Meeting. It was great to see a good turn out and so many new faces.

The following committee was voted in:

President: Liz Green

Vice President: Sue Carpenter

Secretary: Lisa Wells

Treasurer: Janice Greaves

Committee: Belinda Hall, Matthew Hall, Brooke Hill, Chris Stynes, Margaret Mtambara, Saira Shaheen, Hayat Mohamed, Sally Coad

Events coming up...Easter raffle, "Entertainment Book" fundraiser. We look forward to a fantastic and productive year. Liz Green, P&C President

Conductive Education...

A special welcome to our new Kindy families, most of whom have moved on from Parent and Child and to those who have joined us from our satellite class. We also have some students who are new to school this year in our older CE cohorts. We currently have 48 students in CE across 7 classes.

We welcome Aspects of CE (ACE) teacher Sarah Rowe back to CSS from Burbridge. We have two other teachers joining us as ACE teachers this year; Rose Linton who has had some prior CE experience within CSS and Connie Jakopo who is new to our CE programme but has been at CSS as a teacher for a number of years.

13-17th of March is Conductive Education Awareness week so please put the date in your diaries! Watch this space for details of how we plan to celebrate!

We are all looking forward to a year of fun and learning within CE.

Shona Ballantyne CE Coordinator





Wattle...

Hi Everyone,

As the new 2017 classroom teacher of Wattle I wanted to introduce myself and tell you a little about myself and the support staff within the classroom. For the past 6 years I have been working as a Consultant Teacher with the School of Special Education Needs: Disability, in both the Disability High Support Service and Autism Education Service. In his capacity I was fortunate to be able to travel to WA public schools across the state supporting students with a variety of learning and complex disabilities. This was a very rewarding role for me and allowed me to support numerous students develop their individual capacity emotionally, academically and socially.

I believe every student has the capacity to learn and become the best they can be regardless of the obstacles they may have to face and overcome. I have a passion to teach and develop effective communication strategies to promote a better future for my students.



During 2015 I was seconded to work at Applecross Senior High School as the Transition Teacher to support 19 Autistic Year 7-8 students. In this capacity I was able to support the full time inclusion of all students in the regular mainstream setting throughout the school year. Never working as a mainstream teacher, this was an extremely challenging role but one I am grateful I had, with all my students achieving some level of academic success, greater inclusion, self-regulation and all developed friendships.

Now to introduce my staff joining me are four fabulous Education Assistants they are Sam Newton, Jenny Muhleisen, Ingrid Teilmann and Tash Tassone. All these ladies bring a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the classroom and together we look forward to developing and creating a positive, engaging classroom for all students. Additionally the onsite specialist teachers and therapists conclude the team here at Carson Street and we all have the one common goal to ensure all students develop and shine.



I look forward to meeting with all my parents and getting their insights in working with the each and every child to create a united team.

Thank you,
Graham Robinson



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Room 7...

Welcome to a new look Room 7 - closer to the front entrance for those quick drop offs/pick ups - and a whole new team. I have to admit that we've had fun getting to know each other and seeing the tricks and treats that everyone has to offer. Can I just say there are more treats than tricks at the moment??

Charlotte has been warmly welcomed into the group by Lola, Alex, Aralie and Orlena. The fact that Charlotte's first piece of communication was to ask for the girls' toilet to be brightened up made her popular with the girls! We look forward to more changes around the school because of her new perspective.

We have had lots of fun in the library, doing our bush art painting, planting a herb bowl, exploring AAC devices and other technology, culminating in wearing our angels' wings for International Angelman Day. We look forward to keeping you entertained during our next newsletter articles.

Rose,
Suzanne,
Mariko,
Kathy
and Daniel.



Rosegum...

Welcome to Rosegum. We are located in the brand new building behind the gums. In our room there are six wonderful boys. The staff in the room include myself, Josie Vanweerden and five Education Assistants across the week, Ruth, Lindsey, Alison, Nicki and Amy.



We have already made a terrific start to the school through our *All About Me* term unit and are forming great relationships in the room.

We all look forward to a fantastic term.



Bluegum

Welcome to 2017! The Bluegum students and staff have had a wonderful start to the school year. Our class is made up of a mixture of Kindergarten, Pre-Primary and Year One students and is staffed by two experienced teachers Anna Ward (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays) and Tiffany Langoulant (Thursdays and Fridays). We are very lucky to have five hardworking, skilled and dedicated Education Assistants.

Our theme for this term is 'Under the Sea'. Our priority focus areas are: promoting independence, communication and interpersonal skills as well as encouraging appropriate school behaviour.



An important time to build independence is meal times. In Bluegum the students are at various stages of development, but are all working towards learning to feed themselves and this is a skill that can also be practiced in the home setting.

Well done to all the Bluegum students on a successful start to term one we are very proud of all of them.

Best wishes from the Bluegum Team.

Yellowgum...

Happy Valentine's Day!

Yellowgum students and staff have had an awesome start to 2017! This week we had great fun discussing friendship and making Valentine's Day cards for our friends.



From the Department of Education... Regular attendance at school is fundamental to your child's learning. Consistent attendance and participation are essential for your child's social and academic learning.

As parents or legal guardians of an enrolled child, you are responsible under the *School Education Act 1999* to ensure the attendance of your child at school every day. It is important to assist your child's achievement and learning by making regular school attendance a priority in your child's life.

The Department of Education's Student Attendance policy require parents/guardians to provide an acceptable explanation to the school principal for any absence of their children. The Act defines health, religious and cultural observances as reasonable cause for a school absence.

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Banksia...



Banksia have started a garden with vegetable seeds. We mixed soil to help our plants grow. We use a special grow light and take care of our little garden. Students have been watering their own seed pets and can't wait for their seeds to sprout.

Room 8...

Room 8 is a Year 3 to Year 5 Conductive Education classroom. We have 6 wonderful students.

We have been setting up our daily routine and getting familiar with our very busy timetable. Our topic is the weather & extreme earth in Term 1.

We have been learning about the summer (activities, clothing, values etc.) and different types of weather conditions. Our students have



been showing a great interest in our topic and getting to know all the new people in the classroom. We are looking forward to have a very exciting year ahead with lots of fun and learning opportunities.

Laura and her team

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Room 9...

Room 9 has had a good start to the year with most activities having kicked off in the second week.

Our class programs this year include Literacy, Numeracy, Art, Society and Environment, Science, Technology and Enterprise, Physical Education, Swimming and Music. In Society and Environment we will be looking at four themes, Seasons, Farming, Pets and the Solar System.

Each one of these themes will be explored each term and will be embedded in the various curriculum areas.

This term we are learning about seasons and the children have been doing lots of activities around this topic. We look forward to a good year in 2017.



Summer Holiday Program...

Well done to the staff and students who participated in the very successful Summer Holiday Program. Thanks also to the following sponsors for their generous contributions:

City of South Perth	\$1,000.00
Carson St School P & C	\$2,000.00
Perth Airport	\$3,000.00
Town of Vic Park	\$3,000.00
CECWA	\$5,000.00



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Belmay



This year we welcomed 2 Pre-Primary students and 1 student from Banksia who is being transitioned.

In 2015 the Belmay Satellite class was given the opportunity to move into a very large classroom which used to be the old Library. Carson Street spend a lot of money to make the classroom an inviting learning environment for the student, by putting in new blinds and furniture, however the exterior was quite an eye sore with bare water stains making it look its age! Last year Mr Baxter came to the rescue! As part of his Art lesson he got the students to draw different types of flowers which were placed in a collage effect and transferred onto our front wall and painted by the students. What was so special about it was he chose Mandy and Ryan's work to be part of the mural. Mrs Gillett, the Principal of Belmay Primary then has the rest of the front wall painted.

So now our classroom has gone from drab to FAB!



Redgum...

Welcome to Redgum CE Pre-Primary class!

This term we have two teachers across the week: Shona Ballantyne, Teacher / Conductor, Monday - Wednesday and Evelyn Greenway, Teacher, Thursday - Friday.

We have 7 students and are very lucky to have an amazing team of Education Assistants working with us: Cinnamon, Bernadette, Kaoru, Jo and Tye who are all very experienced in working within CE, in manual handling and communication.

Throughout the year we will be doing lots of learning through play and will actively participate in fun experiences around the school and out in the community. Communication will play a big part of our daily lives.

On Monday and Tuesday mornings we join in with the other CE students for task series groups. This is where we learn all of the skills that we need to use to access our learning and to try new and more difficult things. We've started our swimming and music lessons which are firm favourites and are looking forward to joining the whole school for assemblies every Wednesday. Together we are going to be a pretty awesome class!



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Belmont Forum Award...

Congratulations to Hayley for receiving the Belmont Forum Award for being a caring and responsible member of her classroom.



A big **THANK YOU** to Asha Coad's family and to Nathan Russell's family for their generous donations to Carson Street School of their Bodycycle bikes now they have grown out of them.

Students of Carson Street School will now be able to enjoy these bikes now.

From the Nurses...


There has been a recent outbreak of gastro in the community. If your child has any loose bowel action or vomiting please restrict your child from school for 48 hours after last loose bowel action or vomit.

If your child shows signs and symptoms of gastro at school you will be asked to come to collect them.

Please feel free to contact the nurses if you have any queries.

Carson Street School Nurses






Angelman
Syndrome
Association
of WA.

International Angelman Day—Wednesday 15th February

Congratulations to all the staff and students for participating in International Angelman Day by dressing in blue or dressing as an angel for a gold coin donation and raising \$84.00. The Angelman Syndrome Association of WA supports, informs, educates, networks and advocates for families of children with Angelman Syndrome.





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What's on . . . what's coming up . . .	
Monday 6th March	Labour Day
Saturday 18th March	Family Get Together - CSS playground
Tuesday 21st March	Bike Week Fun Day
Wednesday 5th April	Easter Parade and Raffle
Friday 7th April	Last day for Term 1
Wednesday 26th April	First day for Term 2 for students

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