



Carson Street School

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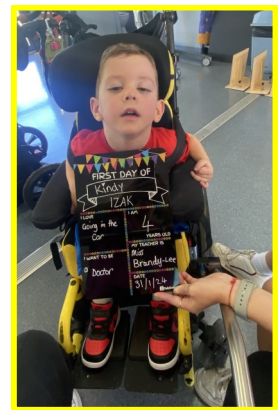
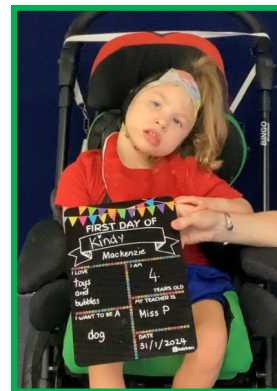
February 2024

Principal: Ros Hamling

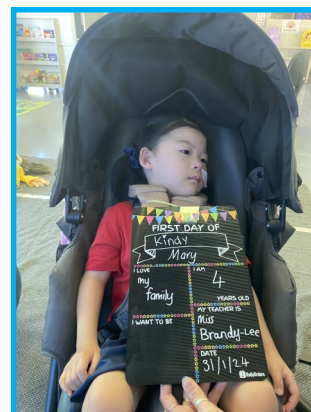
School Board Chair: John Exeter

P&C President: Lauren Kelly

## 2024 Green Gum Kindy



This year at Green Gum, we're thrilled to have two kindergarten classes. Our CE Kindy runs on Monday, Tuesday, and alternate Wednesdays during odd school weeks. THRIVE Kindy takes place on Thursday and Friday, as well as on Wednesdays during even school weeks. Students have been gradually adjusting to longer school hours, becoming accustomed to new routines, and building connections with their school community away from their families. Please welcome Green Gum Kindy!



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## From the Principal's desk ....

### Welcome to the new school year!

We're thrilled to return to our wonderful school in 2024, refreshed and ready to embrace our school's mission *to help every child shine*. We welcome both our returning and new families and hope your child experiences an exceptional educational journey at Carson Street School this year. The school year has begun smoothly with students and staff already celebrating achievements at the first school assembly held last week.

### In memoriam Amy Houchin

It is with heartfelt sadness that I share the sad news that education assistant, Amy Houchin, passed away during the summer break. Amy was a valued member of the Red Gum team during semester 2, 2023 and was to join the Blue Gum team in 2024. This has been an emotional time for our school community, however, we have many happy memories of Amy's time with our Carson Street family.

## The Rainbow Way

The Carson Street School culture is underpinned by our School Mission, our Key Mindset and our School Values, collectively known as The Rainbow Way. The Rainbow Way is about empowering students for life and we are passionate about helping every child to shine!

To support our values program, we have a school mascot called **Youcan the Toucan**. Youcan's role is to assist students to remember our 'Yes I Can' - Yes You Can' mindset. You may see images of Youcan around the school reminding us to be positive and helping us to be the best we can be!

### School Development Days

Staff were fortunate to begin the school year with a 'Starting Strong' presentation from

motivational speaker Brendan Spillane. We continued this journey with positive culture and wellbeing speaker Toni Powell as we explored ways that will assist us to be 'happy, healthy educators'. Carson Street School is committed to promoting the Education Department's vision to provide 'a wellbeing culture that connects, supports, develops, and empowers staff to strengthen their health, safety and wellbeing and contribute to the wellbeing of others'.

### Jacaranda and Myrtle Classrooms

The school opened this year with two more transportable classrooms. The 2023 Student Council chose the names Jacaranda and Myrtle. They were both ready for students on the first day of the school year. I would like to acknowledge Corina Botica, our Manager Corporate Services and Mike Ozsdolay, our Gardener for managing the project and ensuring the buildings were ready for use on Day 1. Thanks also to Mike for keeping the school grounds well-watered while we waited for a bore replacement!

### Individual Education Planning

Teachers are well underway developing each child's Individual Education Plan (IEP). Families are encouraged to attend their child's IEP meeting. This meeting provides an excellent opportunity to share information relating to the child's needs and to the additional support that is vital to the child's educational program. Parents and caregivers play a key role in developing a quality IEP, helping to ensure their child is making progress.

### Conductive Education News

Conductive Education Week will run from the 11th to the 15th March. This year will be the 20th year of CE in WA, so watch for more information about the special events that will take place during this time.

Wishing you all the best  
Ros Hamling  
Principal

## P&C News . . .

The P & C welcomes all families back to school with an especially huge welcome to all of our new families!

We have been busy working on our planner for the year and we have lots of things in the works which we think everyone will enjoy.

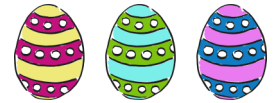


- New families morning tea 9:30am Thursday 29 February.

- P&C / AGM meeting 9:30am Thursday 14 March.

Carson Street School Fun Day 10am—12 midday  
Thursday 21 March

The P&C is also busily preparing for the Easter Raffle. Stay tuned for more information



The P&C is always looking for new members. Our meetings run for one hour, twice a term. Come in, say hello and have a cuppa - it would be lovely to see some new faces at our next meeting on **Thursday 14 March!**

See you soon,  
Lauren Kelly  
P&C President

## From Christa, Chaplain

Welcome back beautiful Carson Street Family!!! A very special welcome to new families who have joined our school for 2024.

I trust that your child has settled well into their new classroom with new teaching staff and new friends. We were happy to see our wonderful students returning to school after the holidays, most of them with big smiles on their faces. That brings us all so much JOY!!

We have been hit hard with a few very hot days over the last month. It is difficult when our students are not able to go outside to have a play. I find the heat challenging but try to stay positive saying to myself "February is a short month and supposed to be the end of summer".

Theodore Roosevelt once said: *"Do what you can, with what you have, where you are"*. I hope this will be an encouragement to you all for 2024, and that we all will be able to look back in a few years time to celebrate this.

I am available Monday to Thursdays from 8am – 3:30 pm if you want to pop in for a chat or a cuppa.

All the best for 2024. I trust it will be a great year and that you will have many opportunities to make beautiful memories with your loved ones.

Warm Regards,

Christa

YouthCARE Chaplain



## Myrtle Class

Myrtle Class students have adapted smoothly to their new classroom setting, impressing us with their skills. They've taken great joy in participating in various activities such as swimming, music, STEM, art, and cooking. During playtime,



they have enjoyed cruising on bikes or unwinding on the swing, making the most of their time at school. We are excited to keep you updated on tall of the adventures and activities Myrtle Class has planned for the rest of 2024!



## A Message from the Nurses.....

### Sun Safety

Enjoying the sun and outdoor play is a favourite pastime for Australian families. All family members should follow the 5 S's to stay safe in the sun:

- **Slip** on clothing that covers arms and legs
- **Slop** on 50+ or higher broad-spectrum sunscreen
- **Slap** on a broad brimmed bucket or legionnaire hat
- **Seek** shade
- **Slide** on wraparound sunglasses



Children with an intellectual disability are at particular risk on hot days. Things to consider:

- Offer drinks every 20 minutes
- Children who cannot move or change position by themselves may become sunburnt quickly
- Some medications cause heat intolerance and extra care is required to keep children cool
- Dress your child in loose fitting clothing so sweat can evaporate
- Children may not be able to communicate feeling unwell due to heat stress
- Heat-induced seizures may occur

For more info, click on below link: [How to be SunSmart \(healthywa.wa.gov.au\)](https://healthywa.wa.gov.au)

## Conductive Education

The Conductive Education Charity of WA (CECWA) kindly donated two Petra race runner bikes to school. We can't wait for some cooler weather to trial them outside.

We have some exciting upcoming events to celebrate Conductive Education Awareness Week.



**CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF CONDUCTIVE EDUCATION AT CARSON STREET SCHOOL**

Join us for a **Funday**

**THURSDAY**  
21 MARCH, 2024

**FROM**  
09:30 AM - 12.00 PM

**AT**  
CARSON STREET SCHOOL

Animal Farm - Face Painting  
Bubble Show - Mounted Police  
Variety Club and lots more...

Conductive Education Charity of WA

**Monday 11 March – wear blue for CE**  
**Tuesday 12 March – move for CE**  
**Wednesday 13 March – student council activity**  
**Thursday & Friday 14/15 March – I can... posters.**

On Thursday 21st March we will be celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Conductive Education at Carson Street School. This is a huge achievement and we would like everyone to come along to our Carson Street School Fun Day and help us celebrate. Fliers to follow shortly.

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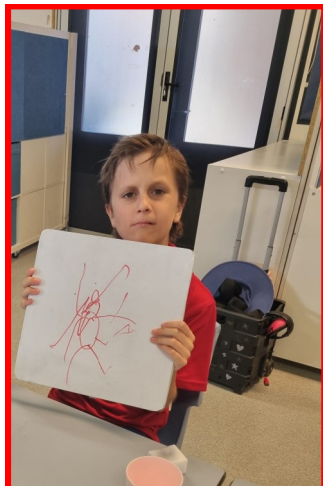
## Red Gum



In Red Gum we have been working on our hand movements during Task Series to complete a display frame we can use throughout the year to display our work. Some students are less enthusiastic to use their hands, but we have had great success and improved hand movements already. I am excited to have them up in our classroom next week.

## Banksia

Banksia students have been having fun settling into the new school year. They have all been engaging in a variety of activities from cooking, writing and desk work activities as well as spending some time chilling out and trying to stay cool in the heat.

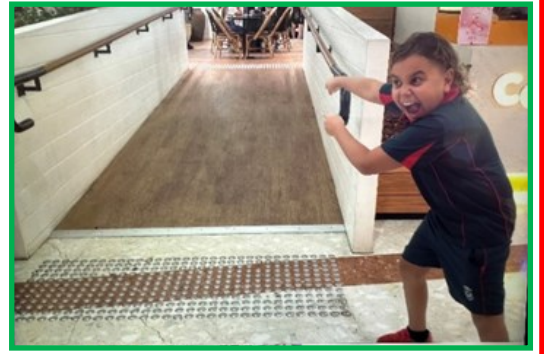


## REACH

The REACH class have been busy starting our 2024 term 1 being scientists!

We have discovered what a simple machine is and how there are six types: levers, screws, wheels and axles, pulleys, inclined planes and wedges. These machines are devices that change the direction of a force.

We went looking for these machines in a shopping centre and found lots! We took photos of them on an iPad when we found them. When we visited Bunnings, we found lots there too and we participated in making a wooden box that we put together with screws and a screwdriver in a workshop. When we got back to school, we painted the box.



We presented an assembly item that incorporated pushing and pulling to keep us fit as well.

As a class, we made our very own rollercoaster. The students worked together using the visual instructions and problem solved to get the machine to work. We did a countdown to turn on the machine and it worked!

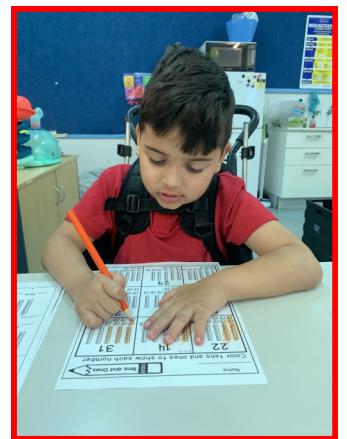
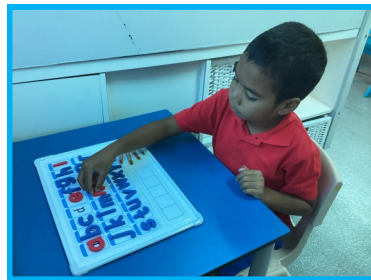


It has been an action packed start to 2024!

## Jarrah



We're half way through the term already and Jarrah class have done a fabulous job of settling into their new class. We have been busy getting to know one another and doing a great job of following the rules and routines. Our theme is "Community Helpers". We hope you enjoy some photos of us enjoying our new class.



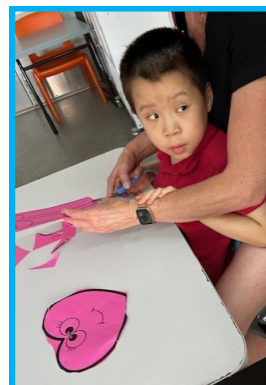
## Orange Gum

Welcome to Orange Gum! We have all settled into our new routines and are happily learning and exploring our new surroundings. The weather hasn't been too kind to us, so we have had lots of water play and have stayed indoors where the air conditioner has been so FANTASTIC!

So far, we have been learning about Chinese New Year and dragons. It has been fun! Then we learnt about Valentine's Day. We enjoyed making a special treat for our family, who we all love very much.

Here are some photos of our dragons and Valentine's Day activities.

We are looking forward to Community Access and going to Zone Bowling. We are sure it will be super enjoyable!





## Wattle

Fridays in Wattle are a fun day! In gardening we have been learning how things grow. So far we have grown tubers (sweet potato), seeds (basil) and bulbs (garlic). We can't wait to see how they will grow.



In the afternoons we have been learning about the Noongar Seasons. Every week we create collage paintings based on a different Noongar Season.



## Wisteria

Wisteria students are thrilled to return to school and reunite with their friends. As we return to school, excitement fills the air as we embark on a thrilling journey of learning about dinosaurs. We're ready to dive into the world of prehistoric giants, exploring their mysteries and uncovering ancient secrets. Let's make this school year a roaring success as we learn, grow, and have fun together!



## Jacaranda

In Jacaranda we are having lots of fun learning, playing, and cooking together. For Valentines Day we made cards and cookies for our mums and dads to show them how much we love them. What a great start to the year with lots of love to share in Jacaranda.



## Blue Gum

Welcome to Blue Gum for 2024.

Blue Gum students were straight into fun activities when they returned to school and have settled back into school life with smiles on their faces and a little extra mischief that they have acquired over the summer holidays.

This term's class programs include Literacy, Numeracy, Art, Swimming, Music and PMP. All these programs have started quite well, and students participate in them with great enthusiasm.

Unfortunately, the hot weather has lingered far longer than we would have liked which resulted in the kids getting to know every single nook and cranny of the air-conditioned classroom during lunch play.

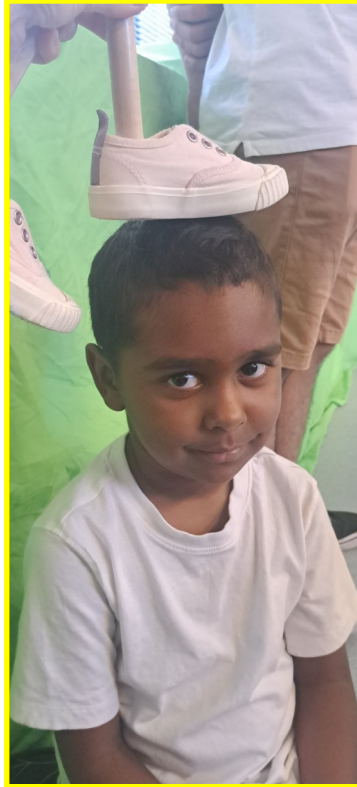


A highlight of our return to school has been the Sensorium Theatre where the kids have been experiencing the story Ten Tiny Things with lots of singing and interactive elements.



## Rose Gum

Rose Gum have come back to school with a bang! We have been to Sensorium, which was amazing. We loved every minute! We have dressed up as astronauts in STEM and are learning all about space. We have been doing a lot of art, painting with different tools, including our hands. We have been trying out different toys as well, as it is our term topic.



## Yellow Gum

Yellow Gum students have enjoyed a wonderful start to 2024. They have delighted in music lessons, explored in STEM, been immersed in the interactive elements of Ten Tiny Things with Sensorium



Theatre and The Hungry Caterpillar, and been amazed by the Magic Carpet. We look forward to more exploring and enjoyment as the term progresses.

Lets go Yellow Gum!



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Championships are back for 2024! Participants aged 5+ of ANY Ability level are invited to enter. There are over 20 events including wheelchair slalom, short and medium distance races, jumps, throws and a range of modified events.

**Saturday 20 April from 9am**  
**Ern Clark Athletics Centre**  
**Wharf Street in Cannington \$20 per pers**

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17 Feb	Ayub	Wisteria	12 Mar	Norman	Banksia
18 Feb	Simba	Blue Gum	14 Mar	Declan	Green Gum
18 Feb	Zachary	Blue Gum	15 Mar	Cyril	REACH
20 Feb	Celeste	Blue Gum	25 Mar	Devlin	Green Gum
23 Feb	Christopher	Banksia	27 Mar	Michael	Wattle
25 Feb	Winston	Yellow Gum	29 Mar	Bradley	REACH
27 Feb	Carlos	Jarrah			
28 Feb	River	Jarrah			



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

Wednesday 28 February	Jarrah assembly 9am.
Thursday 29 February	New families morning tea 9:30am.
<b>Monday 4 March</b>	<b>Labour Day public holiday.</b>
Week 7 (starting Monday 11 March)	CE Awareness Week.
<b>Monday 11 March</b>	<b>Wear blue for CE awareness.</b>
Wednesday 13 March	Red Gum assembly 9am.
<b>Thursday 14 March</b>	<b>P&amp;C Annual General Meeting 9:30am Carson Street School.</b>
Thursday 21 March	Carson Street School Fun Day 10am—12 midday.
Thursday 28 March	Last day of Term 1.
<b>Friday 29 March</b>	<b>Good Friday public holiday.</b>
<b>Monday 15 April</b>	<b>Staff Development Day. No students.</b>
<b>Tuesday 16 April</b>	<b>First day of Term 2 for students.</b>

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