

## Technology and Enterprise

September 2013



### BELMAY SATELLITE CLASS—LIFE SAFETY SKILL LESSONS

Carson Street School staff member Tye Ranieri has been conducting Life Safety Skill lessons with the Belmay students. The classes teach students



how to work safely with a variety of tools and about the importance of wearing protective clothing when using equipment. The students have all really enjoyed the classes.



### SCHOOL STAFF IN VARIED ROLES



Education Assistant Dallas Bird (left) has been given time each Thursday to assist with the introduction of iPads into the classroom. She searches for appropriate apps and has them installed on student iPads. Ann Gray (right) is our ICT jack of all trades and she works tirelessly to assist teachers with their classroom programs and providing photos for the regular

newsletters. In addition she is the editor and producer of the annual calendar which is sent home to parents. Staff and students are justifiably proud of the finished product each year and it is well received by parents and friends.



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

The theme for this month's newsletter is Technology and Enterprise which in the new Australian Curriculum will become just Technology.

### Board Membership

At the recent meeting Board Chair Les Ozsdolay welcomed the new board and thanked them for their support of the school and its students. For your information the following is an explanation of the different types of membership.

### Parent Members

There are two parent members. Liz Green our P&C President and mother of Danny and Stephen was elected by her committee to represent them. Lisa Wells-Wright, mother of Clare was elected unopposed by the general parent population. Parent members are entitled to serve out their term of office (3 years) even if their child has left the school.

### Community Members

Community members are appointed by the board to represent community interests. They can be people who live and work in the local community or anyone else who is committed to the good management and success of the school. Current members are Darryll Ashworth Managing Director, Metier Consulting (a long-time benefactor of the school) and Ben Wyatt MLA (our local Member of Parliament). Sue Carpenter previously was employed by the Department of Education and has a wealth of experience in the education sphere. Shane Jez is the new President of the Conductive Education Centre of WA (CECWA) which is very supportive of our specialist program and the school in general. Nichola Tomkins is the current representative of the Town of Victoria Park and is a non voting member. The school has a close and rewarding relationship with the Town Council as a whole.

### Staff Members

The principal is an automatic member of the board. The other staff board members are elected by the teaching and non-teaching staff at the school. Current staff members are Les Ozsdolay (re-elected chair), Ros Hamling Deputy Principal, Shona Ballantyne (Conductive

Education Coordinator), Kate Wilson (representing Teaching staff) and Mim Little (representing Education Assistants/Support Staff).

Board members may come from different backgrounds but they have one thing in common: they are dedicated to ensuring that the children in our school have the best educational outcomes possible.

On behalf of the school community I offer my congratulations to Teacher Conductors Shona Ballantyne (our Coordinator) and Natalie Fitzpatrick who will be presenting at the 8<sup>th</sup> World Conductive Education Conference in Munich during the holidays. In no small way this brings our CE program into focus on the world stage, and the acceptance of their presentations is a tribute to their knowledge and leadership in the field.

Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday

John Exeter

## REMINDER for payment of Voluntary Contributions

For all families who have paid the \$60 Voluntary Contributions for 2013, we thank you.

If you've not yet paid the Contributions for your child, you may still do so—either via the class teacher, directly to the office, or via Direct Deposit into the Carson Street School bank account, as follows:

**BSB: 066 040**

**A/C: 1990 1199**

*(Please quote the child's surname as a reference)*

This money goes towards funding essential classroom resources for the children.

## P&C News . . .

### Disabled Children's Foundation Raffle

Thanks to a bonus by the Foundation of \$250.00, our total for this raffle is \$1682.00.

### Bikes Not Barriers

Although we weren't the winner from this State, we were lucky enough to be awarded \$1000.00 for putting in such a great effort. This money will go towards purchasing another modified bike for our children.

### Quiz Night

This is our major fundraiser for the year. This year we made \$7,600.00, which is a great effort for such a small school. Money raised will be used to purchase specialised outdoor equipment.

### Upcoming Events.

In October we will be having our Fun Day. There will be an animal farm, train rides, bouncy castle, pony rides, animal balloons and much more. The cost for the day will be \$5.00 per child. This includes a sausage sizzle lunch and a drink. More details to follow early Term four.

### Disco

Our second Disco is tentatively booked for November. This will be another fun event.

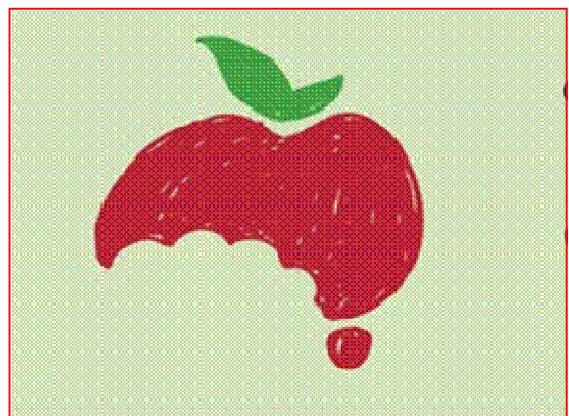
Hoping everyone has a safe and happy holiday.

Best Regards

Liz Green  
President

## The Great Aussie "Crunch 'n Sip"

On Wednesday 18th September our school nurses organised our annual Crunch 'n Sip day and managed to feed 54 students, 49 teachers and education assistants, 9 parents and visitors and 2 siblings—a deliciously HUGE effort. We thank our wonderful nurses for this event.



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## Belmay Satellite Class Shows 'Enterprise'

During the past two years the Satellite Class has held their Annual Camp at Cunderdin Agricultural College. We were very spoilt with the minimal charge for 5 star accommodation, food and activities! This year we will be going to Landsdale Farm and we realised that in



order to reduce the cost for our parents we needed to fundraise. With the generosity of Mrs Travers' daughter Michelle who kindly donated some wonderful items for our Raffle, we were able to raise \$420! Our thanks go to the Carson Street



throughout our fundraising efforts. The senior students kept an eye on the final count! - \$420!! Every coin was accounted for! We also visited our 3 local Supermarkets asking for help. Our thanks go to Woolworths in Victoria Park where we met the Manager Braden MacKenzie who kindly presented us with a \$60 voucher which we will spend in his store. We did not get to meet John Chantler who is the manager of Coles, but he kindly gave us a \$25 voucher which we will also spend in his store. We thank them once again for their generosity.

School staff who always dig deep to help a good cause. We appreciated Mr Exeter's support



## Belmont Forum Encouragement Award

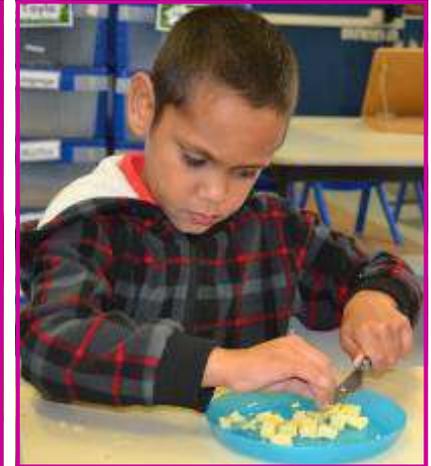
This month's recipient of the Belmont Forum Encouragement Award is David Lee. David receives a \$20 voucher to spend at the Forum. We are very pleased to receive this monthly award from Belmont Forum and we thank them for their continued support of the Belmay class.



## Banksia Class



Banksia students were very busy preparing themselves healthy snacks and working on their cutting, grating and spreading skills.



## Music at Carson Street

The Music Program at Carson Street is inclusive and interactive, encouraging co-operation between students as well as promoting independence through active learning.

The combined classes are made of multi-level, mixed ability groups. This affords students the opportunity to interact with those from other classes in a structured setting.

Activities range from highly structured action songs where everyone does the same thing, at their level, to exploratory play with music, where everyone does their own thing, but using the same props. Of course, there is always time for some music just to enjoy.





### Room 5 Ventures to Kings Park

As part of our learning of Aboriginal culture, Room 5 visited Kings park on the 18<sup>th</sup> September to participate in the Kulunga Katitjin (translated as 'knowledge for children' festival). We watched traditional dancing, didgeridoo playing, and explored some of the 40 stands that were on offer. The largest gathering of education providers and Aboriginal presenters come together in this one



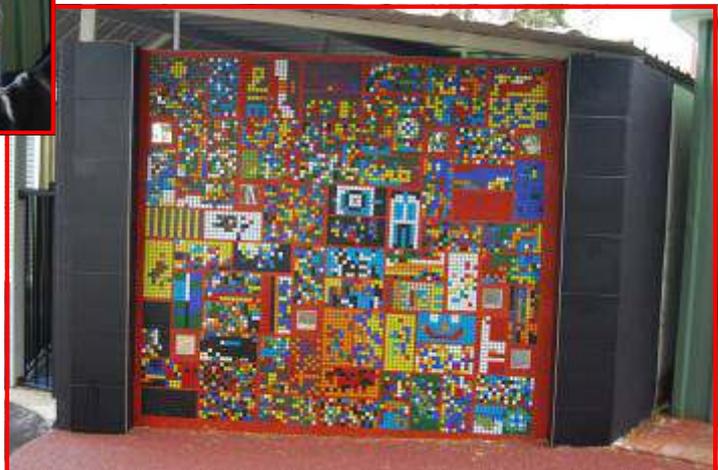
day celebration of local Aboriginal culture, inspiring science, environment and sustainability. We even participated in some music and dancing on stage! We had so much fun and met some interesting people!



### Mosaic Completed!!

The staff and students would like to thank Ray and Rowena for what can only be described as a labour of love on the completion of the mosaic wall. Parents will remember that some time ago our students worked individually on a mosaic project. Ray and Rowena have painstakingly put

the pieces together on a wall in the playground for everyone to interact with and admire. The school community thanks them both for this wonderful wall.





### Room 7



The theme for this term was 'Mini Beasts'. The class explored the theme through the different learning areas and students had lots of fun



making spider muffins, snail sandwiches, creating spider webs and making bubble bees. The class also had mini beast hunts in the school garden and got to look at some live mini beasts. This has been a very interesting topic and our students enjoyed the learning experience.



### Farewell Yvette

Last week we farewelled Yvette Theodorsen who has been part of our team as a speech therapist. We wish Yvette every success in her new job. From Yvette *"It has been a tough decision for me not to come back to my position at Carson St School, as I enjoyed it immensely. Working with your children in all areas of their education including their journeys toward communication competence has been an amazing experience, which has taught me so much, both professionally and personally. I would like to thank all families and staff for your support over the years, especially those of the CE Program. I wish you all well for the future and hope to cross paths with many of you again!"*

### Community Support Officer

We had another information morning tea on Tuesday 17 September when some very keen speakers from the Dreamfit foundation came to tell us of their services. They aim to find innovative solutions for the dreams and challenges of people with disabilities. Their website is [www.dreamfit.com.au](http://www.dreamfit.com.au). This would be well worth checking out for those who are interested. We were also fortunate to have Louisa Perroni from the Red Cross as our guest speaker on the 3rd September. Louisa informed us on the various carer support groups that are available through the Red Cross. Louisa also informed us of the launching of the Red Cross Carer's Website which will happen in October during Carers Week. They hold special events to help promote this. For more details on the above please contact Louisa Perroni, Community Care Services Co-ordinator on 9225 1998 or email [lperroni@redcross.org.au](mailto:lperroni@redcross.org.au). On Tuesday 6 August we held an Information Morning Tea with Jody Sparks from The Wheels for Hope Foundation. The Wheels for Hope is governed by the Motor Industry Foundation and offers assistance to promote mobility and independence to people with disabilities. It has funded wheel chair adapted vehicles, which is provided to eligible applicants for periods from 12 to around 24 months. Their website is: [www.wheelsforhope.org.au](http://www.wheelsforhope.org.au) Charmaine White also informed us of her website. This website aims to be a resource for kids, parents, siblings and carers and includes links for help and support, chat forums, A-Z lists of Medical Conditions and Directory of Services and Support Groups and much more. Her website is [specialaussies.com.au](http://specialaussies.com.au). Morning teas next term will be as follows:-

**Week 2 Tuesday 22 October Speakers:** from Medicare- Susan Thornton – Grandparent adviser/Carer Liason Shauna Hull – Medicare Senior Adviser Shelly Brady – Team Leader Carer Processing Team **Week 3 Tuesday 29 October Speaker:** A speaker from the Independent Living Centre will come and share information about their equipment and allied services

**Week 6 Tuesday 19 November Speaker:** Vicki Kay, Local Area Coordinator for Victoria Park.

### Family Picnic Day

We had such an enjoyable Saturday afternoon on the 21<sup>st</sup> that we thought we decided to have another Family Picnic Day on Saturday 19 October at Tomato Lake between 12 and 3pm. Please BYO everything and join us for a picnic.

## VIDEO FOR PARENTS

The Minister for Education has produced a short video message for parents about changes to school funding. The video can be viewed via the following link <http://www.premier.wa.gov.au/MINISTERS/PETER-COLLIER/Pages/Video.aspx>.

## Electronic Copy of Our Newsletter

Good communication is important to us. We know families prefer to receive information through a variety of different media so would like to make the newsletter available by email. Emailing the newsletter is our preferred distribution method as it will also help us to reduce costs thereby channelling more funds into learning resources. This also helps to reduce our impact on the environment.

However, we understand not everyone has access to email so we are happy to continue to send home a paper copy to these families:

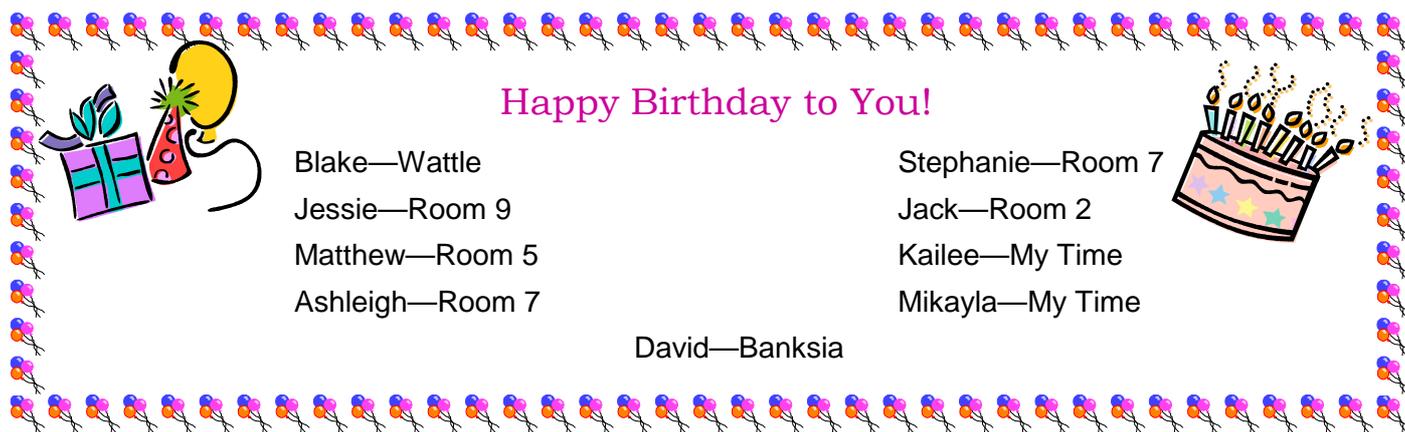
**Please let us know how you would like to receive the newsletter by returning this slip:**

Your name: ..... Your Child's Name: .....

Please continue to send a printed copy home with my child

◆ Please email the newsletter to me at this address:

◆ .....



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

Friday 27th September	Last day of term
Tuesday 15th October	Students return to school

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