



# CSS News

Term 1, 2021

Principal: Ros Hamling

Deputy: Peter Salleo

School Board Chair: John Exeter

P&C President: Lia Hackett

## REACH



We welcome Cyril to our class this year!

We have started the term with Aussie animals as our theme. We enjoyed the interactive story Wombat Stew and took turns at pretending to be a different animal from the story.

Cyril said "I like being the spiky one!" (echidna). Aahan said "I like being the emu."



REACH have had a busy start this term practising a dance and song for our first assembly. But that's OK because we are SUPERHEROES! The students, as always, were awesome at learning the new dance. They also spoke into a microphone explaining why they are superheroes:



*My name is Aahan and I'm a super hero because I put milk cartons in the yellow recycle bin.*

*My name is Ellaine and I'm a super hero because I'm kind to my friends and ask them to play.*

*My name is Austin and I'm a super hero because I help my friend Tyrese.*

*My name is Ken and I'm a super hero because I pack away.*

*My name is Tyrese and I'm a super hero because I like coming to school every day because it's lots of fun!*

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

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our families, friends and community. The school year began smoothly with two school development days, however this quickly changed with a week of COVID-19 lockdown, followed by a week of COVID-19 restrictions.

I commend our school staff for their professionalism and resiliency during this time. Thanks also to our families for your understanding with the rapid changes that occurred at this time. We appreciate the support you gave, especially with drop off and pick up arrangements and social distancing. Drop off and pick up arrangements are now flexible with choices for drop off at the classroom between 8.25am and 8.45am or you can request school staff to pick up and drop off at the car park.

I feel sure that our Rainbow Way school culture assisted us through difficult times during 2020 and will continue to do the same in 2021. With our 'Be Positive' mindset and a sincere belief in our core values, we are providing a supportive environment that allows the school community to experience a sense of belonging and wellbeing. Our excellent 2020 Pulse Survey results attest to this statement. You will find the Pulse Survey results on page four and five of this newsletter.



## New families morning tea

A morning tea for families new to the school was held on the 24 February. We have fifteen new families who have joined us since Term 2 last year, and we hope you experience a positive partnership with the school as your child begins or continues their educational journey at Carson Street.



## Seesaw App

The Seesaw Family trial for teacher/parent communication was rolled out earlier this term and 57 families have opted in to partake in the trial. In time, we aim to replace the Home &



School Diary with Seesaw Family, an electronic communication app. The feedback from families and staff has been very positive.

We also welcomed two new staff members to the Carson Street team: teacher Caitlin Beeson and education assistant Cristina Sorbilli-Negovetic. We wish them every success as they settle into school life at Carson Street.

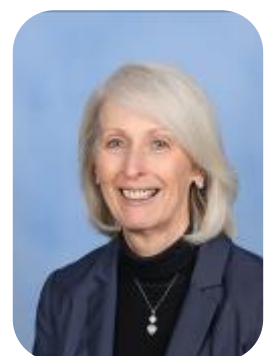
## Building Works

We were very pleased to receive a facilities upgrade over the summer break with the establishment of a purpose built bathroom in Room 8. Further renovations are expected during Semester 1 and once confirmed, we will advise parents of the plans and how the building works will impact access to parts of the school.



Wishing you all the best.

Ros Hamling  
Principal



## P&C News . . .

Welcome back to a new school year! For those new families that are joining us, a very warm welcome to you.

P & C is a representative committee established to work with the school on a range of matters including fundraising. Our latest fundraiser is to build a cover over the parent parking bays.

### Easter Raffle

Our first fundraiser for this year is the Easter raffle. Tickets have already been sent home. If anyone would like to donate chocolates to put towards prizes that would be very much appreciated. All donations can be left at the school office by Friday 26 March and winners drawn Thursday 1 April.

### Mothers Day

We will also be having a cookie dough fundraiser with Billie G's Gourmet Cookie and Biscuit Dough available to buy in a variety of flavours including doggy dough for your fur baby. More details to come in Term 2.

### Containers for Change Scheme

We encourage families to continue donating plastic containers to the Scheme. Our ID number is C10302546 in the name of Lia Hackett for the P&C.

Kind Regards

Lia Hackett P & C President



## From Marian, Community Support Chaplain

Dear Carson Street School community,

### NEW FAMILIES MORNING TEA

The year has begun with a morning tea to welcome new families to the school. It was lovely to meet the families and introduce some key staff and community members. New families have also been given a 'welcome pack' that includes a number of items including a 'Who's Who at Carson Street School' and a sunshine mug that symbolises the Rainbow Way culture of Carson Street School. We hope you enjoy your welcome pack and find it useful.

### FATHERING PROJECT

As part of the Chaplaincy programme for the school I will begin including in the newsletter some information from the Fathering Project website. The website features a number of resources, research and project information, fathering tips (and more) with the aim of improving child development outcomes.

Here is a link to the Fathering Project website that explains more about the project. I hope you find this useful in your amazing journey as a family. <https://thefatheringproject.org/about-us/>

### FAMILY GET TOGETHER

The Family Get-together this year was planned for the first school holidays, however, due to building works this will need to be postponed. Please 'watch this space' for when we will hold events for families at the school.

My usual days are Tuesdays and Wednesdays and I am available for confidential chats and catch ups over a coffee.

Warmest Regards,

Marian Tetlow 0432 570 768

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## Student Engagement Score – 73%

[41/64 Respondents]



Yes



Don't know



No

	2019				2020				2020
Target	T1	T2	T3	T4	T1	T2	T3	T4	Av.
75%	64%	67.30%	67%	69%	66%	77%	73%	73%	72%

I like school.	2019				2020				2020
	T1	T2	T3	T4	T1	T2	T3	T4	Av.
Yes	79%	70%	85%	83%	72%	77%	76%	83%	77%
Don't know	6%	13%	11%	15%	14%	17%	8%	12%	13%
No	15%	17%	4%	2%	14%	6%	16%	5%	10%

Learning is fun	2019				2020				2020
	T1	T2	T3	T4	T1	T2	T3	T4	Av.
Yes	61%	66%	62%	65%	67%	83%	78%	66%	74%
Don't know	21%	19%	18%	16%	23%	13%	8%	15%	15%
No	17%	15%	20%	19%	3%	4%	14%	19%	10%

I try my best at school.	2019				2020				2020
	T1	T2	T3	T4	T1	T2	T3	T4	Av.
Yes	52%	66%	62%	75%	59%	70%	66%	71%	67%
Don't know	13%	15%	25%	15%	26%	21%	26%	17%	23%
No	35%	19%	13%	10%	15%	9%	6%	12%	11%

**PMP** Students are working hard at PMP (Proprioceptive Motor Program) this year. We have been working on our motor skills including rolling, crawling, pushing and balancing



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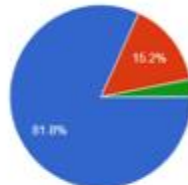
## Parent Engagement Score: 97%

Target <b>90%</b>	2019				2020				2020 Av.
	T1	T2	T3	T4	T1	T2	T3	T4	
Score	98%	100%	99%	98.5%	99.05%	97.82%	99.3%	97.0%	98.3%
Responses	14	9	35	33	26	34	35	33	32

● Strongly agree 
 ● Agree 
 ● Undecided 
 ● Disagree 
 ● Strongly disagree

I am happy sending my child to Carson Street School.

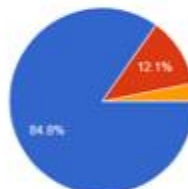
33 responses



	2019				2020				2020 Av.
	T1	T2	T3	T4	T1	T2	T3	T4	
+	100%	100%	92%	100%	100%	97.1%	100%	97%	98.53%
-	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2.9%	0%	3%	0.97%

Carson Street School provides a positive environment for my child.

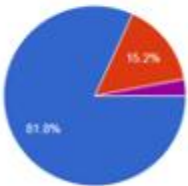
33 responses



	2019				2020				2020 Av.
	T1	T2	T3	T4	T1	T2	T3	T4	
+	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	97%	99%
-	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	1%

Carson Street communicates well with parents.

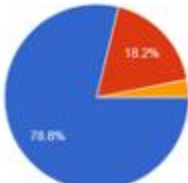
33 responses



	2019				2020				2020 Av.
	T1	T2	T3	T4	T1	T2	T3	T4	
+	92%	100%	97%	97%	96.2%	97.1%	97.1%	97%	96.85%
-	8%	0%	3%	0%	0%	2.9%	2.9%	3%	2.20%

Carson Street School meets the needs of my child.

33 responses



	2019				2020				2020 Av.
	T1	T2	T3	T4	T1	T2	T3	T4	
+	100%	100%	97%	90%	100%	97.1%	100%	97%	98.53%
-	0%	0%	3%	0%	0%	2.9%	0%	3%	1.48%

### Wattle

Wattle classroom has had an actioned packed start to 2021!

Look at our clever students doing their art work.



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## Green Gum

Well it's been a great first few weeks in the Green Gum class. Our eight boys have been getting to know each other, their teachers and their school environment.

Every day has seen them very busily painting, swimming, building, climbing, singing, dancing, reading, making mud pies and just enjoying themselves. We all look forward to coming to school to have lots of play while learning.

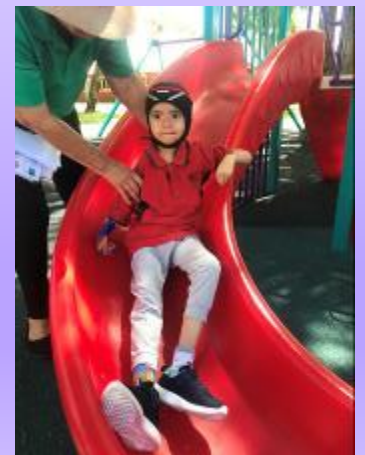


## Orange Gum

Welcome to the fun and learning in Orange Gum.

Hussain and Syahin are new to the school and are settling in with only a few tears and frustration that our classroom isn't actually the swimming pool—would have been nice!!

So far we have been working out our sensory needs and how to keep ourselves calm; trying out the work skills activities; finding out our individual strengths; and generally getting to know each other. It looks like it'll be a busy year!



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## Swimming



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## Room 9

Room 9 children are settling in very well to their new classroom and have so far been enjoying the different activities across the whole school. It has been great to see all the children happy and fully engaged in everything they do.

We look forward to a great term.



## Yellow Gum

In Term 1 Yellow Gum are learning about Dreamtime stories, this includes learning about the aboriginal culture. This week we have learnt about the colours of the Aboriginal Flag:

**Black** - represents the Aboriginal people of Australia.

**Yellow circle** - represents the sun, the giver of life and protector.

**Red** - represents the red earth, the red ochre is also used in ceremonies.





## Room 8

The students in Room 8 have enjoyed getting to know their new classroom with some old and new friends. Some of our friends have been sick this term so we can't wait until they return so we can all have lots of fun together!

Imogen is our Student Councillor, she was so excited to go to the first meeting, using her eye gaze communication device to say, "new present". She indeed did get a new present at the meeting, a Student Councillor badge and shirt (she chose pink!).

Damien has been working hard showing off his physical skills; standing, crawling and painting or drawing! He used his eye gaze communication device to complete the predictable chart writing sentence and write 'My favourite



colour is yellow' to add to our class book 'Favourite Colours'.

Russell has been so happy to be back at school seeing all of his friends! He really enjoyed his first play in the playground this year on the merry go round, Russell was laughing at the compliments he got on his cool sunglasses!



Gabriella has been such a superstar and has been trying so hard in her first few weeks of Kindergarten.

Gabriella has been sitting on her stool in the mornings practising her yes and no responses, listening to stories and of course having lots of fun playing with noisy toys and games on the eye gaze device. We are all looking forward to a fun year with lots of learning in Room 8!





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## Bulletin Board 2021

Green Gum are looking for a satellite dish to paint. Do you have an old one you can bring into the school?



Green Gum are making sensory boards for students. Do you have any fidget spinners you are no longer using?

The Student Council would like any Discovery Garden pots you are not using. They will use them in a CE Awareness activity.



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**Northam motoring history.**

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## Early Intervention

Our 0-4 Parent and Child groups returned to school and we've been busy meeting new friends and learning all about ourselves through our topic, 'All about me'. We have 14 children currently attending with a parent.

We now have three groups; First Steps which addresses the needs of children who are living with a physical disability and need to learn foundation skills, Stepping Stones, again for those whose main issue is of a physical nature but have already gained the foundation skills, and Milestones. This group is for any children who are not meeting developmental milestones.

We are looking forward to a year of fun, play, learning and laughter!



## Faction Captions

Following voting last week, please congratulate our new Faction Captains for 2021:



Blue  
Ken



Green  
Cooper



Yellow  
Tyrese



Red  
Minnie



## School Board Meeting

The annual general public meeting of the Carson Street School Board will be held on Thursday 27 May at 8.30am.

All interested families and friends of Carson Street School are invited to attend.

Please send RSVP to Corina Botica, Manager Corporate Services, by Thursday 20 May 2021. on [Corina.Botica@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Corina.Botica@education.wa.edu.au)

Evie	Yellow Gum	12 January	Ridhan	Red Gum	12 March
Musa	Room 9	14 January	Cyril	REACH	15 March
Christopher	Wattle	21 January	Emily	Orange Gum	26 March
Alisa	Red Gum	23 January	Bradley	Green Gum	29 March
Khalil	Green Gum	25 January	Tyrese	REACH	31 March
Holly	Banksia	30 January			
Zhiqing	Banksia	9 February			
Christopher	Green Gum	23 February			
Wayne-Carey	Room 9	25 February			
Massimo	Wattle	7 March			
Norman	Banksia	12 March			



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

Monday 15 - Friday 19 March	Conductive Education Awareness Week
Thursday 1 April	Last day of Term 1
Friday 2 April - Monday 5 April	Easter Weekend
Monday 19 April	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 20 April	First day of Term 2 for students

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