



June 2022

Principal: Ros Hamling

**Deputy**: Peter Salleo

School Board Chair: John Exeter

P&C President: Lia Hackett



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

A heartfelt thank you once again to our parents, caregivers and friends for the support you provided to Carson Street this semester. Maintaining strong family, school and community partnerships is essential, as by working together, our students are better able to attain their educational goals.

#### **New Families Morning Tea**

We hoped to welcome our new families this term with a face-to-face Meet and Greet morning tea. Unfortunately, the event was cancelled at short notice due to high staff and student absence created by COVID. Many thanks to Christa and Marian for their diligence in organising this event and we hope to provide our new families another opportunity next term.

#### Rainbow Week

Our annual Rainbow Week will be held in Week 10 this term. Just in case you're unfamiliar with The Rainbow Way, we have a school 'Culture Code' that has been developed to help us fulfil our school purpose of *Empowering students for life*.

Rainbow Week is all about celebrating and reinforcing the Rainbow Way, in particular:

Our Mission

Helping every child shine
— empowering our
students to achieve their
potential and helping
them be happy at school.

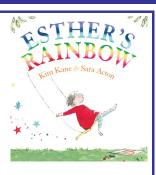
Our Key Mindset

Yes, I can! - encouraging our students to 'have a go!'

Our Values

6 Kinds of Best — encouraging our students to develop core values that will help them develop our '3 Big Skills' of Communication, Good Choices and Life Skills — and help prepare and empower them for life.

This year we are using the book Esther's Rainbow, by Kim Kane and Sara Acton, as the focus for Rainbow Week activities. This book is also on the list for the Premier's Reading Challenge.



#### **Therapy Focus**

We say goodbye to the Therapy Focus team based at Carson Street at the end of this term. As the school continues to grow, we require all the available facilities, so the current therapy team is relocating to their Bentley office. We have appreciated the accessibility and convenience the onsite service provided and look forward to continuing our partnership with Therapy Focus. We also thank them for outstanding service and collegiality during the past 25 years (at least)!

#### **Seesaw for Families**

We hope our families are engaging with the Seesaw for Families app. The school is aiming for all families to use the Seesaw app as the primary tool for daily communication, with the home-school diary phased out for most families by the end of term.

#### **Parent Pulse Surveys**

A short Pulse Survey has been emailed to families and a paper survey option sent home. It has been a challenging semester,

but if you have not done so already, we hope you find time to complete the survey. Your feedback is important as it provides data that helps us to improve our support for your child and the school community.

With the mid-year break approaching, I'll take this opportunity to wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday.

With best regards, Ros Hamling Principal

#### expert staff: exceptional programs

#### P&C News . . .

Dear parents and caregivers,

#### **Exciting news**

Carson Street School has again been chosen as a featured Community Group by Grill'd Victoria Park. All we need to do is place tokens into the container at Grill'd to be eligible for the prize money. The most tokens collected wins \$300. We have won 3-4 times now, including this year. Your support is much appreciated.





We are still participating in the Containers For Change initiative. You can help by placing plastic items into the bin at school, located near the Sensory Room, or by taking them to your nearest Containers For Change depot using ID number is C10302546 in the name of Lia Hackett. Click <a href="here">here</a> for your nearest return location. Thank you.

Kind Regards, Lia Hackett P & C President

#### From Christa, Community Support Chaplain

We have nearly made it to the end of Term 2, which also means we are halfway through the school year.



It was once again a challenging term in many ways. I want to thank everyone that has contributed to our school pantry, helping us support families that are experiencing a challenging time. If you are able to keep putting a few extra items in your shopping trolley to donate towards this, it would be greatly appreciated. It definitely makes a difference in the lives of people that are part of this amazing Carson Street community. We wish you all a wonderful holiday and hopefully you will manage to get a few sleep-ins during the cold winter mornings.

Be blessed - Christa du Plessis, School Chaplain



# School Photos: Wednesday 3 August

#### expert staff: exceptional programs

#### Green Gum

Green Gum has had a busy term. The students have shown that they are the 'Learning and Achieving Kind.' They have enjoyed painting, participating in sensory activities and practising their cooking skills by making delicious food.

















When: Friday 19 August @ 9am Where: Carson Street School

Melissa Evans, one of our school parents, has kindly offered to host an information session entitled:

# NDIS plans: How to get what your child needs, and how to appeal if they don't.





#### Conductive Education

We have had another busy term with our students making progress towards their targets. Reports are being finalised and you will see how amazing our students have been when you receive these.

Dr Melanie Brown, CEO, National Institute of Conductive Education, UK, has long been a supporter and mentor for us here at Carson Street School. She spent time here in 2018, delivering training to our Multi-Disciplinary Conductors and helped us plan for the set-up of the CE high school program at Castlereagh School. Mel has been a voice for CE across the World and is widely known and highly respected. We would like to acknowledge everything that Mel has contributed to CE over the past 30+ years and wish her well as she retires.



On 16 June, Ros Hamling, Principal, Shona, CE Coordinator, Andrea and Roberta, Sensory Coordinators, attended the launch of the fabulous new sensory room at RehabMe & Saba Rose Button Foundation's premises on Stirling Highway. We saw lots of exciting, innovative sensory items that we plan to purchase for our upgraded Sensory Room. Watch the newsletter for updates!



Dr Melanie Brown with MD Conductors, Suzanne & Mariko and CE Program Coordinator, Shona.



#### **REACH**

REACH students have been very busy this semester, learning new skills and mastering goals.

What is inspirational to witness is the students' ability to never give up in the face of challenges no matter how tricky subtraction is, telling important news, spelling 'at' words or drawing how you feel. Keep reaching for the stars REACH students.







#### Room 8

'People Who Help Us' is such a fun theme. The Room 8 students really enjoyed participating in all activities about the emergency services, police and firefighters: by listening to songs, reading books and writing sentences about what we learned; dressing up and role playing

police officers and firefighters,

playing board games and making art works.

We even created our own firetrucks

in Room 8. Here comes the Fire Truck! Oo-wee-ooo! Oo-wee-ooo!





Police Officer Russell on duty:

I'm a police officer with my star.
I help people near and far.
If you have a problem, call on me.
And I'll be there in one, two, three!

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#### Orange Gum

This term students in Orange Gum have had lots of fun-filled, exciting and interesting learning experiences.

We have been engaging in the morning circle routine and literacy program, learning about letters, words and how to write our names.

We have been communicating using our voices and/or communication devices to voice our opinion, needs, and our wants.

We have been exploring art materials with our collages and painting, and cooking foods with varying textures and tastes, e.g. crunchy, sweet, soft and salty.

When we are outside we have enjoyed maths sessions with building blocks, doing our perceptual motor program, and even had a visit from Monty the dog.

It has been a very busy term and all of our students have achieved beyond our expectations.













School Photos are coming! Wednesday 3 August



#### Wattle

This term has seen a few changes in Wattle class. We are settling into new routines and are beginning to add some fun elements into our learning.

In our cooking lessons we learned to sift, mix, and stir. We have made some very yummy new foods to try.

Our art lessons have been about weather. We created



amazing artwork with water paints and acrylic paints.

Our desk work has included learning how to form our letters better so that writing becomes easier. We are all working hard and learning a lot.





#### Red Gum









This term, Red Gum has enjoyed creating artworks and exploring colours and textures of materials. Abigail loves the feel of glitter on her hands. Ridhan always chooses purple. Zack can paint independently. Alisa thinks painting is great! Quinn was fascinated by the colour paddles. Ameliah likes the feel of paint on her hands. Minnie likes blue. Nate was excited to do art and was quick to choose his colours.









#### New Bike

At Carson Street School we are very grateful to have received the donation of a bike from the Rogers family. Our students will enjoy this addition to our outside area. Thank you very much!



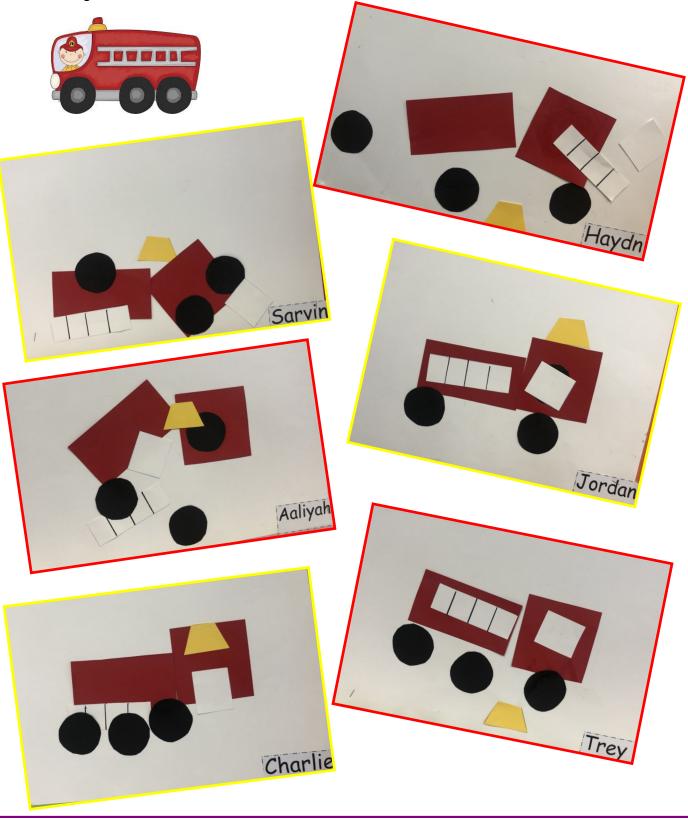






#### Yellow Gum

Yellow Gum Kindy have been learning all about transport this term. We looked at a picture of a fire engine that was made using shapes and tried to copy it to make our own. How good do our fire engines look!



#### Rose Gum

In Rose Gum we have been learning about the alphabet. Last week we were learning about the letter D and found different items starting with that letter. Syahin has a duck, Jacob has a die, Holly is holding a small drum and Sophia has a doll.















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## North Metropolitan TAFE—Training Opportunity

In Semester 2, 2022 North Metropolitan TAFE will be running several courses to prepare for work in schools and elsewhere. Since 2017, these courses have been a big success. We have had North Metropolitan TAFE students employed as gardeners, cleaners, school officers, education assistants and



librarians. Our courses are suitable for existing gardeners, cleaners, administrators, people looking to change career or people looking for a return to work.

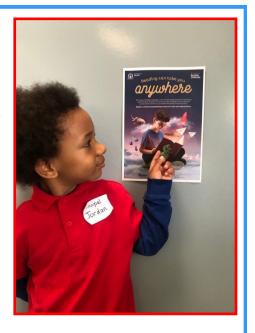
We have now increased our focus to offer SIS and Integris training and this course is available to Perth students on campus and country students via remote learning.

# Principal for the Day ...

Principal Jordan was in charge this term. He wanted everyone to read more, so everyone had some quiet reading time in class. He also worked on the many jobs that a Principal has to do such as highlighting important documents and having meetings with the Deputy in the corridor. Well done Principal Jordan. You ran the school so well.







6 June	Jordan	Yellow Gum
11 June	Haydn	Yellow Gum
11 June	Aaron	Wattle
13 June	Cooper	Orange Gum
19 June	Quinn	Red Gum
24 June	Damien	Room 8
24 June	Riley	Room 9
25 June	Elijah	Wattle
30 June	Ameliah	Red Gum

8 July Kaidence Room 8 25 July Joshua Blue Gum 27 July Sophia Rose Gum



What's on what's coming up		
Friday 1 July	Last day of Term 2	
Monday 18 July	Student Free Day	
Tuesday 19 July	First day of Term 3	
Wednesday 3 August	School Photos	
Friday 23 September	Last day of Term 3	