



Carson Street School

# CSS News

## December 2022

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School Board Chair: John Exeter

P&C President: Belinda Hall

### Graduation and Concert



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## From the Principal's desk

As Term 4 draws to a close and we reflect upon the year that was, I'm extremely proud of our achievements and I extend a special 'thank you' to our school community for your continued support. As I mentioned in my address at the Graduation Concert, community partnerships lead to improved educational outcomes and we hope to continue building these partnerships as we move forward.

### Farewell

The end of the school year is always emotional, as we say farewell to many of our students and their families. To our graduating Year 6 students, we wish you well in your secondary schooling. To our students who are leaving Carson Street and continuing their primary schooling elsewhere, we say a fond farewell and wish you all the best. Many thanks also to families and carers for allowing us to share your child's educational journey.



### Graduation Concert

The school's annual Graduation Ceremony and Concert was again a highlight in Term 4. This event provides us with an excellent opportunity to showcase the collective and individual talents of our students and to celebrate our achievements. Thanks go to our sponsors for their generosity in contributing towards our student awards. A thank you also to our school staff for the fantastic work they undertook behind the scenes to make this event a success.

### Acknowledgement

And while mentioning staff, I will take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank them for their response to the numerous challenges we faced this year. Due to COVID, the year began with uncertainty and rapid change, and this has not altered. Our staff are to be congratulated for



maintaining positive mindsets and a willingness to help others through difficult times. Their professionalism has enabled us to maintain our strategic priorities and continue our focus upon the wellbeing and education of our students.

I would also like to acknowledge the Child and Adolescent Health Service nurses who are partnered with Carson Street this year. Our community health nurses are critical in helping us to provide a school environment where every child is safe and well, and this year the nursing team have gone above and beyond to meet this goal.

### International Day of People with Disabilities

To highlight this special day two events were organised, the first being a static display at Belmont Forum illustrating the fabulous programs we provide at Carson Street and the second was a bike ride along the river front with students from Wesley College and Carson Street. Many thanks to Roberta Taylforth and Marian Tetlow for their enthusiasm and organisation with the static display and to Wesley College staff and students. Students from both schools enjoyed the community experience and we hope to continue this collaborative partnership in 2023.



We have navigated through another challenging year and the Rainbow Way has helped to keep us focused upon the things that matter

most – being safe, well and happy. In closing I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and I hope you have an enjoyable holiday break.

With best regards  
Ros Hamling  
Principal

## P&C News . . .

A big 'thank you' to the Carson Street community for your support this year. We couldn't do it without you! This week we were pleased to celebrate our bus drivers with a wonderful end of year morning tea, showing our appreciation for all that they do. We have also held a display at Belmont Forum for International Day of People with Disability on 3 December, showcasing our amazing school.

We are pleased to announce that our recent Christmas raffle raised approximately \$1000. Fantastic effort!

It has been a very big year for the P&C and 2023 will be even bigger!

In 2023 we are excited to be holding a Mother's Day stall. This will give our students an opportunity to practise some life skills and learn more about money. Stay tuned.



Also, the Quiz Night is back! Add it to your calendar, **Saturday 12 August**, and make sure your thinking caps are ready.

In 2023 our fundraising goal is \$100,000, all to go towards upgrading the school playground. Let's see what we can do together!

## Retiree

Our school gardener, Neville, is retiring! For 12 years Neville has worked at Carson Street School as one of our school gardeners, although his other duties at School have ranged between amateur comedian, social worker, furniture removalist, plumber, parking inspector and car detailer, to a caring listener and guide to anyone needing a chat. Neville was always happy to help staff, students and parents with anything they might need both at school and outside. Neville has a unique ability to make everyone laugh and his generosity with chocolates was legendary (although we won't miss the plastic Coles bag with slight whiff of lawn mower fuel he keeps the chocolates in) .



Neville has slowly been reducing his hours for the last few years and has now finally decided to retire as at 10 January 2023. He chose that date as it will be the 57th anniversary of when he started as a cadet with the New Zealand Customs Department. About working at Carson Street, Neville said:-

*"My sincere thanks to the Carson Street School staff for making my time at the school so enjoyable. I think that they are all a great bunch of dedicated people who do their best to ensure the students develop their skills and potential. They made me feel welcome and part of the team at the school. I have the utmost respect for the parents that I have met over years who are all doing their best for their children.*

*And to Greg; 'we made a great team mate' . "*

We will miss having Neville as part of the school community and wish him all the best for his retirement. We are hoping Neville will still visit us from time to time, and remembers to bring the chocolates!

## Conductive Education

We have had a very productive year in CE with many students making wonderful progress towards their targets. A special mention goes to those students who are now doing something with minimal assistance/ independently which they found very tricky earlier in the year; you are the Achieving Kind!



We had three of our Carson Street Conductors and Jess, the Conductor at Castlereagh School, all presenting at the CE World Congress in November. This was very well received, with over 200 people in attendance for this online global conference! Thank you ladies for sharing CE in WA on the world stage.



Huge congratulations to Izak from our 0-4 Parent and Child group and Zack from Red Gum class for receiving the CECWA 'I can' awards. Your personal achievements have been amazing this year and we look forward to seeing what you, and the other CE students, learn next year.

The Conductive Education Charity of WA (CECWA) AGM is coming up on Friday 16/12/22 at 9.30am at Carson Street School. You are all welcome to attend. A Teams invite can be sent to those who cannot come

along in person. CECWA works tirelessly to raise awareness of CE and fund specialist equipment and training. They really do need the support of families to ensure they can continue to support our CE program. Please think about joining the board or ask any family or friends if they would be interested.

Finally, we would like to wish Teacher Conductor, Laurie Rushton Dyble good luck in her new position at a school in the northern suburbs and wish Teacher Conductor, Laura Farkas the best of luck as she takes 2023 out to complete her studies. We will miss you ladies as you have both been a huge part of CE for many years and we hope that you will pop in to see us from time to time.



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## From Christa, Community Support Chaplain ...

Since this is the last newsletter for 2022 I was looking back over my first year at Carson Street School.

When I walked into the school towards the end of 2021, one thing that struck me immediately was the rainbow that was everywhere to be seen. At that point I did not understand what it actually meant, but as this year progressed I learned and now have a better understanding of what the Rainbow Way has meant to me.

**Be the Learning KIND:** I have learned that at the age of 60 I am never too old to learn new things, especially when you learn it from the students at Carson Street School.

**Be the Community KIND:** I feel blessed to be part of Carson Street, collecting supplies to enable HOPE, to support a community of homeless people in our city over the festive season.

**Be the Achieving KIND:** I celebrate what I have achieved because I know the names of the majority of the students and staff at Carson Street.

**Be KIND to myself:** I have discovered that it is too hard to be kind to others if I cannot be kind to myself.

**Be KIND to others:** Every person deserves to be treated with respect and kindness. Because it is modelled at Carson Street, I have realised that for me to be part of this community, it needs to be part of me.

**Be KIND to the environment:** I was trying to think of a time or place here at Carson Street that I saw or picked up rubbish that was laying around, but could not recall one incident.

Thank you all for being such an inspiration to me. I know I will learn a lot from this KIND Carson Street Community in the future.

Have a blessed Christmas and a prosperous 2023.

Christa du Plessis YouthCARE Chaplain



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## Red Gum



Red Gum students have enjoyed a fantastic year!



## Rose Gum

What a year it has been! Rose Gum students have been very busy this year learning lots of new skills. One of their favourite activities has been cooking, where they have worked on their pouring, stirring and sprinkling skills.

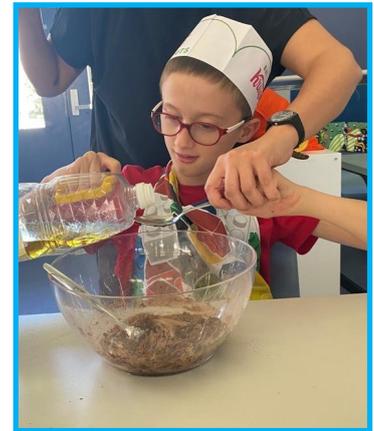


Rose Gum students also recently enjoyed meeting their Wesley College buddies at the South Perth Foreshore. Carlos, Holly and Syahin all went up and down riding their bikes with the help and encouragement of the Wesley boys. A fun time was had by all.



## Blue Gum

It has been a fantastic 2022 in Blue Gum, and the time has flown by so fast! From cooking to sport, spelling to science, we have made our best efforts to learn, grow and shine, and have tried our hardest every day. Students have especially enjoyed STEM this year, with many opportunities to explore robots, power tools, and chemical reaction experiments.



This term's theme, 'Aussie Animals', has been a whole class favourite, and students have giggled their way through funny animal movement songs and animal art projects. It has been a brilliant year!

Have a Very Merry Christmas Blue Gum students and families, and a Happy New Year!





### Wisteria

What a year it has been, I can't believe that we have now come to the end of it! Despite all the Covid-19 disturbances and illnesses, we have had a good year. Our students continue to grow in their communication skills, engage with each other during games, lessons and have also developed in their physical skills.



I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Wayne-Carey who graduated from our class this year! I would like to wish all the students a good holiday and all the best for next year!



### Orange Gum

What a year! With five of our eight students graduating primary school, a lot of our focus was on building their communication skills and

fostering independence in all aspects of their day. It has been great to see all our

students rise to the challenge and demonstrate huge improvements with their use of their own AAC devices, their regulation skills and their increased capacity to learn. Our students have demonstrated 'the six kinds of best' all throughout the year and it has been a privilege to be along side them on their



learning journey. We wish all of our students a safe, happy holidays and all the very best for 2023.



## Wattle

What AMAZING learning has happened in Wattle this year! Everyone in our class has not only grown in height, but also in skills. We are so very proud of our students and their accomplishments. They should all be commended for their hard work!



In term two this year, the new Wattle class was created and with a totally new teacher. In term three we added two new students! So many changes! Our students, to their credit, have rolled with the changes and adapted to their new surroundings and kept on going.

We have had many highlights, from excursions to incursions, to trying new things. We have met new people, made new friends, tried new foods, tried new games, and made new social connections. It has been an epic year.

On top of all of that each student has made steady gains in their academic journey.

Our best wishes go with our students as they continue their learning journey in 2023.



## REACH

The REACH class have practised 'I Like to Move it' and 'Wanjoo' as well the Carson Street Rainbow song and National Anthem for months, and they didn't disappoint on concert day after proving they are superstars with their awesome dancing and singing. We are so proud of them all.

This year was a challenging year for many of us with interruptions of covid. Our REACH students showed their resilience and flexibility and have all come out strong and positive with so much progress to show. Good Luck to Aahan who is off to high school next year.

Merry Christmas and a safe new year from the REACH class.



# Want to return to work, or change careers? Want to work in a school?

**There has never been a better time with WA unemployment at 3%.**

**Schools and other organisations are desperately hiring people for the following roles:**

- Gardener, cleaner, administration, management, canteen, education assistants and many other roles.

Starting in January 2023, North Metropolitan TAFE are running a one-semester course on the skills required to be a successful candidate for employment in a school or elsewhere. The course gives you an **employment advantage** that you can't achieve elsewhere. If you have tried and failed, we will get you to where you want to go.

We have had huge success supporting people to find work, and the chances of gaining employment are strong. This course is suitable for people new to the workforce, people looking to change career or looking for a return to work.

## **The course includes:**

- Training in skills specific to the role you are interested in e.g. IT skills, Office 365
- Work experience in a school or other organisation
- Help and support to find work
- Help accessing further training as required e.g. Certificate III in Education Support
- Development of your job application cover letter, resume and help with selection criteria

## **Entry requirements:**

- 18+
- Strong work ethic
- Good oral and written communication
- Must be able to read procedures, safety sheets and chemical bottles etc.
- Must be able to send and receive emails
- Successful completion of an entry interview
- Working With Children Check and a Department of Education Clearance

## **Course details:**

- Dates - Starts week 1 of term 1 and runs for up to 20 weeks
- Many students finish the course early because they find work
- Days - 3 days per week, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday during school hours
- Cost - Approximately \$170 (subject to change) total course fee for full 20 weeks
- Location - North Metro TAFE Leederville and on work experience
- Qualification - GATE (Gaining Access to Training and Employment) Certificate I

To apply for this course, use the following website and select "GATE I Leederville":

<https://tasonline.tafe.wa.edu.au>

To ask questions please contact: **Chris Hodson**    [chris.hodson@nmtafe.wa.edu.au](mailto:chris.hodson@nmtafe.wa.edu.au)

Disclaimer: North Metropolitan TAFE does not guarantee work after completing this course. This course supports you to find work. The course is run by North Metropolitan TAFE (RTO code: 52786) and is not endorsed by any authority or government department other than North Metropolitan TAFE.



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**School Holiday Programs for Children with Disabilities**

*We focus on great outcomes for you.*

**NDIS and private funding options available**

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**School Holiday Program**  
Expressions of interest

Learning through play helps to build a child's social and communication skills (none 'therapy supports')

Taking turns, sharing, listening, conversation, teamwork, shared attention, problem-solving, and building gross and fine motor skills. All at the same time as having fun!

- ✓ Child centred approach
- ✓ Complex behaviours 1:1 support available
- ✓ Engaging and fun educators
- ✓ Small groups
- ✓ Twice weekly, approximately 6 hours per day
- ✓ Activities North and South of the river

Let us know: your child's disability, age, preferred activity, and your suburb (and the best way to contact you!)



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**Contact our Friendly Team**

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**You can use your NDIS funding if:**

- ✓ You self manage your NDIS funds; *or*
- ✓ A plan manager manages your NDIS funds; *and* you have Core 'Assistance with social, economic & community participation' listed *or* 'Capacity Building' 'Increased social & community participation'.





**Victoria Park Soccer Club offers a fun, vibrant and inclusive environment for everyone to enjoy soccer!**

**Teams:**

- U5/6 to U14 Juniors
- United Reds Inclusion Football League
- Metro Men and Women (D1-3)
- Masters Men (+35)

**When:**

Preseason Feb to April,  
Season April to Sept

**Where:**

Harold Rossiter Park,  
Etwell St, Kensington



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## Christmas Raffle

Thank you for everyone's support. Our lucky winners were:

Abigail (Red Gum)	Khalil (Orange Gum)
Mia (Jarrah)	Tyrese (REACH)
Fletcher (Banksia)	Corina (MCS Admin)
Kat (EA Jarrah)	



4 Dec	Russell	Jarrah	14 Jan	Musa	Wisteria	
5 Dec	Jaxon	Green Gum	21 Jan	Christopher	Wattle	
5 Dec	Talia	Wisteria	23 Jan	Alisa	Red Gum	
11 Dec	Adrien	Wisteria	24 Jan	Sarvin	Yellow Gum	
19 Dec	Bayan	Green Gum	25 Jan	Khalil	Orange Gum	
21 Dec	Azzrah	Orange Gum	30 Jan	Holly	Rose Gum	
26 Dec	Syahn	Rose Gum				
30 Dec	Trey	Yellow Gum				
12 Jan	Asra	Blue Gum				



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

Monday 12 & Tuesday 13 Dec	Santa's Grotto
Tuesday 13 Dec	Kindy Graduation
Thursday 15 Dec	Last day of Term 4
Wednesday 1 Feb 2023	First day of Term 1

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