



Carson Street School

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November 2023

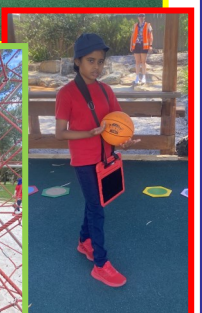
Principal: Ros Hamling

School Board Chair: John Exeter

P&C President: Lauren Kelly

Wattle

Wattle have been exploring in the playground at school and out in the community. What we love about being in the playground is that it is a place where exploration and learning converge, offering endless opportunities for our students to encounter new knowledge and experiences. Here, students encounter valuable life lessons as they navigate the complexities of social interactions, problem-solving, decision making and risk taking. It is a place where curiosity abounds, friendships are forged and resilience is developed. Here are a few photos of us exploring, discovering and being brave.



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From the Principal's desk

Special Events

The arrival of warmer weather has been appreciated by staff and students, especially with the number of planned special events and activities this term. Our first BIG event was to participate in a WA DreamCricket opportunity. DreamCricket was initiated by the Movement Disorder Foundation, Rotary Clubs and the Bradman Foundation, with an aim to provide primary school students with special needs an opportunity to take part in cricket activities on Bradman Oval. This year, Como Rotary organised a DreamCricket opportunity at the WACA. Primary school aged students with special needs, including those requiring high support, participated. It was so successful that Como Rotary will support DreamCricket as an annual event. Many thanks to DreamCricket for supplying the gear, including specialised equipment and participation medallions. Senior students from Kent Street High School assisted students throughout the day, making this a wonderful community event.

Students also participated in the Education Support South Network Soccer Carnival, which involved schools across the South Metropolitan region, and a Loud Shirt Day provided students and staff an opportunity to have a free dress day, while raising funds for children with hearing loss. Carson Street was the 'community kind', raising \$137.40 for Telethon Speech and Hearing. Well done!



School Graduation and Concert

Our 2023 School Concert and Year 6 Graduation will be held on Friday 1 December. Staff and students are already preparing their concert items, backdrops and costumes and practicing very hard! This event not only represents the end of another school year, but it also provides a perfect opportunity to celebrate our successes and to share some special moments. Families, friends and community partners are invited to attend and afterwards, please join us for morning tea which is kindly sponsored by our fabulous P&C. We hope you will join us as we celebrate an exceptional school year.

Community Access and Participation

Community Access and Participation is an important component of the 'Community Connections' Strategic Priority at Carson Street. The acquisition of skills that enable our students to join in and contribute to their community is an important part of each child's development. These skills help to foster confidence and encourage the development of life skills including communication and language, an awareness of appropriate public behaviour, emotional and social problem solving and safety. The school continues to highlight

the importance of community access and participation for every student and will continue the development of this area in 2024.

Welcome Helen Vause

We are very happy to welcome School Officer, Helen Vause to Carson Street. Helen has joined our Administration Team in the front office and has already proven herself to be a valuable member of the team. Please introduce yourself and say hello on your next visit.

School Visitors

We were recently privileged to host a school tour for staff attached to the Office of the Mauritius Commissioner for Children who were reviewing educational provision in WA for students requiring high levels of support to meet their educational needs.

Mrs Yecha Rhungapen-Veeramootoo and Mrs Sharona Mauree, together with Department of Education Assistant Executive Director of Service Delivery, Mr Stuart Percival, reviewed the school's physical environments alongside our specialised programs and educational supports and were impressed by what they saw and heard. Well done again, Carson Street!



Student Enrolment

We have received a high number of 2024 student enrolments this term and the numbers continue to grow. If you know a family who is thinking of enrolling at Carson Street, please encourage them to do so very soon, as numbers in some classes are almost at capacity.

Student Transition

The last term of the school year is well underway and planning for 2024 is progressing. This year we have 16 graduands who are already transitioning to high school. I would like to thank the Student Services team for coordinating the transition program which has been a mammoth task this year! Many thanks also to the teachers and education assistants who undertake the responsibility of ensuring a successful transition for every student as they move to their next phase of schooling.

I hope you enjoy the mid-spring weather over the next few weeks, and I look forward to seeing you at the School Graduation and Concert.

Kind regards
Ros Hamling,
Principal

P&C News . . .

The downward run for the year is upon us and there are some dates to remember for all of us!

The next **P&C meeting** is on **Tuesday 21 November** (week 7) at 9:30am. We always welcome new members, so please come along.

The **Graduation Concert** is on **Friday 1 December**, beginning at 9:30am. The students have been preparing something super exciting.



Santa's Grotto is held over two days in **week 10**. Please keep an eye out for more information from your child's classroom teacher.

The last day of Term 4 is **Thursday 14 December**. School resumes for students for 2024 on **Wednesday 31 January**.



From Christa, Chaplain

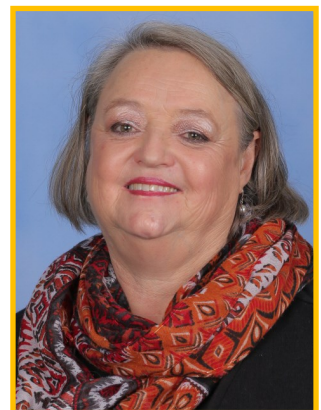
“We either make ourselves miserable or we make ourselves strong. The amount of work is the same” - Carlos Castaneda

When working in a place like Carson Street School, I am convinced that we are getting stronger in all areas of our lives, because we are surrounded by a community of people who daily make the choice to keep going when we feel like giving up. Our amazing students and their families are such an inspiration to us all and to every single person that cross their paths.

We are heading towards the end of 2023, and over the next few weeks a lot of things are happening in our school. We are also preparing to say goodbye to our year 6 students as they are all heading in different directions and to different high schools.

Let's make the very best of the last term of 2023 and make more beautiful memories to cherish for years to come. Thanks once again for allowing me to be part of this amazing school community where I am so privileged to work, but more than that, where I feel a sense of belonging because of your kindness to me.

Warm Regards,
Christa du Plessis
Chaplain



Yellow Gum



In Yellow Gum, we love being outside! Active play helps us to regulate and get our energy out in a constructive and fun way. We love the trampoline, water play, the playground, playing sports, and spending time with our friends.



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Conductive Education—Shona Ballantyne

Save the Date!

In Term 1 2024, Conductive Education at Carson Street School will be celebrating its 20th anniversary! We are planning a celebration which will coincide with CE Awareness Week in March. Watch this space for further details.

We would like to welcome our fellow Teacher Conductor, Chelsea Easter-Cross, who has just joined the team at Castlereagh in the CE high school program.

Warm regards,

Shona Ballantyne

Exceptional Programs Coordinator



Dream Cricket—Peter Salleo

Recently some of our Carson Street School students attended the WACA for a day of Dream Cricket. Students practised their bowling, fielding and batting skills. It was a wonderful day enjoyed by all.



Reach



The playground is another learning opportunity for students.

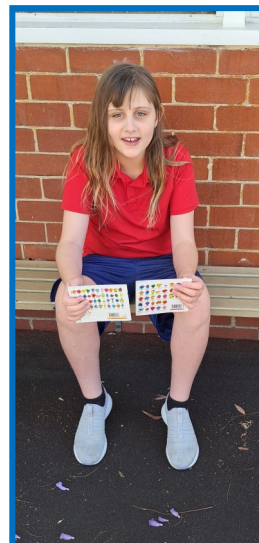
The REACH class love to challenge themselves in the playground (riding bikes, doing tricks on the trampoline, and going higher on the swing!)

Other important aspects of the playground is learning to socialise and help each other. It gives everyone a chance to self-regulate and wind down after work sessions. The best part of the playground is having fun with our friends!



Banksia

Banksia class love play! When it's time to go to play everyone makes sure they 'Slip, Slop, Slap!' when it's hot. The playground equipment is well used and loved by all the students. Some love to swing, some love to ride the bikes, others like to read books or hang out with their friends. Whatever the choice, they all enjoy every minute.



Jarrah

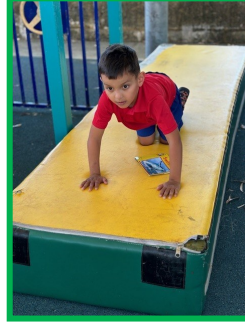


With the changing seasons, we get SUNSHINE! Jarrah class has taken advantage of the lovely coolish, but sunny, days to get out and about. We started with bicycles, which have been a huge success. Most of the class have gained valuable skills in steering and balancing.

Our favourites in the playground include the swings, the Merry-Go-Round and trampoline. We have had many opportunities to 'be kind to others' by sharing swing space on the nest swing and space on the roundabout. We like to 'go faster' and 'swing higher' while playing! The trampoline gives us static so our hair stands up and makes us look funny!



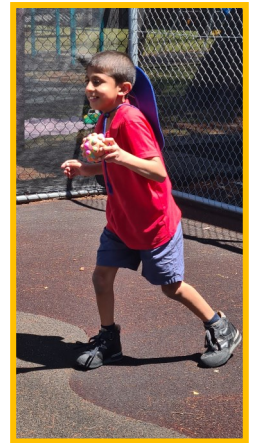
Wisteria



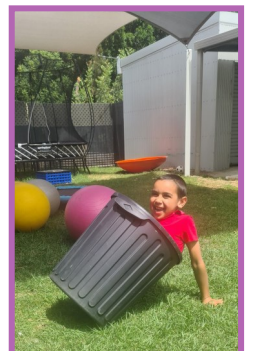
Wisteria students have a great time on the playground. You'll hear laughter as they swing high, spin, ride bikes, and slide. But it's not just about fun; learning and play go together. They explore the natural world, digging, watching insects, and enjoying the sounds of birds and flowers. Learning and fun go hand in hand, making education exciting.



Rose Gum



The playground is so much fun!



Banksia

Looking for Earthworms with Banksia

In Banksia we learnt all about earthworms with Mr S! We did an earthworm dance, watched a video all about earthworms, then read a story about a worm farm!

We then went to the back garden to look for earthworms. We each chose our own spot and then dug up the soil. Mia found the most earthworms!

We took them back to class in a flowerpot. Then, ever so carefully, we gave them a new home in the raised garden beds outside the classroom. We dug a hole, and holding them on a tissue – they looked a bit yucky to hold in our hand – we introduced them to their new home! We had lots of fun!



Blue Gum

The students love being out in the playground. It is the highlight of their day. The play equipment they enjoy the most are the Merry- Go-Round, swings, bike and trampoline. This term, the Blue Gum students also had the opportunity to explore a different playground at the Optus Stadium. They had a blast!



Green Gum



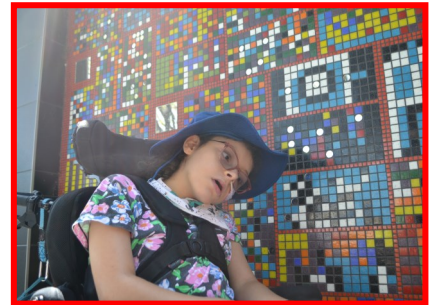
We love outdoor play in Green Gum and enjoy exploring all the activities the playground has to offer. We can bounce on the trampoline, ride bikes, go up and down on the slide, be a pretend bus driver, ride a car, play in the sand, ride a scooter and smell the flowers. We follow the playground rules of wearing our hats and slapping on our sunscreen. We hope you enjoy the photos of us having fun in the sun. The Green Gum team.



Red Gum



One of our favourite activities in Red Gum is exploring outside. We love the playground, enjoy using the liberty swing and the Merry-Go-Round, but what we really love most of all is socialising with our peers as we spend time in the playground.



Nurse's corner

Dental Care for Children

In Australia, tooth decay in children is on the rise. Children aged 5 to 10 years have an average of one and a half decayed, missing or filled baby teeth. So, it's more important than ever to teach your child good oral health habits that will stay with them for life.

- Make sure your children brush their teeth for at least 2 minutes and remind them not to swallow the toothpaste.
- Try to get into a regular tooth brushing routine, and give your child plenty of praise when they brush their teeth well.
- Replace toothbrushes or toothbrush heads every 3 months.

For more info, click on below link.

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Wheely Clean are mobility aid cleaning specialists operating in Perth WA. They offer wheelchair cleaning, paying attention to hard to reach areas where large amounts of debris, such as dirt, hair, dust, food items etc, build up and are often unnoticed and hard to get at. High pressure air and/or water combined with disinfectant products are used. They offer a monthly subscription service and flexible service hours and will come to home, school or workplaces. They will clean wheelchairs, mobility aids and shower and toileting aids. For information see their website at <https://www.wheelycleanwheelz.com> or contact Kerry on 0475 931 492 or kerrybrindle@wheelycleanwheelz.com

School Bus Services

School Bus Services require a new application for students who are changing schools or moving address in 2024. Applications need to be lodged with School Bus Services by 10 NOVEMBER 2023. Further information is available at www.schoolbuses.wa.gov.au.

10 October	Red Gum	Tyler
12 October	Rose Gum	Kawin Sai
23 October	Blue Gum	Oussama
21 November	REACH	Kahleesi
22 November	Wisteria	Charlie
25 November	Green	Mark



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

Tuesday 21 November	P&C meeting 9:30am.
Friday 1 December	Graduation Concert 9:30am.
Monday 11 December	Santa's Grotto.
Tuesday 12 December	Santa's Grotto.
Tuesday 12 December	Kindy Graduation.
Thursday 14 December	Last day of Term 4.
Friday 15 December	School Development Day. No students.
Wednesday 31 January	First day of Term 1, 2024.

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