



Carson Street School

CSS News

December 2023

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School Board Chair: John Exeter

P&C President: Lauren Kelly

Concert



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From the Principal's desk



Another eventful year draws to a close and 2023 has lived up to the action-packed adventure that describes school life: an educational journey with no two days ever being the same, and lots of fun!

I am incredibly proud of our achievements this year and I extend a sincere '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 for our students, and we value these relationships.

The Graduation Concert was again a highlight for our school community as it continues to provide us with an excellent opportunity to showcase the collective and individual talents of our students, and to celebrate our achievements. Thank you to our sponsors for your generous contributions towards our student awards, and another thank you to our school staff for the incredible work you undertake behind the scenes to make this event a success.



Our concert theme this year was 'Everyone Belongs', a message that reinforces and

reminds us of the importance of inclusive cultures. An inclusive culture values, appreciates and welcomes diversity, and our school culture, known as The Rainbow Way, reminds us of this every day. The concert was also held on the International Day of People with Disability and for us, it held a special significance because we were showcasing the abilities of our students. For those of you who were there on the day, I'm sure you were entertained and amazed by their performances. Special events such as the concert are looked upon as 'Rainbow' celebrations at Carson Street as we enjoy celebrating our successes and

acknowledging our achievements, and this year there have been many!

Our School Concert and Graduation also celebrates the achievements of our Year 6 students who will graduate to High School in 2024. To these students we send our congratulations upon completing their primary school education, and we wish them every success as they begin 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.

I will take this opportunity to extend a special thanks to our Carson Street staff whose dedication, professionalism and enthusiasm provides every student, in every classroom, the opportunity to shine, every day!



To our families and community partners, thank you for your ongoing commitment and involvement. You help us to build a connected school community which benefits us all, and by working together, we provide a safe and welcoming school environment where every child is given the opportunities they need to develop and flourish.

In closing, on behalf of the Carson Street staff and students, I wish you all a safe and happy summer holiday break.

Kind regards,
Ros Hamling
Principal

P&C News . . .

To all families, carers, and parents of Carson Street School

Another year done and dusted.....if someone can tell me where it went I'd be extremely grateful!



The P&C family would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped us this year either by contributing, donating, or even sharing our Facebook posts throughout the year. To those moving on from the Carson Street School family, we wish you all the very best.



Our Christmas raffle raised over \$1000! This is a HUGE achievement, and we couldn't have done it without you.

The 2024 P&C is going to be amazing and we will also have a number of vacancies on the Committee so please consider joining us. It's a great opportunity to be more involved in the school, make new friends and get to know like-minded people. With many of us we can do great things!

Don't forget to follow our [Facebook](#) page and to stop in for a coffee when we have our meetings. ☺.

Merry Christmas and have a safe new year. See you all in 2024.

Kind regards,

Lauren Kelly, P&C President

From Christa, Community Support Chaplain

I am looking back over 2023 and realise that once again I have learned more about resilience in this one year from our very special students here at Carson Street than I have learned my entire life. Jim Kwik said, "The fears we don't face become our limits", and there is no better example to demonstrate this than our own Carson Street School students. Nothing stops them from trying again and giving it another go and in all of this they manage to maintain the pillars of our school community to BE KIND!

Old ways won't open new doors and Carson Street School is always striving to find ways to help and support our students to develop to their full potential by opening these new doors, and by giving our students as much exposure to opportunities as possible.

To the families and carers of our students, you are amazing people – "you are not a drop in the ocean, you are an entire ocean in a drop". I always look at you with the greatest respect and admiration. You are doing an incredible job on a bumpy road. I am available Monday to Thursdays for a chat, a cuppa or to support you on your journey.

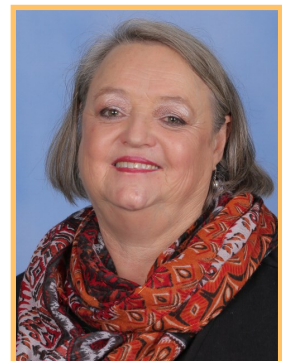
I hope this summer break will give you some time to reflect on the past year and an opportunity to find something to celebrate, despite all the challenges you may have faced during 2023.

I trust that 2024 will be a year filled with peace, hope and joy for all of you.

Warm regards,

Christa

Chaplain



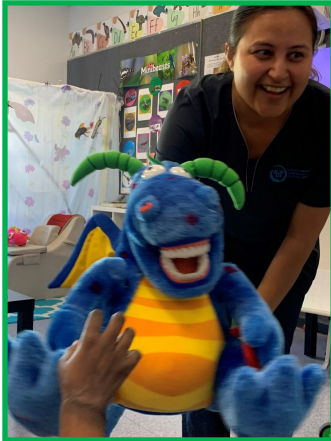
Orange Gum

It is almost unbelievable that the end of the year is already upon us but, as the saying goes, "Time flies when you're having fun". We have indeed had our fun times and our very busy times working and learning alongside each other in Orange Gum. As the school year draws to a close we bid Azzrah, Massimo and Zhiqing a fond farewell as they head off to high school next year and we wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.



Nurses Corner

The nurses have had a great year working on health promotion. Nurse Payal and our friendly toothy dragon visited classrooms teaching everyone how to brush their teeth correctly and handed out free toothbrushes.



Crunch and sip day was also enjoyed with a whole school morning tea, where everyone was able to taste or feel different healthy snack foods and drinks. Every classroom contributed to a very successful event.



Red Gum

Red Gum have had a fun and exciting year this year. We have achieved to many wonderful things to list off in this newsletter. Enjoy the picture of some of our activities.



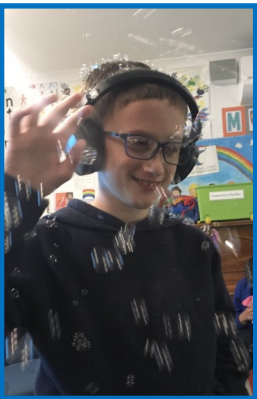
Green Gum



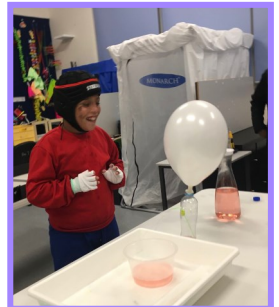
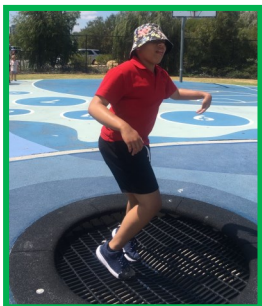
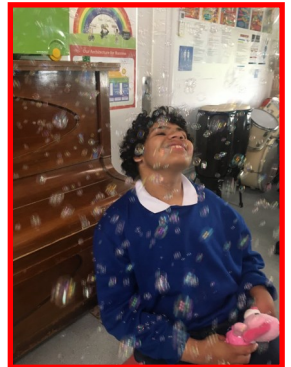
What a great and very quick year Green Gum have had. We have worked hard and played even harder. We are all part of a wonderful team and have made strong friendships this year. Best of luck as you move into your next class Green Gummers. Hope you enjoy some snapshots from 2023!



Blue Gum



As we wrap up 2023, we fondly reflect on a remarkable year for Blue Gum students, marked by memorable moments and substantial personal growth. Highlights were a special trip to the playground at Optus Stadium, thanks to Mr Salleo for driving us. From cooking to using AAC devices for self-expression, students immersed themselves in a variety of activities including music, STEM, and swimming. Observing their impressive development has been truly amazing. Congratulations to our two graduating students, and best wishes as they transition to high school. May the holiday season bring joy to all, and we eagerly anticipate another year of learning and laughter in 2024. Stay safe, and happy holidays!



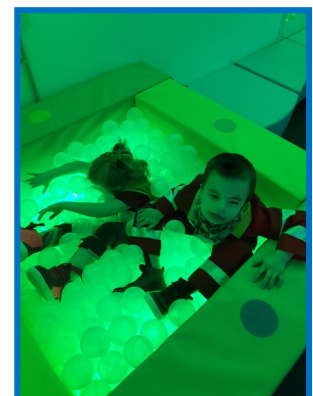
Jarrah



What a whirlwind of a year it has been! We're incredibly proud of our diverse group of students who've consistently shown up with a smile and put in their best effort, even on those tough days. We've had a blast dressing up on different occasions, going on exciting excursions and incursions, making new friendships throughout our journey.

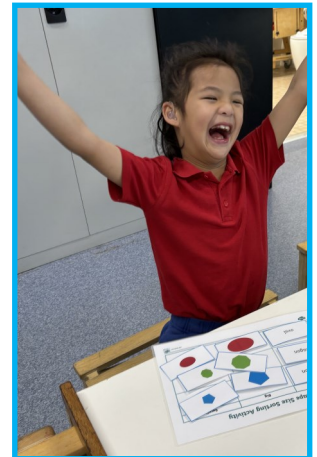
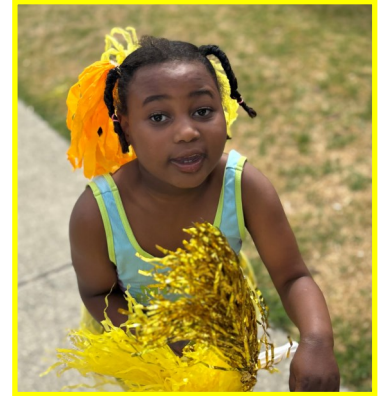
In our Jarrah class, celebrations have been a significant focus throughout the year. Our school is a melting pot of diverse cultures, each with its own distinct way of commemorating various holidays. As this term draws to a close and we reflect on our year, our focus shifts to honouring one another and recognising the myriad contributions that have shaped our class into a welcoming and cherished space where every individual is uniquely special.

Thank you to our ever-supportive parents and families that have worked alongside our team to make this year a successful one. Congratulations to our graduates Alisa, Caleb, and Zack. Best wishes for a wonderful 2024.



Wisteria

In 2023, Wisteria Class struck a great balance between learning and play. The students' hard work and dedication have made them standout achievers. The mix of enjoyable activities and education has created a positive atmosphere, contributing to their overall success. The Wisteria Class of 2023 is a group of outstanding and accomplished learners.



Wattle Class

As we reflect on the year that has passed, we can't help but celebrate the incredible journey we've had together in Wattle. This year has been nothing short of amazing, filled with growth, learning, communication, exploration, regulation, and, of course, fun! Our spirit of community kindness shone brightly as we proudly participated in the Loud Shirt Day event, donning our very own tie-dyed creations. It was a colourful expression of our unity and shared values. Venturing beyond the classroom, our students embraced countless adventures in the community. From thrilling rides on the school bus to exciting ferry and bus journeys, we explored Optus Stadium, Matagarup Bridge, Elizabeth Quay, and beautiful Kings Park. These excursions allowed us to put into practice the skills we honed within our class. Every achievement, big and small, has made us immensely proud. Our students



have demonstrated resilience, determination, and a true zest for learning. They are the heart and soul of our community, and we celebrate each and every one of them.

Thank you for making this year at Wattle truly wonderful. Here's to the memories we've created and the bright future that awaits us in the coming year.

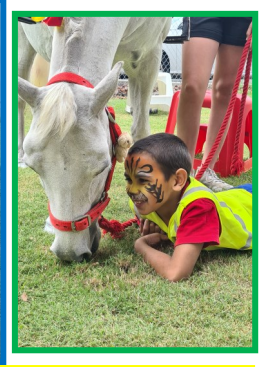
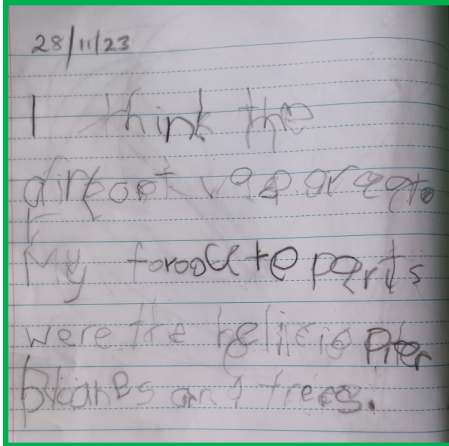


Rose Gum

What a wonderful year we have had in Rose Gum. We have had a lovely group of boys who have enjoyed many adventures together on Community Access and many fun times in and out of the classroom. We hope you have a fabulous break and enjoy some well-deserved rest and family time. Please enjoy some of our photos showcasing the many highlights this year.

Ethan's writing says

I think the airport was great. My favourite parts were the helicopters, planes, and trees.



Lions Athletics Club

In week 10 our students had a very special visit from the Lions Athletics Club. Little Athletics participants from across the area visited with our students, delivering Christmas gifts and assisting in classroom craft activities. It was a very fun morning indeed. A big thank you to Lions Athletics for their generosity.



REACH

REACH's Project for 2023

Music offers a wide range of benefits that can positively impact various aspects of human life, including physical, emotional, cognitive, and social well-being. Music can be a universal language, transcending cultural and linguistic barriers and providing a medium for communication and connection.



So with that in mind, 2023 saw the creation of The REACH Rock'n'Rollers! First we had to brainstorm some band names... Lots were thought of but in the end....The REACH Rock'n'Rollers were created!

As a REACH team, students created their own individual band logo. Then as a group, we voted on whose band logo would best represent our class. Kahleesi's design was voted the best drawing by her peers that could be a design we can put on the bass drums.

We started our drumming in term 2 with Mr C's expertise and guidance and have been practising different songs as well as our concert song "We Will Rock You!"



We use fit balls, pool noodles, and our 'senior' students learn and play the drum kits and air guitar! Mr C made a visual poster to remind us of the beats.

Being in a band means collaborating with musicians to create and perform music together. It involves a shared passion for music, a commitment to working as a team, and the desire to achieve common musical goals.



This is what some of our REACH students had to say about our band:

Payton, "I love rocking out".

Cyril, "Music makes me feel better, I feel relaxed".

Tyrese, "Being in a band makes me feel like I'm in an actual band!"

Ellaine, "I like to be good at playing the drums, it makes me feel excited".

Ultimately, being in a band is about a shared musical journey, where students work together to create something greater than the sum of their individual talents. It requires dedication, collaboration, and a passion for making music as a collective. We are so proud of all the REACH students for their enthusiasm and participation. When asked each day on band practice day what the best part of their day is, the answer is "band practice!"

Yellow Gum



Yellow Gum had a great year of learning and growing together. Building relationships and being safe in the community were their main goals. Some of their fun and educational activities included visiting the Landsdale Farm, eating at McDonald's, and cooking. They also learnt about different animals, plants, foods, and cultures. It has also been great to see the kids' social skills, communication skills, and self-confidence improved along the way. Thank you for a fantastic 2023 and we look forward to another year of adventures and discoveries in 2024.



Bottlebrush

A huge congratulations to our Graduating Kindy class of 2023! The Bottlebrush team are all very impressed with how you have worked on your independence, communication, making friends and functional movement this year. We have had a fantastic time watching you all shine! On our last day of school, we invited families into our class for one last Hooray, and Kindy students were given their Graduation Diplomas, as well as a huge round of applause. We wish you all the very best for your first full time year next year, and can't wait to see how you all continue to grow. Good Luck and Best Wishes!



4 December	Red Gum	Russell
5 December	Red Gum	Talia
5 December	Yellow Gum	Jaxon
11 December	Red Gum	Adrien
12 December	Wisteria	Wira
13 December	Bottlebrush	Chloe
19 December	Yellow Gum	Bayan
20 December	Bottlebrush	Ashvik
21 December	Orange Gum	Azzrah
26 December	Rose Gum	Syahin
30 December	Green Gum	Trey

13 January	Green Gum	Ethan
14 January	Red Gum	Musa
21 January	Blue Gum	Christopher
23 January	Jarraah	Alisa
24 January	Green Gum	Sarvin
25 January	Rose Gum	Khalil
30 January	Orange Gum	Holly
31 January	Yellow Gum	Brooklyn



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

Thursday 14 December	Last day of Term 4.
Friday 15 December	Staff Development Day. No students.
Wednesday 24 January	Office opens for 2024. Administration staff only.
Wednesday 31 January	First day for students of Term 1, 2024.

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