



THE RAINBOW REPORTER

**A Carson Street School
Newsletter, written by
the students, for the
students**

The 2023 school year is over already!! How is that possible?

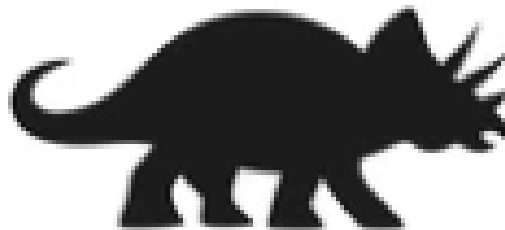
Everyone has been working so hard all year and making great gains with learning, social skills and developing friendships. We have had a big year with The Rainbow Reporter with some HUGE interviews and amazing articles. We hope you have enjoyed reading each edition.

With three of the Reach students graduating and one moving to a school closer to home, it seemed only fitting that they go out on a high, by creating another fabulous edition of the Reporter to end the school year. The Reach class have worked so hard to produce their articles for you, and have provided plenty of ideas to keep you busy over the summer.

Have a fun packed holidays everyone and we look forward to seeing you in 2024 for more fun learning and more amazing Rainbow Reporter articles.

Guess The Dinosaur

Austin loves dinosaurs. "Dinosaurs are big, scary, and crazy." He can name all of the dinosaurs below and wonders if you can too.



Can you find these dinosaurs above?

Triceratops Pteranodon Stegosaurus T-Rex Brachiosaurus

Christmas Craft with Chrisha- Mae

Chrisha Mae used her device to say that she wanted to show everyone how to make 'fun-exciting- best-Christmas-New Years- decorations'. She chose these 2 crafts and did a fantastic job creating them all by herself.



A popstick Christmas tree with pom poms, a cardboard trunk and glittery star.

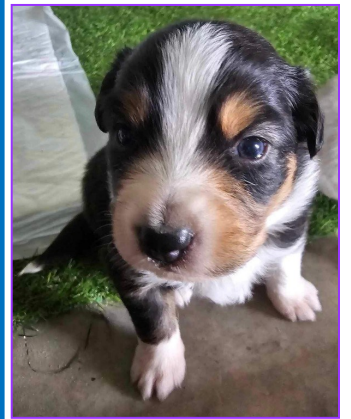


A smiley Santa made with half a paper plate, red card, a red pom pom nose, white paper moustache and white paper strip for the bottom of the hat, and a cotton wool ball for the top of his hat.

Dear Miles...

Do you have a problem that no one else can help solve? If so, you should speak to Miles. He is full of amazing advice to chase all of your problems away.

Dear Miles, Help! We are getting a new puppy soon and I don't know what things I should buy for it to play with. What do you suggest? Thank you.
Shona



Hello Shona. Get a ball for fetch. You can throw the ball into the garden or the park. Throw it over the fence. That's what I do!

Miles



Dear Miles, I have a problem. Sometimes I can't find my hat for playground duty and I want to be SunSmart and follow the school rules of 'No hat, no play.' What can I do to make sure I can always find my hat?

Thanks, Nurse Kirrilly

Dear Kirrilly, I keep my hat in my box with my name on it so I don't lose it. Maybe you do that too.

By Miles

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Dear Miles...

Dear Miles,

My wedding is next year. I would like to wear pants but my fiancé and family would rather I wear a dress. What do you think I should wear?

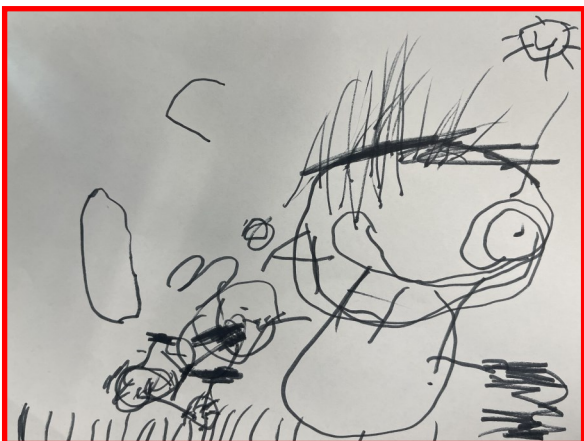
Caitlin

Merry Christmas. I think you should wear a black tracksuit because they are cool and fun! You should also wear a black hat and a bronze tie, purple gloves and a warm red scarf.

Miles



Miles has designed this wedding outfit for Caitlin.



Dear Miles, Help!!! There is a sheep on a bike!! What should I do?

Tyler P

Dear Tyler P, A sheep on a bike is crazy and naughty. No helmet. Not safe. I'd give him a helmet then push him in the pool with my muscles.

Miles

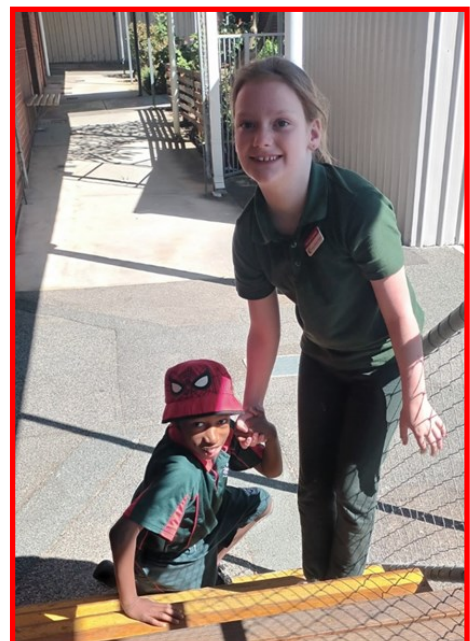
Be Kind To Others

Kahleesi's favourite thing to do is to follow our school value of 'Be Kind to Others'. She would like everyone to be kind to their friends by trying some of these things. Thank you to Kahleesi's assistant Bradley for his help in acting out these scenes.



Offer them food if they don't have any.

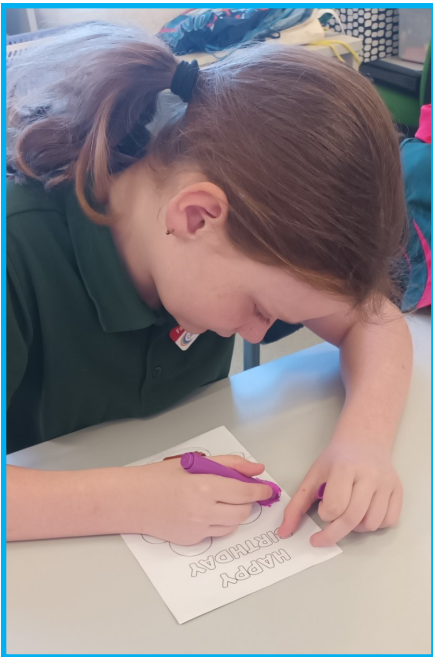
If you see someone in trouble or hurt, get them to a teacher and be kind to them.



Be Kind To Others



Share your things.



Make them a card to say 'Thank You' or 'Get Well' or 'Happy Birthday'.

Ask someone if they want to play tag in the playground.



Science With Dr Ken

Ken loves STEM! He wanted to show you some experiments that you can do at home in the holidays, using ingredients in your cupboards.

Ken got his experiment ideas from <https://www.weareteachers.com/easy-science-experiments/>



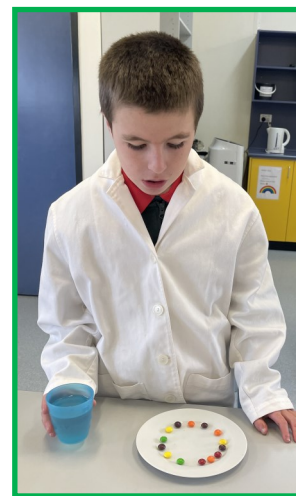
Experiment 1– Taste the Rainbow

You will need:

- A bag of skittles
- A plate
- Warm water

1. Arrange the Skittles in a circle inside the plate.
2. Carefully pour warm (not hot) water into the middle of the plate.
3. Watch as the colour of the Skittles slowly creeps to the middle of the plate, making an amazing rainbow.

Ken used his device to say “I like- M&M candy-happy.”



Science With Dr Ken

Experiment 2: Walking Water

You will need:

- 7 glasses
- Blue, red and yellow food colouring
- Water
- Paper towel



1. Put 7 glasses on a table in a line and fill glasses 1, 3, 5 and 7 most of the way with water.
2. Add 5-10 drops of red food colouring to glasses 1 and 7. Add 15 drops of yellow food colouring to glass 3 and add 5-10 drops of blue food colouring to glass 5
3. Take a paper towel and fold it half way, then fold it again and again and again. Put one side of the folded paper towel into one glass and the other side into the next glass and repeat with the remaining cups.
4. Watch what happens as the water climbs the paper towel.

Ken says "It was cool and great the way the colours went from one glass to another."



It's Always Sunny at Carson Street

We recently said goodbye to our school bus Snoopy, who has been with us for many years, and welcomed a brand new mini bus to the school. After the success of ex Student Councillor Ellaine naming our other bus Poppy, we decided that the Council should name the new bus too. All Councillors selected a name they liked and then all students across the school got to vote on their favourite. And the winning name was...Sunny! Tyrese got his inspiration for the name by simply looking up at the sky. So now we have Poppy and Sunny, and our Graduates Ellaine and Tyrese get to leave a wonderful legacy here at Carson Street.



Big Blue Shark

Bradley has written a fantastic story and to make it even more exciting, he has acted out a scene rather than drawing it...although it looks like he had more fun trying to scare everyone as a shark! Swimming teacher Anna is very brave to swim with Bradley the Shark!

Big Blue Shark

One day a big blue shark got hurt. He fell over. The shark said 'help'. Michael the dolphin came to help. Michael helped him by lifting him up by his fin. Michael was nervous because he was a shark. Sammy the shark was a kind shark though. Sammy was happy and said thank you to Michael the dolphin. They were now friends.



WWE Santa Edition



Ellaine and Tyrese teamed up to write their own amazing story. They planned the characters, setting, the beginning, middle and end, and illustrated it too. They worked very well together, sharing ideas and laughing a lot along the way.

Ellaine Hook



WWE Santa Edition

Big Foot destroyed the present making machine as it didn't make the toy Big Foot that he wanted. The Grinch stole Christmas cookies and an ice cream maker. Santa and Mrs Claus were upset and said "We're going to wrestle!" Big Foot and The Grinch said "Challenge accepted!"

Big Foot and The Grinch sabotaged their opponents on the day of the fight by ripping their wrestling costumes apart. Santa and Mrs Claus had to wrestle in their Christmas outfits which was hard as it's not easy to wrestle with them on.

The first fight was Mrs Claus and The Grinch. Mrs Claus used her strong body and she slam dunked The Grinch with her tummy, so The Grinch fell to the ground. She used both feet at once to jump on The Grinch to stop him getting up. She roped him up and took him to the jail cell. Mrs Claus is the winner!

The second fight was Santa and Big Foot. Santa got up on the ropes, he jumped on Big Foot, but Big Foot blocked him. Santa ended up on the floor. When Big Foot was about to do the pin down, Santa rolled over and Big Foot broke his hand after hitting the mat. Santa pinned Big Foot down. "1,2,3, ding ding ding." Santa is the winner!

Mr and Mrs Claus are happy to win. They celebrate by eating ice cream and having a party.

Water Soccer

Inspired by our special interviews in this edition, Payton wanted to try Water Soccer! Payton chose Austin to be a team captain with her and they selected their teams...and then it was game on! The students had to move the ball without touching it with their hands, and try to score a goal. A LOT of fun was had and there was some great soccer skills on display. In the end, Payton's team won 2-0. Payton said "We won, and that was awesome, but I don't care about winning. I just want to have fun with my friends." Amazing work!



Interview with... A Matilda

This year Australia found their new favourite soccer team...The Matildas. It was great watching the Women's 2023 FIFA World Cup and seeing the Matildas doing so well and making Australia so proud.

The Reach class decided they wanted to ask one of the players some questions, so we emailed and had a reply from Matildas defender, Clare Polkinghorne. Clare holds the record for the most games played for an Australian footballer, male or female, so she is pretty amazing!!! Not only did she answer all of the questions, but she sent the students an audio recording of her answers, so they got to hear her voice addressing them all. That was pretty cool!

Thank you to Clare for taking the time to contact us and.....

Go Matildas!!!



Interview with... A Matilda

Do you practise soccer at the park near your house? **Ken**

Yes sometimes I do, especially if we're in an off season, so we're not training with the team. Sometimes you do have to go down to the local park and whether it's running or practising some ball work, training down at the park is always fun.

Why do you like playing? **Chrisha Mae**

My favourite part of soccer is kicking the ball in the goals. What is your favourite part of soccer? **Austin**

Well I'm a defender so my favourite part is stopping people kicking the ball in the goal. I think that's fun; tackling and all that sort of thing.

The Matildas are awesome at kicking goals! How long have you been playing for? **Payton**

I started playing soccer when I was 5 years old and I'm now 34, so that's a very long time. I've been playing professionally in the Matildas for about 17 years, so a long time.

My favourite movie is 'We Can Be Heroes'. You are my hero! What's your favourite movie? **Payton**

Oooh, that's a good question! Being Christmas time I am going to go with a Christmas movie, and I just watched it the other day. It's Love Actually. That's my favourite movie at this time of year.

What is your favourite fruit? **Kahleesi**

My favourite fruit would either be bananas or blueberries.

Interview with... A Matilda

I like reading books. Do you like reading books? Which ones? **Cyril**

I love reading books. You've asked the right person this question. I like reading all different kinds of books, mostly fiction, but also sports psychology and motivational books as well.

My favourite dinosaur is a T-Rex. Do you like dinosaurs?

Bradley

Yes I think I like dinosaurs. I'd probably say a T-Rex as well because they're really big.

Do you have your very own Sam Kerr Lego figure at home? **Tyrese**

No I don't but I should get one because that's pretty cool!

My favourite pet is my cat. What's your favourite pet? **Ellaine**

My favourite pets are my two dogs. They're two little cavoodles, Arlo and Harvey, so they're my favourite.

I love popcorn! What's your favourite food? **Miles**

My favourite food is probably chocolate but I don't eat it as much as I would like to. Being an athlete I have to eat healthily but chocolate is definitely my weakness.

Interview with... A Poweroo

A Poweroo!?! What's a Poweroo?!? Only one of the **coolest** sports stars in the world!!!

Australia was recently host to the 2023 Powerchair Football World Cup. After seeing an interview with the team on abc News, I showed some of our students the video of the Australian team, The Poweroos, in action, and they were amazed.



The Poweroos play fantastic soccer in specially adapted power wheelchairs. They are fast, they are strong and they can get the job done as a team. The students thought of some questions that they would like to ask the Poweroos and we heard back immediately from one of the team, Chris Suffield. He sent us some photos, answered the students questions and had this to say:

"Hi everyone! My name is Chris, I'm 34 and I play for the Australian Poweroos. I live with Muscular Dystrophy, which means I can't walk and I use a power wheelchair to get around.

My voice is not very loud, so I use a microphone and speaker system attached to my wheelchair when I play so my teammates can hear me.

This is me alongside Kev, our team mascot. Kev has travelled with the team to France, Brazil and the USA, and he was so proud to cheer the team on in Sydney for the Powerchair Football World Cup!"

Interview with... A Poweroo

How strong are you? How do you get the ball in the goal so fast? **River**— aged 6

We aren't strong enough to walk, but our powerchairs give us the power to hit the ball. We can spin really fast to hit the ball quickly.

Do you listen to The Wiggles 'Hot Potato' or 'Crazy Frog' when you want to chill? **Ojus**— aged 5

Our team loves 'Down Under' by Men at Work, or 'Thunderstruck' by AC/DC to get excited before a match, but I love 'Hot Potato' as well!

What presents do you give to your Mummy? **Alisa**— aged 11

My Mum inspires me to follow my dreams, so I try my best in everything I do to make her proud. My favourite thing to give my Mum is a big hug. She also loves tennis, so we are going to watch some matches in Sydney in January.

Do you go to the shopping centre in your chair? **Nate**— aged 8

We use different chairs when playing football and when having a normal day. I go everywhere in my chair, like going to the shops or visiting friends.

How many medals and trophies do you have? What is the colour of your favourite wheelchair? **Tyrese**— aged 11

I have 10 football trophies in my bedroom at the moment. These are the ones that mean a lot to me, so I keep them where I can see them.

My chair that I play powerchair football in is yellow. I love that it is bright and easy to recognise.

Interview with... A Poweroo



My Dream Playground

Have you ever thought about what you would like to have in your perfect playground? Cyril has designed his ideal place to play which features a trampoline, an elevated tunnel with a cargo net, swings and slides and plenty of opportunities to play with friends. Cyril, we love your design...now we just need to find someone to build it for us!



Art Gallery

The Reach class have created some great pieces of art in their free time. Drawing or painting pictures is a lovely thing to do in the holidays when you have some free time. If you create any masterpieces in the holidays, send them in to us and we can publish them in the next Reporter.



Payton

Kahleesi



Art Gallery

Austin John



Austin

Chinsha Mae 'My Christmas'

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Kahleesi



Bradley

Reading Corner

We were feeling a bit silly in Reach so read a book called 'I need a new bum!' by Dawn McMillan. Warning....only read this book if you can cope with talk about bums!!!

I liked this book. I want a big bum so I can jump on it like a trampoline! Ken- aged 11

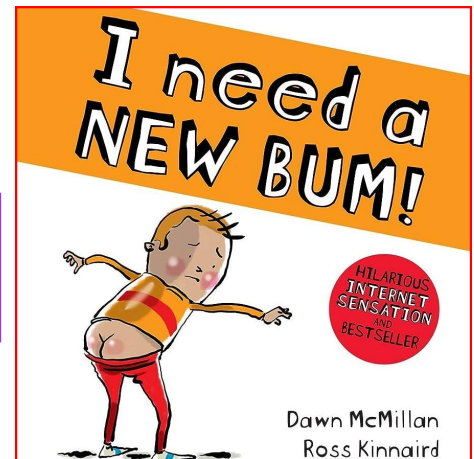
I did NOT like this book. I would just like a normal bum to sit on! Tyrese- aged 11

I liked this book. I would like a bumper bum to turn on the lights or a rocket bum to shoot up into the sky to see aliens and the moon. Ellaine- aged 12

I did not like this book. It was too weird. There's too many bum cracks in there. I didn't like the 'Bum for Sale' page. Cyril- aged 9

This book is cool and awesome and also funny. I liked the bumper bum. I'd like a toilet bum as it would make doing your business easy. Kahleesi- aged 9

I liked this book. The fart stink! It was the funniest. I want a tornado bum! Bradley- aged 7



I liked it when the boy found a crack in his bum. I liked the bum store...I'd get the one on 'special'. I'd like a Mario bum and an alien bum! Payton- aged 8

I liked it because it's about bums and farts that stink! I'd like a motor car bum. Miles- aged 9

I liked it. It was cool, great, funny and fun. My favourite page was the fart on the bike page. I'd like a silly bum! Chrisha Mae- aged 9

It was a funny book. Bums are stinky. I want a big bum. Austin- aged 11

Principal for the Day

Amna was Principal for the Day this term. She requested 'water play, bubbles and blocks' which tied in perfectly with our Faction event (see the next page for more Faction fun.)

Amna started the Faction races by ringing the bell. She was a great help, showing her friends what to do with the slime.

It was then time to make sure everyone was having fun with all the activities she had organised. She was particularly kind in looking after Sarvin and helping him to wash his hair...he loved the race a bit too much and got himself covered in slime. Amna, your activities brought a lot of joy to our friends...what a great Principal.

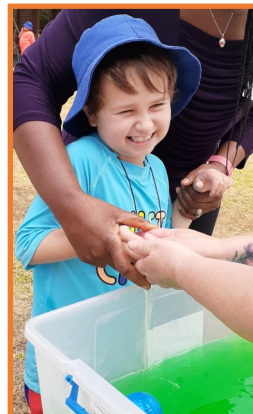


Faction Slime Fun Day

Red Faction Captain Kahleesi organised the final Faction event of the year...a slime race! Teams raced to the tub of slime, plunged their hands in and pulled out a toy before running back to the start and tagging a friend. The fastest team to get all of the items out of the tub were the winner.

Students had so much fun and everyone showed great sportsmanship by cheering on their friends.

We then cooled off with some water play and fun activities organised by Principal Amna. What a great way to celebrate the end of another year of Faction Fun!



Faction Slime Fun Day



Faction Update



Congratulations to **GREEN** Faction who were this years champions. It was so close this year, with only 33 points separating Green and Blue.

Payton led her team to victory and she was the loudest at cheering on her friends from every Faction during the slime race. What a great Leader.

The Green token will be added to the Faction Shield in Term 1 and all the fun will start again in 2024.

It has been our best year yet with The Rainbow Reporter and if you have missed any of our editions, including our interviews with The Hon. Anthony Albanese and a NASA Astronaut, be sure to check out the Carson Street website and find Parent Info-Newsletter Archive for a bit of summer reading.

Have a great summer everyone!