

The logo for 'The Rainbow Reporter' features the title in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. The text is centered within a white rectangular border that has a slightly distressed, hand-drawn appearance. The background behind the text is a vibrant rainbow gradient, with horizontal bands of red, orange, yellow, green, and purple. The entire logo is set against a solid red background.

THE RAINBOW REPORTER

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

Term Two has been a long term and with 11 weeks of amazing learning completed, I think we are ready for a lovely break.

Our friends in Wisteria and Yellow Gum have worked so hard this term to create a Rainbow Reporter that I am sure you will love reading whilst you are snuggled up in your PJs at home these school holidays.

We have two big author interviews as well as wonderful stories that some of the students have written. There are some amazing and imaginative ideas from our friends inside that might inspire you to get creative too. We also have updates on the fun Student Council, Faction and Principal for the Day events that took place this term, which put big smiles on many faces.

Have a great break everyone, rest up, stay warm and we shall see you in Semester Two for more fun learning.

Kaidence The Party Planner

Do you have a birthday coming up?

A special occasion you would love to celebrate with family and friends?

Do you need someone to help you put together the best party in town?

Well look no further than Kaidence!

If you have a Kaidence party you can expect...

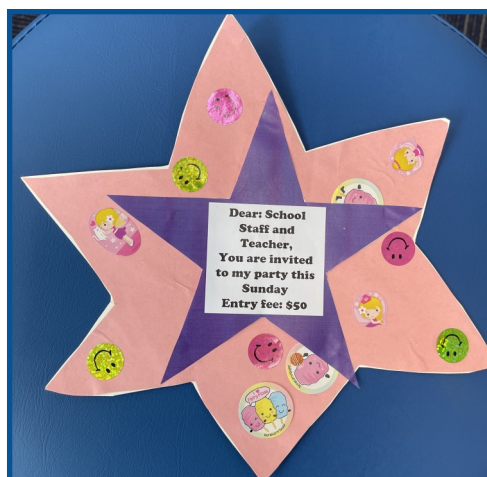


You can “see, pat and feed baby farm animals.”

“Presents and cards.”



“Yummy, spicy food.”



You can also use Kaidence’s handmade party invitations to send out to all of your friends.

I know I’ll be booking Kaidence to help me with my next party!

PEG Feeding With Henry

You might have seen that some of our friends do not eat food with their mouths, but they have food put straight into their tummies. Henry wants to tell you all what that is like for him.

“I don’t like to have my feed when I am resting or swimming. It can feel sticky, lumpy and wet but also delicious. Wait a minute...it is yummy!”



Henry took these photos of the equipment needed for his feeds.



He then directed his helper to take some photos so you can see what it looks like.



Thank you Henry for being so brave and sharing this with us all. Many of our friends might not understand what is happening when a friend has a PEG or PEJ feed in class.

Are You OK?

Wira has a new house so is off to join our friends at Burbridge school in Semester Two. They are so lucky to have him as he is the kindest young man. For his Rainbow Reporter piece he wanted to check with everyone if they were ok. He went for a walk around school with his helper and checked in on everyone.

Lots of people said they were ok like Cinnamon, Peter, Miranda and Helen. Some of our friends said they were ok too, like Cyril, Ken and Bradley. Bradley said he was happy because he is in school and can play.

Some of our friends needed some help though and Wira worked hard to solve their problems.

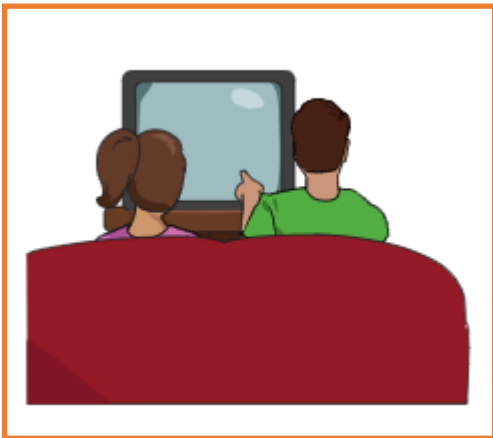


Jonah the nurse said she was sore because she had done an upper body workout at the gym. Wira told her to “go” in the “morning” instead.



Are You OK?

Aaliyah said that her Mum, Dad and Grandma were broken and tired. Wira said they need a “rest”.



Jess the Conductor said she was feeling a bit sad as she had received some bad news. Wira said “Me– You-TV”, which sounds like the best way to cheer Jess up!

Shona said that she felt very tired because she didn't have a good night's sleep.

Wira told her to “change” the “time” she goes to “bed”.



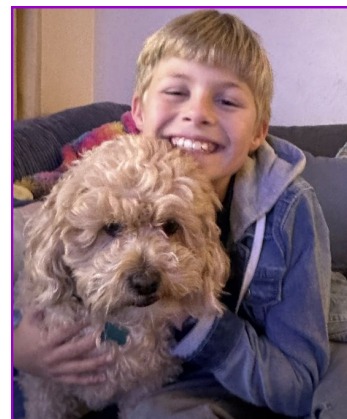
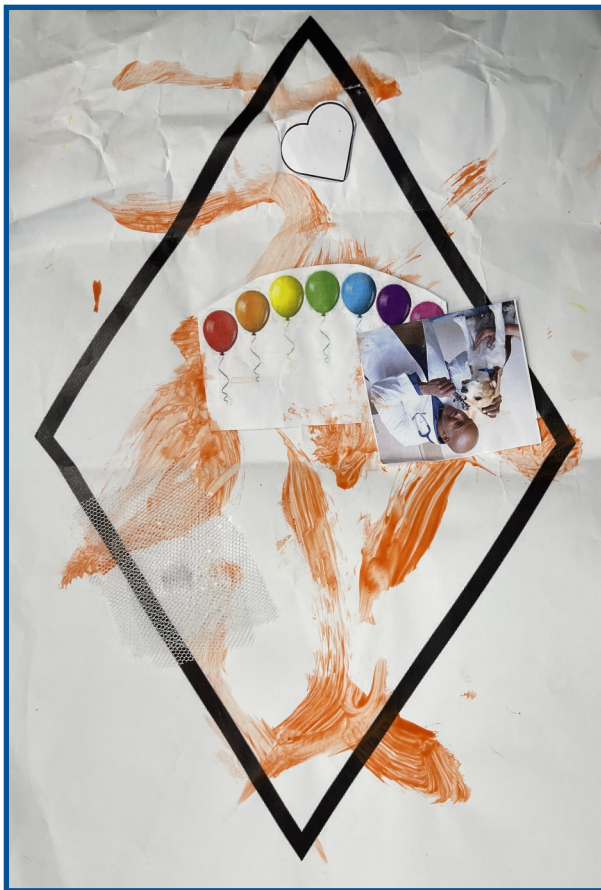
Wira, we wish you all the best in your new school. You will fit right in and make lots of new friends because you are so kind to others.

Amelia's Rocket

Amelia used her device to say that she wanted to write an article about a 'transport-rocket'. Cool!!!!

Amelia had a chat with her helper and designed her own rocket. It is dark orange in colour and is shaped like a diamond. It has a spotty heart shaped pattern and feels rough.

Inside the rocket is Amelia's twin Steele and their dog Teddy. There are decorations and balloons and a vet.



Amelia's friend Chloe overheard Amelia planning her rocket and used her eye gaze to say "Have-rocket-every-and-diamond-colour-are-dark-dark-dark-light-light-light-light-short-watch-every". I think Chloe would make a great co-captain Amelia!

Interview with...

This term we are very lucky to have two amazing authors answer Yellow Gum and Wisteria's questions.

Meg McKinlay is the author of Ten Tiny Things which we were lucky enough to experience through a sensory story telling with our Sensorium friends in Term One. It has become one of our favourite stories and we have signed copies in the library for you to borrow.



Aura Parker is the author of Bowerbird Blues, the beautiful story we read as part of National Simultaneous Storytime and which we used to inspire our blue art work in our art gallery, which you can see later on in the Reporter. We also have copies of Bowerbird Blues for you to borrow in the library.



Thank you to both authors for their time.

Interview with...Meg McKinlay

**Do you like to go for a drive in the car?
Ameliah– aged 10**

I'm not someone who likes just 'going for a drive' for no real reason. But I do enjoy driving and sometimes it's just the best way to get somewhere. I like to have the windows open so I can feel the wind. Sometimes I put music on and sometimes I just enjoy the quiet.



What friends have seen your book? Nate– aged 9

I think most of my friends have seen my book. A lot of my friends are writers or illustrators, so we like to read each other's work. But of course I have other friends, too, and they like to support my work by buying copies. Or, especially if they have children, I love giving them copies, too!

Why should I open your story to read it? Haydn– aged 6

Because it has surprising stones and shells! And fabulous fish and feathers! But mostly because Ten Tiny Things, like all my books in some way, is asking you to think about yourself and the world you live in. And I think those are very excellent things to think about. Oh, and also because the illustrations are wonderfully strange in the best possible way, thanks to the wild brain of Kyle Hughes-Odgers.

What was your last book? Winston– aged 5

My most recent book is Always Never Always, which is a picture book about being a curious kid and going on adventures, which I think are very important things. It's illustrated by Leila Rudge, who did an incredible job with my funny little rhymes. I also have two new picture books coming out later this year, which are going to be lots of fun. One is called How to Make a Bedtime and the other one is called 31-and-a-half Things to Know As You Grow.

Interview with...Meg McKinlay



Are you going to come to our school to read?- Wira, aged 6

I would love to come to your school to read! If your teachers asked me, I would be there so fast it would make your head spin. Would you prefer me to read out loud or in my head? :)

Are you happy? Who is your Mum and Dad?- Aaliyah, aged 6

Thank you for asking! I am very happy at the moment. Of course, I have the usual problems and challenges in life, but I feel very lucky to live in such a beautiful place near the ocean and to be able to spend time writing my strange thoughts.

I am a lot older than you and my Mum and Dad died a few years ago, but they were wonderful people who gave me a super-fun childhood. My mother was a teacher who loved playing around with words and my father was a scientist who loved painting and making things out of clay. They read to me when I was little and encouraged me to explore the world, to be curious and take risks, and to pay attention to everything around me. I am quite sure they are a big part of why I became a writer.

Do you drive a van?- Mireille, aged 7

I don't drive a van because I don't really need that much space. It is usually just me in the car, or maybe one other person, or maybe a dog. I drive a little red car that is the perfect size for me.

Do you have lift the flap books?- Henry, aged 5

*I don't have any lift-the-flap books, though maybe I will one day! Now that I think about it, it could have been fun to have some lift the flap surprises in *Ten Tiny Things* - maybe for the 'secret somethings' and 'hidden happenings'. I think those books are a bit more expensive to design and print, though, and it is usually the publisher who gets to decide about things like that.*

Interview with...Meg McKinlay

Are you ok?- Charlie, aged 6

What a lovely question to ask. In fact, maybe this is the most important question to ask anyone. I am very okay! Like most people, I have had different challenges in my life and some days are less okay than others, but generally speaking I think I am very fortunate. I live in a beautiful and safe place, with people I love, and even on difficult days the birds come to visit my garden and make me smile. I hope you are okay, too.



What activities do you like to do- play, watch TV or go to school? What foods do you think are yucky? Kaidence, aged 8

I like all of those things - a bit of playing and some TV, and although I'm too old to go to school like you, I do love visiting schools. Some of my hobbies are swimming and snorkelling. I love the beach and hanging out underwater with the fish as much as possible. And I also love reading, walking and riding my bike around.

There aren't too many foods I think are yucky, which is a big change because I was a very fussy eater when I was little and did not like most vegetables at all. These days I eat pretty much anything, although one of the things I really don't like is cooked carrot. Oh, and mashed potato with butter in it. Mashed potato is perfect and fluffy and delicious by itself! It does not need butter! When I was little, I always asked Mum if she could please serve mine before she put the butter in. Sometimes she did, but sometimes she forgot and then I had to eat it anyway, all buttery and disgusting. Now I make my own mashed potato, I get to do whatever I want!

Interview with...Aura Parker



Do you like to go for a drive in the car? Ameliah, aged 10. *Yes. My car is my favourite colour!*

Are you happy? Who is your Mum and Dad?- Aaliyah, aged 6. *Yes, mostly. I enjoy lots of things in life. My Mum is Jan, but my Dad passed away.*

Do you drive a van? Mireille, aged 7. *Nope.*

Are you ok? Charlie, aged 6. *Yes.*

What friends have seen your book? Nate, aged 9.

Actually 2.3 million people have read my book too! It's so wonderful. Some of my friends cried with happiness when they read my book.

Why should I open your story to read it? Haydn, aged 6.

Because it's beautiful and I worked very hard on it.

Are you going to come to our school to read? Wira, aged 6.

I think it might be a bit far I'm sorry. I live in Sydney.

Do you have lift the flap books? Henry, aged 5.

Not so far. Just picture books.

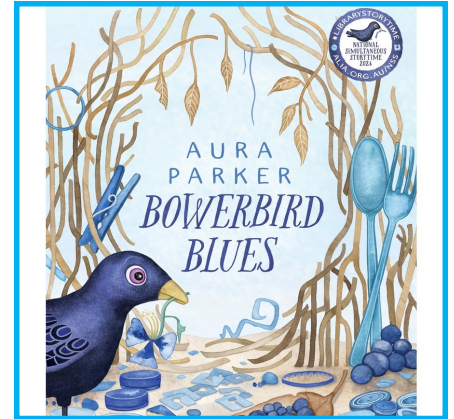
What was your last book? Winston, aged 5. *Bowerbird Blues, but I do have a new one coming called Bowerbird Brood about the chicks hatching.*

What activities do you like to do— play, watch TV or go to school? What foods do you think are yucky? Kaidence, aged 8.

I like to draw and write. I don't like chilli— it makes me cry.

Reading Corner

We read Aura's Bowerbird Blues as part of National Simultaneous Storytime. It is such a beautiful book. Here is what the Yellow Gum and Wisteria students thought of it.



Uh Oh! The bird fell from the sky. I want to help the bird more. I want to buy and give it something blue.

Kaidence

The colour of the bird is purple. I want to watch TV about the bird. Henry

It would give it 3 stars. It was alright. Wira

2 stars...That's right, it's the best!!! Charlie

I would give it 3 stars. It was noisy and scary. No way would I recommend it to a friend. Aaliyah

It gets 5 stars. It was great. Souwemma (spelt with his device). I would not tell a friend to read it though. Haydn

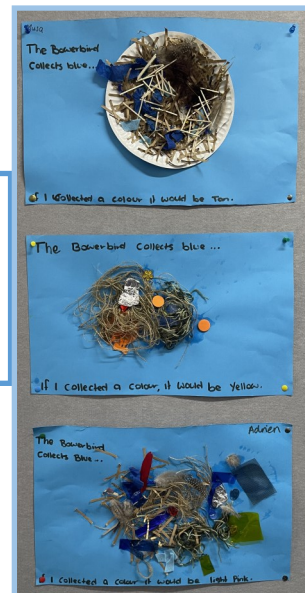
Beautiful Blue

We were inspired by the colour blue after reading Bowerbird Blues and decided to create some blue works of art for our art gallery. The Student Council met to come up with the ideas for each class.



Green Gum created their own Bowerbird collections of blue to make these fantastic collages.

Red Gum made their own nests and thought about what colours they'd like to collect. Amazing!



Ken wanted to use paper, sticky tape and paint, so the Reach class used templates and created these masterpieces.

Orange Gum used paper plates to create their own Bowerbirds.



Beautiful Blue



Student Councillor Phillip wanted to create Blue Smiley Face art, so Rose Gum got creative with these amazing paintings.

Sirish wanted Jacaranda class to create blue pets. They look so good!

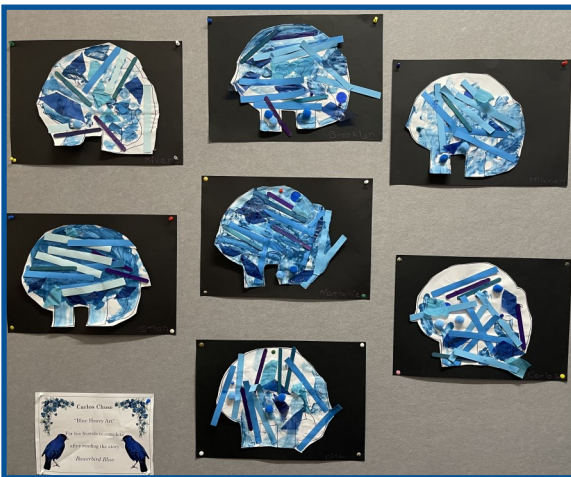


Aaliya and her Myrtle friends created this gorgeous artwork that looks like they got very hands on. Fun!!



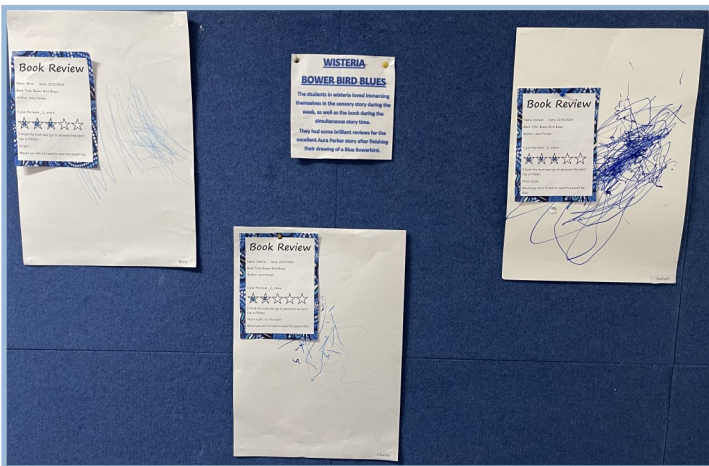
Mia wanted Wattle to create 'Blue People in Class'— look at this life-size art. Great work!

Beautiful Blue



Carlos wanted 'heavy' blue art...so Jarrah class decorated elephants. So clever.

Simba wanted Blue Gum to make ball pit ball art, so they dipped balls into paint and threw them at the paper. That looks like so much fun!



Wisteria class drew their own bowerbirds and gave us a book review too. Amazing.

Our Early Intervention group created this sensory collage which looks great.



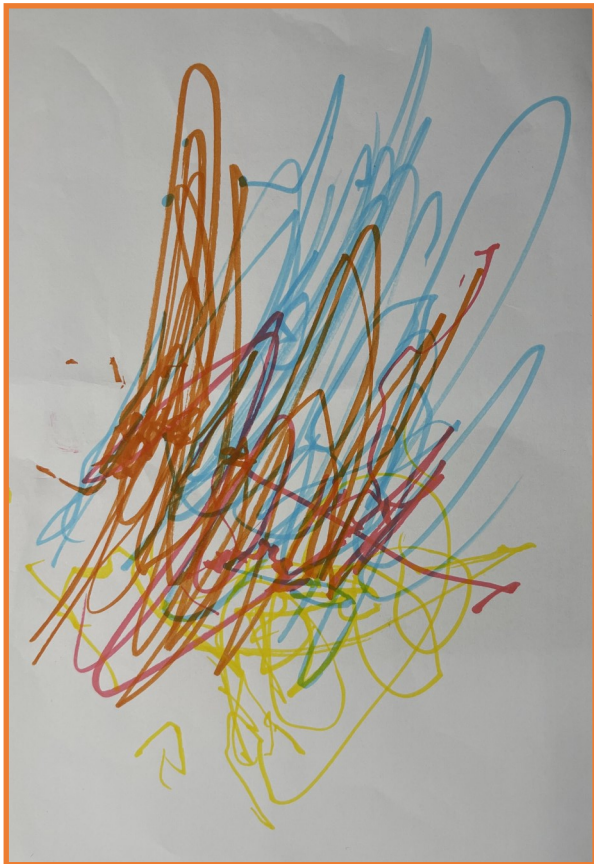
Storytime With Aaliyah

It is fun to be an author. Aaliyah has a great imagination and has written and illustrated her own story for us to read. She started by thinking of all the things that she wanted to have in her story and then worked with her helper to put her ideas into sentences.

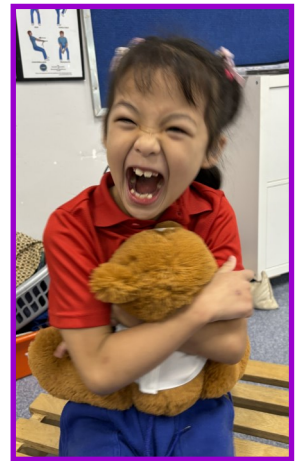
“There is a little orange and yellow balloon that Aaliyah plays with in the playground. Aaliyah has a teddy called Sony. She plays with him in the sandpit.

The big black cat has a blue hat. He is funny. He said “moo!” He gets a sticker.

In Aaliyah’s lunchbox is some chicken that is a little bit spicy. Aaliyah eats the spicy chicken with her uncle in the shop.”



Creating Characters With Mireille



Mireille wanted to write a “secret-story” for the Rainbow Reporter, which is so secret, she doesn't want to share it with us but keep it in her head instead. She has, however, given us a sneak peek about the characters in her story.



There are two dogs; one pink and one black and white.



They like to “travel” to get “pretty” with a “brush”.

Mireille is teasing us with this great idea. Hopefully one day she will share her secret story with us all.

News Sharing With Chloe

Chloe is a fantastic communicator. She used her eye gaze to tell a story...but it turns out it wasn't a story. It was true! Chloe said:



vet



Joey puppy



doctor



cramp



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pain



hospital



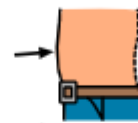
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Chloe's family confirmed that on the same day that Joey the dog went to the dog groomer (the word 'dog groomer' has now been added to Chloe's device), Chloe went to the hospital for some blood tests. It took a few attempts to get her blood and afterwards Chloe needed a band aid because she was bleeding. Chloe can get a bit itchy with band aids too.

It doesn't sound like a fun excursion Chloe but we love how clever you are with your words so that you could tell us all about it.

What a communication SUPERSTAR!!!

Creating Monsters

Meet Mmyymencal, a monster created by Charlie using AI.

Charlie used his eye gaze to give us so much information about his monster. He then said that he wanted to use the computer to create it. EA Brooke put all of Charlie's information into AI and generated some images. This was Charlie's favourite.

You can do this too— use your AAC and find some words to describe your monster and then type it into an image generator and see what it creates.



It has 3 heads with 1 big eye on each head, teeth, 8 arms with 4 hands and tentacles.

It is red.



It lives at school and drinks tea. When it is hungry it eats apricots and grapes.

It is a funny Doctor monster. It likes to play with puzzles.

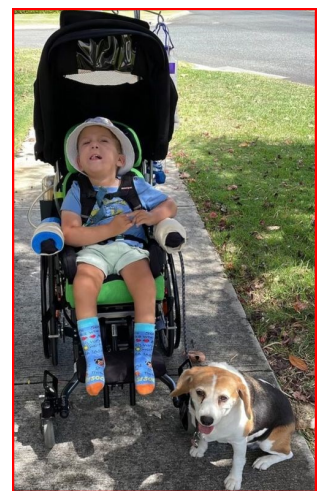
All About Emma

Do you have a special pet in your life? Winston has! Meet his dog Emma. When asked what he wanted to write about in the Rainbow Reporter, there was no thought needed for Winnie; it had to be Emma.

“I like this-awesome!- Let’s go-outside-for a walk-outside-park-river-animals-ducks-dogs-horses-birds-swans-I want-songs-duck song”

Winston confirmed that he was saying that Emma is awesome. He likes to go for a walk to the park and river with her where they see ducks, other dogs, horses, birds and swans. When they walk he likes to sing the duck song.

Amazing communication Winnie...and Emma sounds like a very special friend.



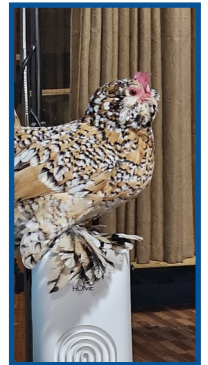
Pet Corner



Doing research before you get a pet is very important. You need to make sure you get the right pet for you. Haydn went around the school with his helper and asked people if they had any pets. They gave him photos of their pets and then he wrote about them. This might help you if you are struggling to decide what pet to get.



Gabi has lots of pets. Haydn chose to write about her cat and chickens.

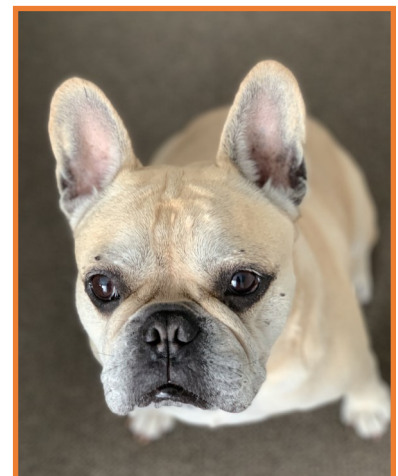


"I- meeeeow!!- It is- squeaky-crazy."

You can "eat" them. They are "popular".



Helen has two dogs called Arnie and Daisy. Haydn said "they like to play with bubbles."



Haydn said that Vera's dog is "OK and good."

Student Council Fun

Our friends from Sensorium asked us to help raise money for students who cannot go to experience their amazing shows, by having a dress up day. Our Student Council came up with the amazing idea of dressing as Superheroes and bringing in a gold coin donation. What a great day we had, dressing up and doing some Superhero activities in class. The school has never been in safer hands! There were lots of smiles from our Heroes all day and we raised \$140.60 for Sensorium. Thank you everyone.



Faction Update

This term's Faction event was created by **Yellow** Faction Captain Norman. He wanted us to look for hamburgers and hot dogs. It just so happened that on Superhero Day, our school was taken over by 100 Supervillain Hamburgers and Hotdogs!! Our Superheroes were tasked with finding the Villains and putting them in jail. Jarrah class in particular were very enthusiastic heroes. There were Faction points on the back of each Villain which helped calculate the scores. Once all the baddies were rounded up, the totals were added together and we can see that **Green** Faction are in the lead!! What a great activity Norman. And well done **Green** Faction.



1300 points



1102 points



798 points



590points



Great Work Superheroes!



Principal for the Day

Mia in Red Gum was this term's Principal for the Day and what an amazing Principal she was. Mia spread joy across the day by organising a Teddy Bears Picnic and Bubbles Day...the perfect end to a very busy term.



Principal Mia started the day by arriving with a wheelchair full of teddies!



She then visited classes to see their teddies and deliver bubble wands and bubble pistols in preparation for fun at recess.

Principal for the Day

In Wisteria class Mia was very happy to see that they were already having a Teddy Bears Picnic and reading a book about it too.



As she had brought in her own teapot from home, she made Miranda a well deserved cup of tea for the tea party.

She then attended the strangest school leaders meeting that Carson Street has ever had!



See over the page for some photos of the bubble fun had by all. Thank you Mia. You were the perfect Principal.

Happy holidays everyone. See you very soon.

Bubbles Bubbles Everywhere!

