



Carson Street School

CSS News

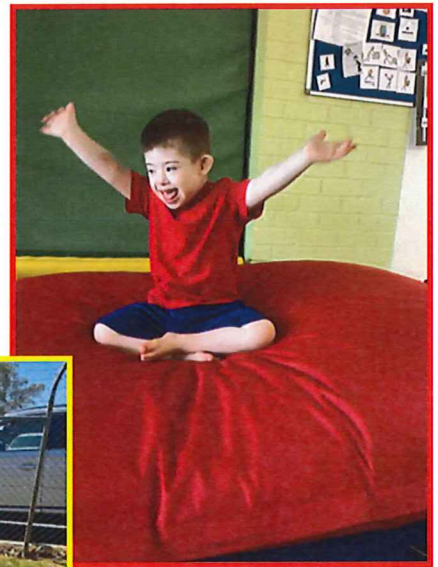
Term 1, 2025

Principal: Ros Hamling

School Board Chair: John Exeter

P&C President: Roberta Taylforth

Physical Education at Carson Street



This year we have launched our new Physical Education Program based on KIDDO, a University of Western Australia research based program that fosters the development of fundamental movement

skills through fun motivational games. Jarrah and Reach classes are joining together once a week to develop their soccer skills and learn the value of teamwork. As a school, our focus this term is on our throwing skills, particularly eyes on the target and arm extension. We are also learning to jump for distance and playing fun new games called Cat and Mouse and Rob the Nest.



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From the Principal's desk

As we wrap up a fantastic Term 1, I wanted to take a moment to share some of the amazing things that have been happening at Carson Street School—and there's been plenty to celebrate!

Welcoming Our New Staff

We were thrilled to welcome 10 new staff members at the beginning of the year, including three new teachers, during our first School Development Day. While staff shortages continue to be a challenge across the education sector, we're really pleased to have all teaching positions filled, with only a few small changes to our EA allocations. We wish our new team members every success as they settle into life at Carson Street!

New Families Morning Tea

We recently hosted a morning tea to welcome our new families and carers. It was a lovely opportunity to connect, share stories, and introduce them to the Carson Street community. We're committed to building positive, supportive partnerships with every family as their child begins—or continues—their educational journey with us. Thank you to everyone who joined us and made the morning so special!

Student Council Elections

Earlier this term, our 2025 Student Council was elected and congratulations to all our new councillors! They've already hit the ground running, planning fun school-wide activities for CE Awareness Week in Week 6. Being on the council gives students the chance to develop leadership skills and communicate using AAC in new and meaningful ways. They've proudly received their councillor shirts and badges and are looking forward to another face-to-face meeting next term!

School Faction Captains

Our Faction Captains were also elected this term. While the extreme heat meant we couldn't go ahead with a whole-school sporting event, our captains found other ways to shine! They each created encouraging messages for their faction teams, which are now proudly displayed in the Rainbow Room. Through their roles, our captains are learning how to be leaders and encouraging inclusive and active participation in physical activity.

CE Awareness Week

Each year we celebrate Conductive Education (CE), and this year was no exception. Students made colourful 'I Can' posters, a perfect reflection of our school's focus on independence. We also had a fun 'Wear Blue for CE' day and a whole-school challenge called Move for CE, where students took part in fun, active sessions together.

RAINBOW Week

Rainbow Week was held in Week 7 and is always a favourite! For those new to our school, Rainbow Week celebrates The Rainbow Way, our school's Culture Code that supports our purpose: *Empowering students for life.*

Throughout the week, we reinforced:
 Our Mission – *Helping every child shine*
 Our Mindset – *Yes, I can!*
 Our Values – *The 6 Kinds of Best,*

helping students build their skills in communication, making better choices, and life skills.

Everyone got involved, with staff and students wearing colourful shirts all week. We wrapped it up with Harmony Day on Friday, where we proudly wore orange to celebrate inclusivity and belonging.

CSS Fun Day

One of the biggest events of the term was our CSS Fun Day, and what a day it was! There was so much to enjoy—a petting farm, face painting, plus visits from the Fire Brigade, Ambulance, Variety Bash cars, and even the Police Horses! The Sausage Sizzle was a favourite with many (including the staff!).

A huge thank you to our amazing P&C for their support, and to Deputy Principal Peter Salleo and his team of volunteers for bringing the day together so beautifully.

Wishing You a Wonderful Break

Thank you for being such a supportive part of our school community. I hope you enjoy a safe and relaxing autumn holiday, and I look forward to seeing everyone back for another exciting term!

Kind regards,

Ros Hamling

Principal

From Christa, Chaplain

We are almost at the end of Term 1 and we have had some exciting events to start off 2025 at Carson Street. Our new family's morning tea was held in week 4 where we created an opportunity for parents and guardians to meet each other and ask questions. Change is always difficult, but when you know there are others facing similar challenges, it tends to get a little bit easier. By now we trust that you all have settled and that your child has found their feet at Carson Street. We are so happy that you have chosen our school and wish you many wonderful years with us and endless opportunities for your child to learn and to make memories.



Friday of week 6 we were blessed by having the YouthCARE coffee van visit our school, providing free coffee. Early morning snacks were provided by Bentley Baptist Church and Mosaic South Perth Baptist church. Once again it was a great opportunity for our families to network while enjoying the free treats. For our staff it was a welcome treat towards the end of a very busy week, where we as a school, celebrated Conductive Education week. Bubbles are always a big drawcard for our students and were a hit, as always.

I wish you all a great rest of Term 1 and a blessed Easter break. I am so thankful to be part of this amazing school community. I am here Monday to Thursday 8 am to 3:30 pm if you would like to pop in and say hi.

Warm regards,

Christa

YouthCARE Chaplain



REACH

Welcome back to a brand new school year with the REACH class!

We're excited to see familiar faces and welcome new ones as we embark on another year of learning, growth, and fun together.

We have celebrated a few birthdays, presented an assembly, as well pack a lot of learning in so far.

In the REACH class, we believe in the power of staying active and engaged through a variety of fun and enriching hands-on activities. Here's a peek into 'back to school' so far.

Sports and Arts Program: With Mr. G's dynamic sports and art program at Belmay P.S., students are always on the move, developing their athletic abilities and creating fantastic pieces of art.

Community Access: "transport" our term one theme, the highlight so far: Visiting the train simulator training facility was fantastic.

Literacy and numeracy rotations: Learning at our own pace with hands on literacy and numeracy games learning social and communication skills at the same time.

We're proud of how our students have embraced these activities, staying active and engaged every step of the way!



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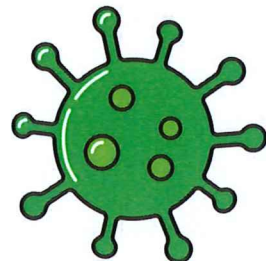
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A message from the Nurses about RSV ...

RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus) is a common virus that affects the lungs and airways, spreading easily through coughing and sneezing. It's the leading cause of hospitalisation for babies in Australia.

Signs of RSV:

- Runny nose, coughing, sneezing
- Fever, trouble breathing
- Poor appetite



RSV can cause serious lung issues, especially in babies and children with asthma.

Caring for Your Child:

- Keep them home if unwell, but they can go back to school if feeling better
- Encourage plenty of fluids.

When to See a Doctor:

- High fever, trouble feeding, worsening cough, dehydration.

How RSV Spreads:

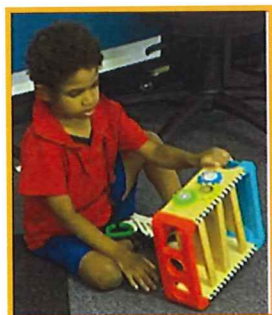
RSV spreads through coughing, sneezing, and shared items. It can live on surfaces for hours.

Prevention Tips:

- Avoid sharing drinks, toys, or utensils.
- Wash hands frequently, especially after coughing or sneezing.
- Keep infected children away from newborns and those with weak immune systems.



In Week 7 this term, we celebrated Rainbow Week by wearing coloured t-shirts from the 6 Kinds of Best Values rainbow we have at school. Here are just some of the colours we saw:



P & C

Hello. My name is Roberta Taylforth, and I am the new Carson Street School P&C president. I am a recently retired Education Assistant who worked here at CSS for over 30 years and have been on the P&C for the last 10 years as a helper.

We had a wonderful Fun Day on Friday 4 April. We had a scrumptious sausage sizzle, as well as our Easter raffle, both of which are in support of playground upgrades.

We have Mother's Day in Term 2 and we are busy sourcing some lovely gifts to add to our Mother's Day raffle. If you have anything at home you would like to donate, it would be very much appreciated. Tickets will go home at the beginning of Term 2. We will draw the winners at the Mother's Day morning tea on Friday 9 May.

We are always on the look out for more parents / grandparents / community members to join the P&C. Our meetings are twice a term, weeks 3 and 7, on Thursday mornings from 9.30am. If you are unable to attend the meetings you can still be a part of our committee as we also communicate via email throughout the year. You can be as involved as you like, it does not require a lot of effort or time as many hands make light work and it's the involvement of families and community members from varying backgrounds that make a P&C special. So join us and help make our school wonderful for our amazing students.



The Immune Deficiencies Foundation proudly presents International Entertainment Australia's...



Scan the QR Code to visit the shows website and watch highlights from previous shows...



Our Circus Quirkus shows provide relaxed performances for children and adults who might require a more flexible environment when going to the theatre.

Enjoy the "live performance" experience with a casual attitude to audience noise and movement in an accessible and inclusive environment, where you are welcomed and free to be yourself without restriction or judgement.

Featuring moving, flashing lights, upbeat and sometimes dramatic music. Suitable for all ages.

Featuring a brand new show host and performer, along with some old favourites. One hour show, no interval.

Ideal for... School, Community Group and Family Excursions.

ALL TICKETS ARE FREE, including parent, sibling and carer tickets.

*Bookings from schools, organisations, carers and families are all welcome.

ASTOR THEATRE PERTH, Mount Lawley WA			
DATES	#1 SHOWTIME	#2 SHOWTIME	#3 SHOWTIME
SUNDAY 25th MAY, 2025 <small>*Auslan Interpreter at all 3 shows</small>	11.30 AM	1.30 PM	3.30 PM
MONDAY, 26th MAY 2025 <small>*Auslan Interpreter TBC</small>	10.00 AM	12.00 PM	N/A

To book tickets, please email your order name, preferred showtime/s and ticket numbers to...

meredithnewman@showintent.com.au

or call / text 0404-367-782



There are lots of activities to keep everyone entertained these school holidays. From parks and museums to community events, you're sure to find something as the weather cools off.

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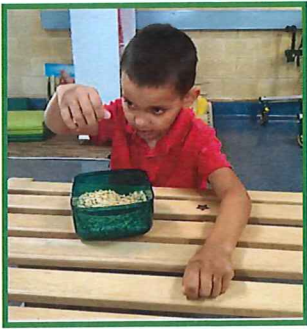
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Yellow Gum



Wow! What an incredible start to 2025!

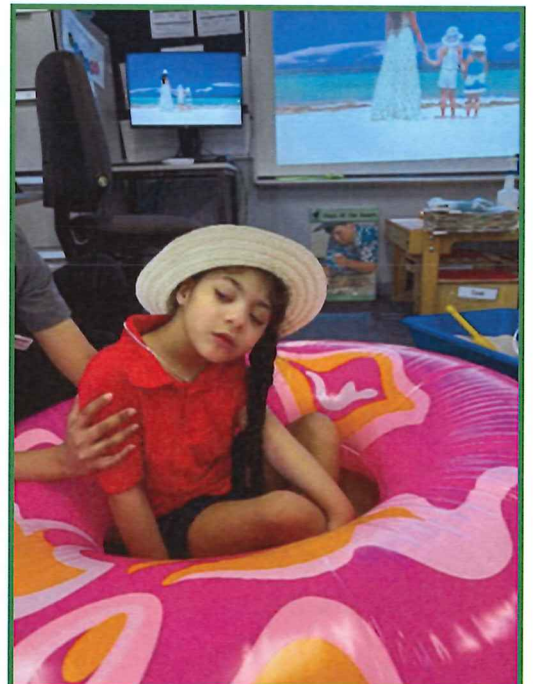
Yellow Gum have been working hard to showcase their exceptional talents and skills this year, not only in our day to day activities but also through our wonderful school events. We have been very lucky to participate in CE Week alongside our Conductive Education counterparts all over the world and demonstrate everything we can do at our fabulous Yellow Gum assembly. We really enjoyed sharing our ideas, comments and special moments through our I CAN statements with our friends and family. We are so excited to see what else we can achieve this year!

Watch this space!

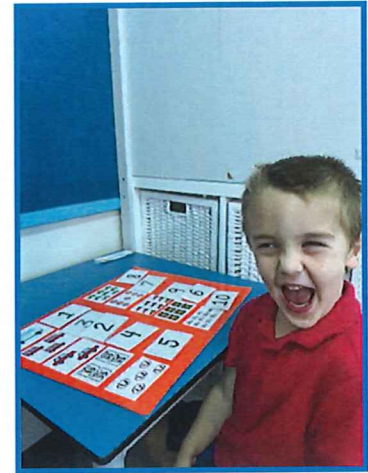


Green Gum

At Green Gum, our "The Beach" theme brought the seaside right into our classroom with every lesson. Students explored textures by sorting wet and dry sand, shells, and water, and they enjoyed engaging stories like "Magic Beach" and "Big Beach BBQ." In math, they practiced counting with beach items, and in English, they created simple charts and stories about the beach. Creative projects, such as making beach collages and decorating sun hats, further enhanced their art and motor skills while connecting learning with the fun and excitement of the seaside.



Jarrah



Jarrah have had a great start to 2025. We have been working really hard on our Maths and Literacy skills. We have taken part in art activities through our Topic "All About Me". We also enjoy bike riding, cooking and technology with Carlyne on a Friday. We have also been socialising well with new classmates and forming great friendships.



Conductive Education



In March we celebrated CE Awareness Week. We had some wonderful activities—moving for CE, wearing blue, completing our I can posters and the best Student Council organised fun afternoon!

My name is
Shateaka



I can control
google home.

My name is Zayn



I can ride a bike.

My name is Charbel.



I can cook.

My name is Russell



I can garden with
Aunty Mabel.

Jacaranda

What an incredible start to the year we've had in Jacaranda! The students have shown a fantastic demonstration of independence. Our back-to-school routines promote self-sufficiency, including carrying and unpacking our own bags, using the toilet and managing our clothing, washing our hands independently, and learning to line up and wait for our friends. Another goal we've been focusing on is sitting through Morning Circle with attention and engagement. In Jacaranda, we grow, we learn, and we THRIVE by doing tasks for ourselves!



Culture Corner

This year at Carson Street, we are promoting INDEPENDENCE.

How can you help? It's easy...

- ⇒ Let your child carry their own school bag or items into school or to the classroom.
- ⇒ Involve your child in daily life decisions (e.g. red socks or blue socks today?) .
- ⇒ Look for what your child is already good at and let them practise it whenever possible.

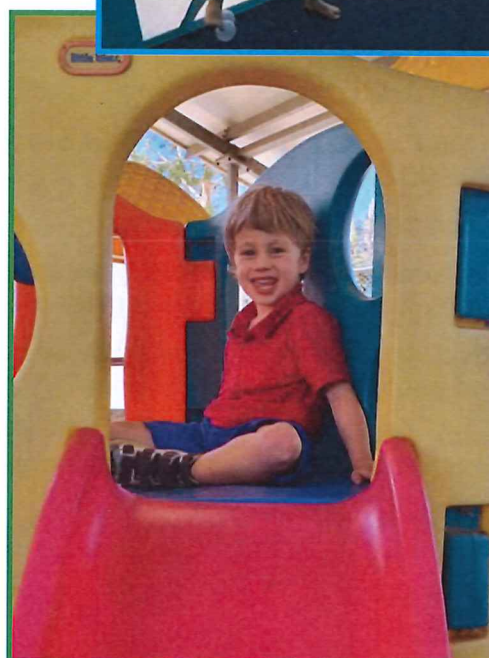
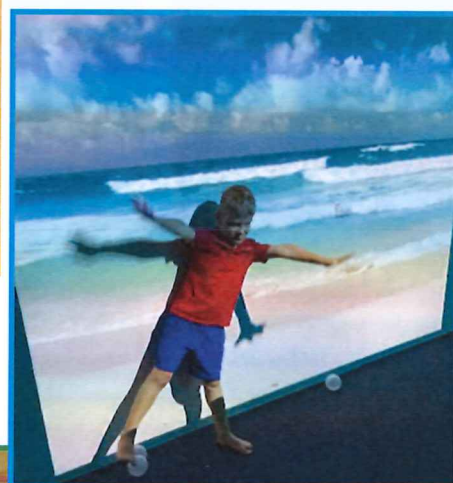
Have a go...

I can do it myself



Wisteria

Wisteria class have had a great start to the year! Our topic is 'All About Me' and we have enjoyed learning about the different things the students enjoy doing! We have focused on engagement and independence. The students have completed lots of different activities and they have been developing their independence by unpacking their bag, using the toilet, washing their hands, putting their hats on and learning to line up. The students are learning to identify how they feel using the zones of regulation. They have settled in well and have enjoyed getting to know their new peers and adults! A great start to the term Wisteria class.



Orange Gum

Term 1 has been a busy and exciting time for Orange Gum! We have settled into our new classroom and spent time getting to know our classmates.

Our theme this term has been 'All About Me', where students explored their likes and dislikes, identified personal attributes such as eye colour and gender, and shared information about their families. Using AAC, students expressed their favourite foods—Holly enjoys cheese, Syahin likes bread, Khalil prefers Vegemite and chicken, and Jion loves bacon! During predictable chart writing, students also shared their ages, leading to some very creative answers!

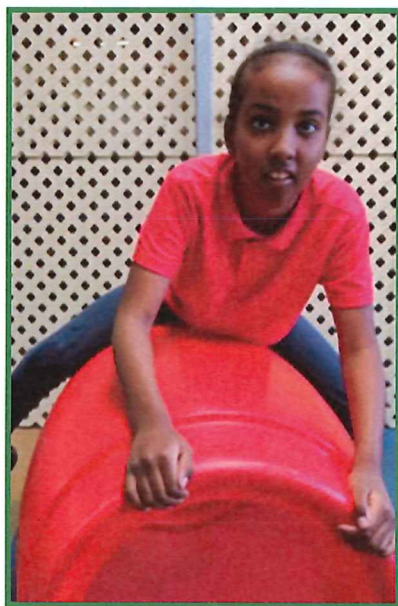
Beyond the classroom, we have made the most of outdoor play when the weather has allowed, enjoyed cooking activities, and had lots of fun dancing to music. It's been a great start to the year, and we look forward to more learning and laughter in Term 2!



Wattle



What a busy first term Wattle has had! We have welcomed our new students Jacob, Oussama and Ethan! We have all been the LEARNING KIND – getting to know our new routines and we have been KIND TO OURSELVES – having fun, playing, cooking and making artworks.



Early Intervention

Did you know that we had an Early Intervention Program for children aged 0-4 years and their parents at Carson Street School?

The program offers specialised support in early year's development for children with disabilities or for those who are not yet meeting their developmental milestones.

Our Early Intervention Programs - First Steps, Stepping Stones and Milestones provide pre-kindy sessions and all promote and develop social and emotional well-being, communication, cognitive, physical, self-help and play skills in a fun, play-based learning environment, with a clear focus on helping children achieve critical skills.

The EI Program provides:

- a safe and supportive group learning environment where parents/carers can interact, play and grow with their child.
- parents, family members and Disability Support Workers have the opportunity to work with early year's experts to learn how to optimise your child's early years development .
- opportunities to learn skills your child can practice and use in the home environment .
- access to well structured, child focused intervention that is based upon best educational and therapeutic practice .
- opportunities for parents to meet and learn from others experiencing similar challenges to themselves.
- information regarding early intervention services, respite, NDIS and other support for families

We currently have vacancies in each of our groups. If you would like further information, or know of a family with a little one who may benefit from this Early Intervention, please contact the school on:

08 6216 4950 or email shona.ballantyne@education.wa.edu.au



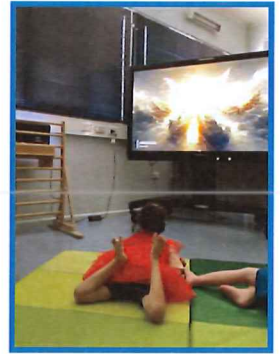
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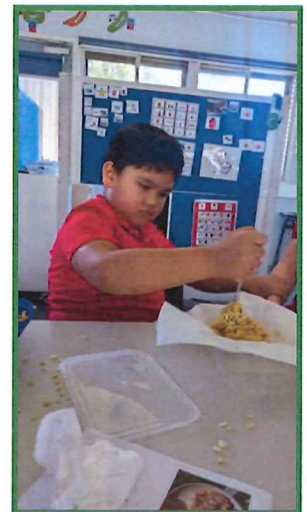
Bottlebrush



Bottlebrush has had a fun start to the year with birthdays being celebrated playing pass the parcel, completing peg puzzles during maths, laughs in the pool and choosing characters for our classroom story in literacy.



Rose Gum

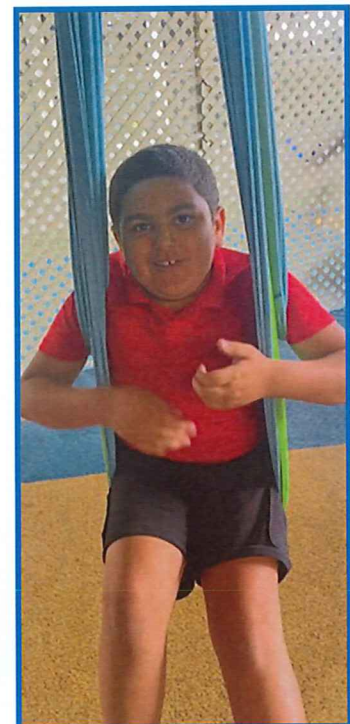
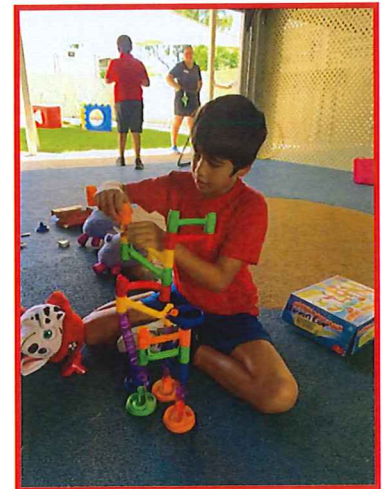


Rose Gum have been getting to know all about transport this term. We have been learning about different forms of transport through all subjects such as cooking, art, fine motor, games, science and, of course, playing!



Banksia

Welcome back to a new school year! In Banksia Class, Rocco, Shannon, Christopher, Nikolai, Tykeem, and Norman have been busy settling into our routines and getting to know each other. We've been exploring different emotions and learning how to express our feelings in positive ways, helping us build strong friendships and a supportive classroom environment. From morning check-ins to fun group activities, everyone has been working together to create a welcoming space where we can learn and grow. It's been a fantastic start, and we're excited for all the new experiences and challenges ahead!



Thank you for your continued support with our Containers for Change fundraising. We have plenty of collection bags still available. Please let us know if you would like another sent home. Every 10c collected counts!



CHECK FOR THE **10c** MARK

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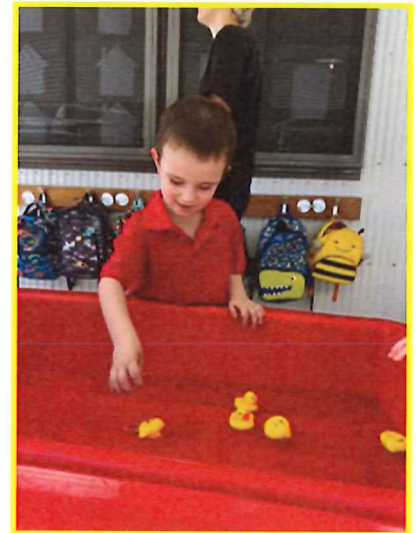
Myrtle

Welcome to Myrtle! This year, we are excited to continue the school focus on building independence. As part of our "All About Me" theme, we've been exploring what we can do on our own and celebrating our growing skills. Can you spot who matches the "I can" statements below?

- I can use a fork.
- I can look after the environment.
- I can feed myself.
- I can count.
- I can create.
- And of course – I can wee in the toilet!



These skills, along with mastering our daily routines, are helping us grow and become more independent. A big shout out to our kindy students, Anthony, Rehan, and Hunter, who have all settled in wonderfully at Carson Street!



Red Gum

Exciting news for Red Gum class! This term Mwokozi, the Story Dog, has joined us on Tuesdays for a very special reading experience! As we explore Sensory Task Series and Bag Books, Mwokozi has become an important part of our storytelling journey, bringing smiles, motivation, and a little extra wag to our lessons.

Students have been eager to reach out, pat, and stroke Mwokozi, using their movements to engage with both the story and their furry reading buddy. Mwokozi's presence has encouraged increased movement and participation, making story time even more interactive and meaningful.

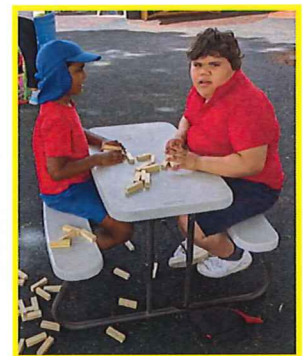
One of the highlights so far: We taught Mwokozi how to press a switch to join in with the story—proving that everyone can be part of the adventure! We can't wait to see how Mwokozi continues to support and inspire our learners each week.



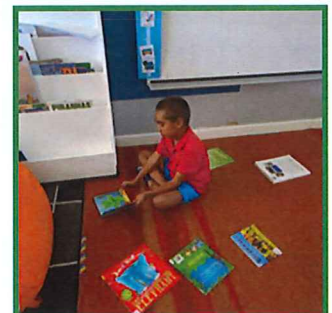
Blue Gum



This term in Blue Gum, we've seen the return of some familiar faces, along with a warm welcome to some new ones! Our focus at the start of the year has been on promoting independence and helping everyone get comfortable with new routines in the classroom. This term's topic is Transportation, and the kids have had a blast getting creative with arts and crafts to make all sorts of moving machinery. A new class also means making new friends, and it has been



wonderful to see those friendships develop so quickly!



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FREE EVENT!

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**SAT 5 APRIL 2025
10 AM - 2 PM**

**Cahoots Adventure Camp
100 Kirby Road, Bullsbrook**



Ropes course • Face painting • Sensory play
Live performances • Chill out zone • Food trucks
and so much more!

All ages and all abilities!

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and stay
up to date!**



or contact us at info@cahoots.org.au or 1300 103 880



5 February	Aaliyah	Yellow Gum
17 February	Ayub	Bottlebrush
18 February	Simba	REACH
18 February	Zachary	Blue Gum
23 February	Zayn	Blue Gum
23 February	Christopher	Banksia
25 February	Winston	Bottlebrush
27 February	Carlos	REACH
12 March	Norman	Banksia
13 March	Abdul	Yellow Gum
14 March	Declan	Wisteria
15 March	Cyril	REACH
25 March	Devlin	Jarrah
29 March	Bradley	REACH
30 March	Brandon	Myrtle

2 April	Henry	Bottlebrush
4 April	Nate	Red Gum
7 April	Gabriella	Red Gum
8 April	Duncan	Wisteria
8 April	Jouri	Wattle
21 April	Marnie	Wisteria
22 April	James	Blue Gum
22 April	Miles	REACH
28 April	Vihaan	Green Gum



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

Friday 11 April	Last day of Term 1.
Monday 28 April	Student Free Day.
Tuesday 29 April	First day of Term 2.
Friday 9 May	Mother's Day morning tea from 8:15am.
Monday 2 June	WA Day public holiday.
Friday 4 July	Last day of Term 2.
Monday 21 July	Staff Development Day. No students.
Tuesday 22 July	First day of Term 3.

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