



Carson Street Independent Public School

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ROOM 9

Room 9 have been busy learning about the water cycle. This term we went to Burswood Park to look at the different water birds and plants that live by the river. We also visited a nearby pond shop where we were given a tour of the shop followed by an informative speech about water plants, ponds and fish. We were also allowed to feed the fish!



ROCK CLIMBING

A rock climbing expedition was organised for several classes on Thursday 23rd June at The Hangout in Bayswater. Great fun was had by all. Thanks to Barb (Wheeler) and Suzanne in Room 8 for getting us motivated!



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From the Principal's Desk

It certainly is difficult to believe that we are already almost half way through the 2011 school year. Shortly families will be receiving their child's Portfolio which provides a record of student effort and achievement in priority areas of school curriculum and life as well as providing a dynamic means of three-way communication between parents, students and teachers.

Car park

Progress on the new car park has slowed to a halt while permission from the Planning Commission is being sought for the new crossover.

Play Equipment from the 'Building the Education Revolution' Program.

We now have the end of July as the completion date for installation of this new equipment designed to challenge children who use wheelchairs.

Congratulations Yvette Theodorsen

Congratulations to Speech Pathologist Yvette Theodorsen who was the successful applicant for advertised Speech Pathologist position. Yvette has been with us for a number of years in a fixed term capacity but quite rightly has now gained her permanency. During the time she has been with us she has played a major role in developing the speech and communication skills of our students, enhancing the teaching skills of our staff and has helped progress our goal of developing a transdisciplinary educational team.

My Personal Thanks to Staff

Carson Street has been in the news recently with one issue in particular causing great anxiety to staff and families. I would like to commend staff for the professional way they have managed this situation and for their

commitment to maintaining confidentiality.

In addition I would like to assure parents, carers and our community that the school acts at all times with care and diligence to maintain the highest levels of Duty of Care for our students.

On the issue of the funding for the early years Conductive Education program, I am pleased to report that the Department of Education will continue to support the program but as yet, we have not received details.

Best wishes for a safe and worry free holiday.

John Exeter

Principal

Support Chaplain

My name is Gary Hamilton and I have been allocated to your school as a support chaplain. As a support chaplain my role is to provide a pastoral care service to your school community. Pastoral care is about being there for all members of the school community, staff, students and parents who at times might need someone to talk to. We all face issues that concern us at times and it's good to know there are resources to help us. A support chaplain is such a resource. I service eight schools and work Wednesdays and Thursdays. My aim is to visit each school once a fortnight, but I am available to respond to needs as they arise. You can connect with me through your school administration.

My personal reason for being a support chaplain is that I have a deep passion for people. I believe we have a right to be safe and secure. I value the dignity of the individual and I try to treat all people with respect and understanding. I have been an in-school chaplain both volunteer and paid for seven years. Being a support chaplain is not about religion (even though I come from a Christian faith background and have been the minister of a local church) it's about helping people meet their needs and to get the best out of life.

Thank you for letting me be part of your school community and I look forward to meeting you.

CARSON STREET SCHOOL VEGIE PATCH

Carson Street School has again registered for the McCain School Veggie Patches program. Our students loved taking part in the Program last year so we have decided to do it all again in 2011. Parents are urged to collect barcodes from McCain vegetable packs and either place them in the collection box in the Health Centre, or post them to the school at 19 Carson Street, East Victoria Park 6101. Every barcode earns Veggie Patch Points for our school which can then be redeemed for gardening tools and seeds. We are also looking at the raised vegetable gardens which will be suitable for students in wheelchairs.

SCHOOL VISITS

The school was pleased to host visits from both the Minister for Education Dr Elizabeth Constable MLA and the Hon Nick Goiran MLC, Member for South Metropolitan, both of whom observed the Conductive Education program in action and spoke to staff and students. The Minister later confirmed that funding for the early years (0-4 years) program was guaranteed for the future. Nick and his Senior Communications and Research Officer, Michelle Verkerk were very impressed at how hard the students were working on their individual programs and the support it receives from our partners the Conductive Education Centre of WA.



A Message From The Nurses.....

SOCCER

Soccer has finished for this term. A note will be going home in the first week of next term regarding soccer for Term 3.

HEAD LICEDid you know.....

Head lice can run up to 30cm per minute (1.8 km per hour!)

To catch them out:

- Saturate the dry hair in hair conditioner, section hair and comb with long tooth metal comb.
- Wipe the combings on a white tissue and examine for head lice and eggs. A magnifying glass will make this easier.
- If you find any head lice or eggs, continue combing with the hair conditioner daily for 10 days to remove all head lice.

Hello, my name is Amanda Turner and I am the Team Leader for Variety Pelican which is a children's respite facility. We would like parents of Carson Street School to be aware of our service. We are located at 56 Garrett Rd Bayswater and our telephone number is 9370 5790. Email amanda.turner@activ.asn.au. Please contact us for respite services or general enquiries. We look forward to being of assistance to you.

DISABLED CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION RAFFLE

Carson Street School would like to thank all parents and staff who contributed to the DCF raffle recently by buying or selling raffle tickets. The school raised \$2313.10 through the raffle and the Disabled Children's Foundation have now advised us that they will be donating the entire amount back to the school as a donation. This is great news and the school would like to acknowledge this gesture and convey our thanks to our friends at the Disabled Children's Foundation. Special thanks also to P & C President Liz Green for organising this raffle.

Interactive Sensory Sensitivity Workshop

On Tuesday 9th August 2011 a workshop will be held with Nelle Francis, author of the Ben and His Helmet series of fiction books for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Nelle is also a Special Needs Educator and parent of a child with Asperger's Syndrome. This workshop will demonstrate how a person with Autism Spectrum Disorder's response to sensory stimuli influences their behaviour, emotional development and academic progress. The workshop will be held on Tuesday 9th August 2011 from 9am to 2.30pm at the East Fremantle Yacht Club, Petra Street East Fremantle and includes morning tea and lunch. To register, please complete the online registration at <http://www.stickytickets.com.au/5989> or Telephone 0422 621 749 for further enquiries.

ANGELMAN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA **FUNDRAISER**

On Saturday 9th July 2011 there will be a sausage sizzle outside Bunnings Maddington with all proceeds going to the Angelman Syndrome Association of WA. Please support this worthy cause.

Happy Birthday to you !



Benjamin	Room 9	11th July	Joel	Bluegum	22nd July
Jayde	Room 7	12th July	Sienna	Room 11	1st August
Hollie	Room 11	18th July	Tony	Room 8	9th August

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

Wednesday 6th July	Constable Care Puppet Show	
Friday 8th July	Last day Term 2	
Tuesday 26th July	First day Term 3 for students	

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ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE

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SENSORY EXPERIMENTATION EXPERIENCE



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BANKSIA

We have learnt so much during our Task Series this term.



Samuel – I have learnt to sit by myself for a few seconds and worked lots on my walking and transferring my self from the ladder to the plinth so I can sit into my chair.



Jack - This term I discovered that I can stand tall and play the piano. I think I am the next Mozart.



Alex N. – I have worked very hard on my sitting and standing. I can now push myself into standing and shift my weight to stamp my foot to help me prepare for walking .



Alex R – I love singing pat a cake and making banging sounds with my hands whilst singing it. It has helped me to look at my hands and keep them flat.