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ROOM 2

We're Going On A Dinosaur Hunt!

In Room 2 we are learning all about dinosaurs. We found out about the Western Australian dinosaur Megalosauropus and decided to go searching for dinosaur bones. After 'splish-splashing' through the river, 'stomp-stepping' down the hill and making our way through the 'swishy-swashy' grass...you would not believe what we found!!



Conductive Education Parent and Child Group Update



Due to growing demand and numbers, we are delighted to announce that the Parent and Child groups have increased from 2 days a week to 3. We currently have 17 children accessing the early intervention program which is fantastic news! We would also like to welcome back Natalie Fitzpatrick (Teacher-Conductor) who has returned to the program after maternity leave. The Parent and Child program is aimed at very young children (0-4 years) with motor disorders who attend with and learn alongside their parents. The groups are usually 2-3 hours long and run on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in Room 11. If you would like further information, please contact Shona Ballantyne (CE Co-ordinator/Teacher Conductor) who will be happy to assist you with any enquiries.

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From the Principal's Desk

Welcome to our families for term two, which my staff are grateful is shorter than the previous one. By now you will have noticed the chaos caused by the building of the new car park which we are told will be completed by the end of the month. I'm sure we will all be happy when it is ready for use. The car park has been funded by a successful Capital Works application to the Department of Education. Thanks for your cooperation during the building phase.

Annual School Report

An abridged version based on the state of play at the time was included in the school calendar for your information. This will soon be updated to include financial information amongst other things. Copies will soon to be available from Schools on Line which can be found at

<http://centoff-wdw1.int.det.wa.edu.au/schoolprofile/home.do>

Please note that our current 3 year Business Plan can be viewed there along with other information on the school's programs and activities.

A National Conversation with Principals

I was fortunate to be able to attend "The Second National Conversation with Principals" as a representative of The Australian Special Education Principal's Association (ASEPA) which was held in Canberra on 7 and 8 April 2011. Delegates, including 140 school principals from across Australia and representatives from Principal associations, Unions and parent groups met with the Minister for School Education, Peter Garrett, to discuss the key topics at the forefront of the schools reform agenda. Topics at the forum included empowering local schools, indigenous education and quality teaching. My colleagues from the eastern states were particularly interested in learning about our experiences as an Independent Public School and were impressed by the planning and forethought which had gone into this process by the Department of Education WA. This has become a federal goal as the Prime Minister made an election commitment of over \$480 million by 2018 for the Empowering Local Schools initiative. It is also interesting to note that, in general, delegates were against rewarding high performing teachers because of the divisions that can be caused in the climate and smooth running of the school.

Mayor Trevor Vaughan Visits School

The school had a visit from the Mayor of Victoria Park and colleagues who introduced us to a number of the city's programs that our students can access. The Town has always been very supportive of the school and its students. For instance it makes an annual donation to the cost of running of the Summer Holiday program and their Library staff are always very helpful when our classes visit.

Solar Schools Initiative

Australian Government's National Solar Schools Program (NASSP)

Our school was successful in obtaining funding from the Australian Government's National Solar Schools program. We have used this funding along with \$12,000 from the State Government to install a 10.75 kw system. Over 2,000 schools submitted an application in the 2010-2011 funding round and approximately 1,200 schools were successful. Applications were competitively assessed against three criteria: value for money, environmental benefit and educational benefit. The grant has given our school a head start in tackling climate change and conserving Australia's precious non-renewable resources.

Glenroy School Principal Visits

Last week Principal Raelene Kenney and her Welfare Officer Jenelle Moden from Glenroy Specialist School in Victoria visited the school to learn about how Conductive Education was being implemented over here. Our admin staff had a very interesting morning exchanging notes and learning from each other. Glenroy has a student population of 150, all of who have physical impairment.

Kind Regards

John Exeter
Principal

P AND C NEWS.....

On Friday the P&C had it's meeting with a good turnout. Recently we applied to Variety WA for a **Liberty Swing**. This is a swing for children in wheel-chairs. The cost of the swing and the installation is in excess of \$40,000.00 and we were told that the Board don't usually grant swings on the first round and installation is usually not paid for at all. We have been very fortunate in the fact that we were granted the swing and installation in the first round and that the Board were unanimous in their decision. Hopefully the swing should be going in, in late May.



Uniforms – a uniform order form is coming out this week. A couple of items have had slight increases in prices as were not meeting costs.

School Banking –this has been slow to get going but some parents have still showed an interest. We are going to change the way it is done to make it easier for all. A form will be sent home to all families. All you have to do is fill out the first page with your child's details and then send in a photo of your Driver's Licence and we will do the rest. Even if you child doesn't understand the concept of banking/ money, it's a great way to save up for something for them. Siblings are also welcome to do banking as well.

Spending – we have been doing a bit of spending. Money that was held for outdoor equipment will be reallocated to other things as the school is getting a huge new playground as well as the swing. We will be buying some communication technology items (as demonstrated by Ms Linton) and a huge new equipment trolley for Mr Pestell who no longer has a P.E. room and has to cart his equipment everywhere.

Disabled Children's Fund Raffle – very important – ALL raffle tickets, sold or unsold need to be returned to school immediately. Thanks to those that have already done so. Change of P&C Meeting Dates – As John and Ros have to attend another meeting on weeks 3 and 7, we will now be having our meetings on weeks 4 and 8 of the term. Next meeting will be 24th June 2011

FROM THE NURSES.....**A Reminder About Medications**

Please make sure the School Nurses are made aware of any changes to your child's medications. Medications for our students can change quite often and it is important the Nurses are kept up to date.

Healthy Eating Session

The Nurses are planning a presentation about healthy eating explaining children's nutritional needs for growth. The session will include advice about fussy eating and understanding food labels and will be held Wednesday 15th June 9.30am to 11.30. A note will be sent home soon.

Staying Home When Unwell

The change in weather brings colds and sniffles so please remember to keep children at home if you think they are at all unwell. A note is also required to school for students who are absent due to illness or for any other reason.

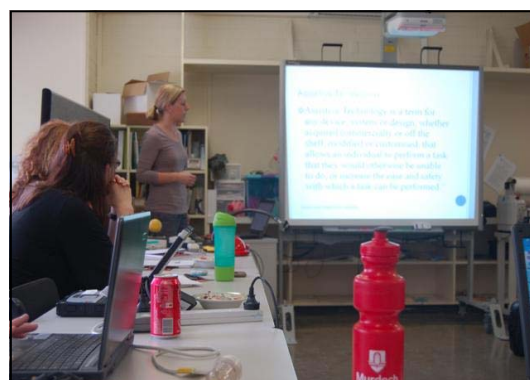
TECH FORTOTS

At school we have commenced a series of workshops on using computer software suitable for early intervention aged students and involving families, students from Notre Dame Uni-



versity and school staff using funds provided through the

Innovations Grant received from the Department of Education. Kelly Moore from the Independent Living Centre is our trainer. Reports from the first session are very positive and everyone is now working on making programs for individual student learning.

**Town of Victoria Park Volunteers Morning Tea**

The school staff nominated three of our hard working volunteers to attend a thank you morning tea held recently by the Town of Victoria Park. Sue Gay, Marion Bone and Pauline Maddern were all nominated by the school to attend. Marion and Sue were able to go along and enjoy the Council's hospitality. All of the staff are extremely grateful for the help that Sue, Marion and Pauline offer us on a regular basis here at Carson Street School. THANKYOU!!



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CONDOLENCES

The school community was sad to learn of the passing of volunteer Don Wright who for many years has been creating children's furniture for our fund raising campaigns. Don's beautifully crafted designs have been auctioned at Quiz Nights and raffled at various times throughout the year to raise funds for much needed student equipment. The school sends it's condolences to his family and trust that they share in the knowledge that, through his energy and expertise, Don has helped make a difference in the lives of many children with disabilities.



Epilepsy Association of WA

Does your child have Epilepsy? Would you like to:

- * be put in touch with other families that share similar experiences?
- * Help raise awareness about early childhood epilepsy?
- * Come along to family social events?

Grey Matters Parent Support Group is a group of parents of some of WA's youngest children with Epilepsy and meetings are held every second Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm, The Niche, 11 Aberdare Rd, Nedlands. You are invited to attend the next meeting on 8th June 2011.

Tea, coffee and light supper provided.

Happy Birthday to you!

Lauren Banksia 31 May

Hannah Room 8 13 June

Mujaheeda Redgum 13 June

Violet Redgum 15 June

Mikayla Room 11 15 June



The **Raising Children Network** is looking for Australian parents of children with special needs aged 3-9 years to take part in the evaluation of a new online program. This online tool, called the Behaviour Skills Builder, will help parents manage their child's difficult behaviour. Parents can complete the program in their own time. The program guides parents through a step-by-step process that helps them understand why the difficult behaviour occurs. It also helps them tailor plans and strategies to suit their child. There are sets of questionnaires to fill in before and after the program-each set will take about 20 mins to complete. For further information please contact freecall 1800 334 155 or email info@parentingrc.org.au

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

Wednesday 15th June	Nurses Presentation on Healthy Eating	9.30-11.30am
Monday 6th June	Foundation Day Holiday	
Friday 24th June	P and C Meeting	9am Staff Room
Friday 8th July	Last day Term 2	

BELMAY CLASS

MAY 2011



The Belmay Satellite Class have been attending the Flex Ability Program for the third year at the George Burnett Recreational Centre. This year we are so lucky to have Scott Bennett teach the children how to play soccer and hockey. He teaches them how to exercise properly and play lots of

games which includes listening to instructions and fine tuning their skills. Here's Lachlan and Grace showing off their soccer skills!!



WORKS IN PROGRESS

Work continues at the school on two projects which will greatly benefit staff and students alike. The



much needed new staff carpark is underway



near Wattle class and construction has begun on our wheelchair playground which will ensure easy access to playground facilities for our wheelchair students.

FAREWELL

The Carson Street School Community gathered together on two occasions recently to farewell two students who sadly passed away in recent months. We celebrated the lives of both Brae Deegan Hayes and Teagan O'Sullivan by planting two beautiful rose bushes in the front garden at school and releasing colourful balloons into the sky. Families and friends attended the ceremonies and Brae and Teagan will be fondly remembered by all here at Carson Street School.

BRAE**TEAGAN****HELP WANTED !**

We are seeking the assistance of someone who would be able to keep our school bicycles in good working order. If any parents or friends of Carson Street School could help with this, or if you know anyone who would be able to volunteer a couple of hours on a regular basis to this cause, we would love to hear from you.

