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P & C Fun Day

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On Wednesday 9th November, the P&C funded a Fun Day for all the students. In addition to Liz Green from the P&C for her work on the event, thanks must go to those staff members who went out of their way to help make the day a success—Melinda, Sandy, Lee, Suzanne S, Suzanne H, Mim, Ann G, Les, and Colin and Kylie who manned the BBQ to provide a delicious sausage sizzle. Also thanks to Tye, Rose and John for helping with packing up.

We were also grateful to Brad & Fiona Dunn from Bump'N'Jump Castles for Hire for donating the use of the bouncy castle. The children had a wonderful time.

Check out the action shots from the day! (more in the insert)

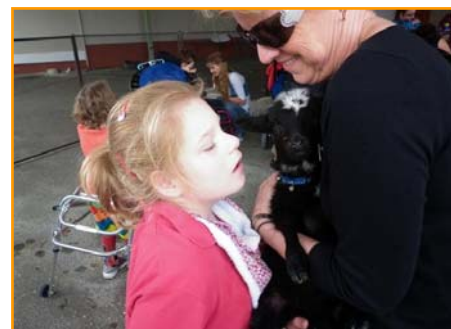


Room 9 enjoyed the P&C Fun Day.
We look forward to the next one!



Room 2 loved the P&C fun day and showed that we know how to be kind to animals. We enjoyed going to see the farm animals and were very gentle when touching them. Riding Heavenly and Lucky the ponies was great fun too.

What a brilliant day!



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From the Principal's Desk....

The countdown has begun to the end of the school year and the plans for the concert are in full swing. I do hope that you have all put the Concert date of December 9th in your diaries.



Society and Environment Theme

The theme for this month's newsletter is the Society and Environment learning area which develops students' understanding of how individuals and groups live together and interact with their environment. Students develop a respect for cultural heritage and a commitment to social justice, the democratic process and ecological sustainability.

Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA)

On a number of occasions this year some of our staff have been invited to participate in feedback and to have input into the design of the new Australian Curriculum for students with special needs. Several staff attended an ACARA Working Group Meeting which was held at Carson Street School on Monday 22nd August with presenters Helen Barrett, Curriculum Manager ACARA Karen Underwood, Manager, Student Wellbeing, DEECD Vic. Conductive Education Coordinator Shona Ballantyne and Teacher Conductor Natalie Fitzpatrick were invited to Sydney along with representatives from other states. The purpose of the forum was to gain qualitative and quantitative feedback on the draft curriculum materials from the perspectives of practising classroom teachers and to provide information about ACARA's broader curriculum development activity for students with a disability. In addition Deputy Ros Hamling has been involved at the state level in developing a coherent response to the National approach.

Governance and Accountability.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the members of the School Board for their steadfast support of our students and their contribution to the smooth running of our school this year. Board members support the school leadership, have a developing view of the school's strengths

and weaknesses, and are actively involved with helping plan future initiatives. The school's stable and experienced board which assists in the governance and strategic direction of the school is comprised of Les Ozsdolay - Chairperson, (Community), Liz Green – P&C President, John Exeter – Principal, Ros Hamling – Deputy Principal, Mim Little – Education (Staff), Shona Ballantyne Conductive Education Coordinator (Staff), Lois Hall (Conductive Education Centre WA), Julie Holding (Secretary), Ben Wyatt MLA (Community), Nichola Tomkins—Town of Victoria Park (Community), Darryll Ashworth Executive Director Metier Consulting, Kate Burton Local Area Coordinator Disability Services Commission (Community), and Sue Carpenter, Project Officer Attraction and Retention Department of Education (Community). The shared commitment of board and staff to meeting individual student needs is clearly articulated in school practice and program implementation.

Well Done

I would like to send my congratulations to Deputy Ros Hamling on receiving her award for Leadership from the West Australian Education Support Principals and Administrators Association at their annual awards night. Parents and staff appreciate how hard she works on behalf of the school and it's students and this is recognition from her peers on her contribution to the education support sector as a whole.

Fun Day

Special thanks to P and C President Liz Green for planning the wonderful Fun Day with a variety of challenging activities for our students on Wednesday 9th November. It has been suggested that we make this an annual event so watch this space, as they say, next year.

John Exeter
Principal

Message from the Nurses

Thank you to all the families and staff members who contributed items to the Southcare appeal. in 2012.

After School soccer will finish for this year on Tuesday 6th December 2011.

Nurses Nola, Kirrily & Micki

AWARD FOR DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

At the Western Australian Principals and Administrator's recent awards evening Deputy Principal Ros Hamling was the winner in the Leadership Category. In winning this very competitive award Ros was described as "a visionary school leader who provides direction and purpose to the school community and has a philosophy of continuous improvement. She is an innovative and motivated educator who has a wealth of knowledge, skills and experience to offer/enhance our school community."



In summary Ros is a highly competent administrator, an extremely capable teacher and a leader who maintains high professional standards in her advocacy of special needs students both at Carson Street and across the system in general".

Congratulations Ros from the Carson Street School community.



SCHOOL BUS SERVICES

School Bus Services would like to advise all families that if you are moving address, or your child is changing schools next year, you need to reapply for transport assistance via the website www.schoolbuses.wa.gov.au.



This includes year 7 students who will be going to high school next year.

CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

Would you consider sending a Donation Christmas 'e-card' in lieu of gifts this year? If so please visit our website at www.carsonst.wa.edu.au and select the e-card button. You can choose from the range of Christmas designs, write your message, make your donation and press send. You will be immediately receipted, with all funds benefiting Carson Street School.



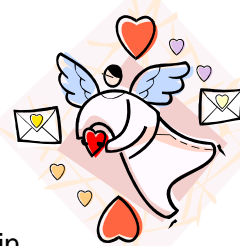
Happy Birthday to You !

Lachlan	Belmay	1 November	Hanouf	Banksia	26 November
Ryan	Wattle	14 November	Zac	Room 7	23 November
Noah	Room 11	14 November	Danny	Belmay	29 November
Jaiden	Belmay	21 November	Grace	Room 11	29 November
Lucas	Room 5	22 November	Harrison	Room 2	30 November

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Angelman Syndrome Association of WA

The Angelman Syndrome Association are selling premium quality packs of Christmas cards as their major fundraiser for 2011. The cards and matching envelopes are in **packs of 10 for a great price of \$12.00**. For those who may not know of it, Angelman Syndrome is a rare genetic condition causing intellectual disability, the inability to speak, epilepsy, restricted mobility and requiring care 24 hours a day. It affects about 700 families in Australia. About 25 of these families are in WA including a few students currently attending Carson Street School. This small group is fundraising towards scientific research into this rare disorder and for specialist education and training to assist our non-verbal children to communicate using electronic devices. **You are able to help the Association by purchasing Christmas Cards which are available from the front office at school.**



DreamDAY Festival Saturday 3rd December

In recognition of the United Nations International Day of People with a Disability, everyone is invited to come along and



celebrate the contribution that people with a disability make to the community. Dreamfit Foundation is hosting the first ever DreamDAY Festival at McCallum Park, by the river in Victoria Park, on 3rd December 2011 from **12pm to 4pm**.

FREE activities including arts and crafts workshops, interactive displays, live bands and performances from disability inclusive groups. The wheelchair accessible hovercraft and speedboat will be there, along with archery, land sailing and much more.

Support Services

The school has received information regarding the following support services for families of a child with a disability.

- ♦ **The Positive Contribution of Brothers & Sisters—Conversations that Matter.** This is a workshop for brothers and sisters 17yrs+ of siblings with a disability to develop strategies for the future. It's being held on **Saturday 19th November** from 12.45—5pm at the Technology Park Function Centre, Bentley.
- ♦ **Kalparrin—Siblings School Holiday Program.** These one-day camps are being held at the Point Walter Recreation Centre, Bicton and are for siblings aged 9—15 years. There are a variety of dates throughout 2012.
- ♦ **Kids' Camps Inc.—January School Holiday Program.** There are 4 camps throughout January. **Applications close on Fri 25 Nov.** Another 2 camps are scheduled in February and March

If you would like more information, or an application form for any of these programs, please contact the admin staff at the school.

What's on What's Coming Up?

Friday 9th December from 9.30am	School Concert & Graduation Ceremony
Wednesday 14th December	Final day of school for students
Wednesday 1st February, 2012	First day of 2012 school year for students

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