



# Carson Street Independent Public School

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**WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!**

**February 2012**



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## *From the Principal's Desk ....*

Welcome back to everyone and a special welcome to those students and families who are joining us at Carson Street for the first time. I look forward to seeing you in school at forthcoming events such as Activity Days and hope that you are able to give your full attention to the development of your child's Individual Education Plan (IEP) when planning commences. Your input is vital. The start of the new school year, despite the initial challenging hot weather, has been very busy but staff and students have settled into their new classes and are looking forward to getting to know one another.

The theme for this newsletter is 'Back to School'. A revised Parent Handbook will be available shortly for your information.

### **Burbridge Satellite**

Teacher Sarah O'Neill and staff in the Burbridge satellite class have received a very warm welcome from the Burbridge Principal Helen Macri and her staff. Some of the students are now able to travel to and from school by bus each day. It's been a long time coming but well worth the wait. Special thanks to all our Burbridge families for their patience with the search for this educational option.

### **Playground Improvements**

The special playground area designed for children using wheelchairs is almost completed and, along with the Liberty Swing, will soon make recess time more challenging for these students.

### **Welcome New Staff**

We welcome teacher Connie Jakopo filling in for Deanne Jones (Room 5) who has had to take a period of extended sick leave. Our best wishes to Deanne for a speedy recovery.

### **Schools Plus**

The majority of our staffing depends on information supplied to Schools Plus and we are grateful to all those parents who have sent in information to support our applications. The more thorough we are in describing the needs of each student the better we are resourced and this can only benefit our students. Special thanks to Deputy Ros Hamling who has the unenviable task of coordinating the school's numerous applications.

### **School Web Site**

You can read copies of recent and past school newsletters on our web site at [www.carsonst.wa.edu.au](http://www.carsonst.wa.edu.au)

You can also find lots of useful information including pictures of past school events and current programs.

### **P&C Meeting**

The first meeting of the P&C is on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 9am and is held in the staffroom. Our hard working President Liz Green would love to see as many parents in attendance as possible.

### **School Board Meeting**

The Board meets in week six each term on a Thursday at 8.30 am. Our first meeting will therefore be on Thursday 8th March. The help and guidance received from this representative group is crucial to the smooth running of the school. Current members are:

**Chairman:** Les Ozsdolay

**Parent Rep:** Liz Green

**Staff Reps:** John Exeter (Principal), Mim Little, Ros Hamling (Deputy Principal), Shona Ballantyne

**Community Reps:** Bonnie Dixon (Town of Victoria Park), Darryll Ashworth Metier Consulting, Ben Wyatt MLA, Lois Hall CECWA, Julie Holding (Hon. Secretary), Sue Carpenter Department of Education, Kate Burton (Disability Services Commission)

### **Summer Holiday Programs**

Thanks to co-ordinator Suzanne Hall and her team for running this year's Summer Holiday Program. A number of families also attended the Conductive Education holiday program which was under the direction of Teacher Conductor Anna Kocsis

Best wishes for the challenges ahead.

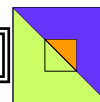
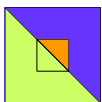
**John Exeter**

**Principal**

### **A Message from the nurses.....**

Please note there will be no soccer during first term because of the heat. Soccer will resume in Term 2. There will be an After School Program on Thursdays. Please contact the school or the nurses for more information.

Carson Street School has many students with food allergies. Careful planning with the teachers, nursing staff and education assistants will ensure the culprit foods are avoided. A number of our students are allergic to nuts and the best way to be sure a food is nut free is to read the label.



## **P&C News.....**

Welcome back to all the current and new families.

The P&C meets twice a term on Wednesday in weeks three and seven at 9.30 am in the Staff Room and , as mentioned in the Principal's news, the first meeting will be on Wednesday 15th February. The meetings usually last for an hour and are held informally over morning tea.

We would love to see some new faces at the meetings, with fresh ideas and ways we can help the school to help our kids.

Uniform orders have been sent home this term, please complete and return to school as soon as possible. Thank you to those families who have donated their old uniforms back to the school. If we have enough support, we may be able to run a second-hand uniform supply. If your child has outgrown their uniform, it is in good condition and you no longer need it, please send it in to school.

If you require information at any time, feel free to email me on: [lizgreenpnc@hotmail.com](mailto:lizgreenpnc@hotmail.com) (new email address).

Regards

Liz Green

## **WORKSHOPS**

As Communication Coordinator I have so far this term delivered 3 workshops to parents, teachers and education assistants entitled "The Importance of Communication". The workshops have been very well received, with all participants providing positive feedback including comments such as;

"Communication for your child is the most important thing in their life" - parent

When outlining the most important part of the presentation a parent wrote, "The importance of using the communication tool ALL of the time, not just at set times of the day."

"It is vital for EVERY non-speaking student to have a method of communication available to them" - member of staff.

"Alternative and Augmentative Communication is their voice." - member of staff

"A person's communication system is their voice, take it away and its basically saying 'You're not important.'" - member of staff

Any parents who were unable to attend the first workshop and would like us to arrange an additional session, please contact Natalie Fitzpatrick [natalie.fitzpatrick@det.wa.edu.au](mailto:natalie.fitzpatrick@det.wa.edu.au) or tel. 93617500.

## **ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL**

Regular attendance at school is fundamental to your child's learning. Consistent attendance and participation are essential for your child's social and academic learning.

As parents or legal guardians of an enrolled child, you are responsible under the School Education Act 1999 to ensure the attendance of your child at school every day. It is important to assist your child's achievement and learning by making regular school attendance a priority in your child's life.

The Department of Education's Student Attendance policy requires parents/guardians to provide an acceptable explanation to the school principal for any absence of their children.

Principals must authorise all absences. The Act defines health, religious and cultural observances as reasonable cause for a school absence and the absence would be recorded as "authorised" by the principal. As the parent/guardian you must obtain the principal's approval for any planned absence. Many thanks for your continued assistance with this matter.

### **Kalparrin One Day Camps 2012**

Kalparrin are offering a series of one day camps during 2012. The first is for siblings of children with special needs aged 9-15 years. The camps will be held at the Point Walter Recreation Centre in Bicton on 17th April and 12th October 2012. More information at [kalparrinwa@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:kalparrinwa@health.wa.gov.au) or 9340 8094.

### **The Positive Contribution of Brothers and Sisters**

A workshop for brothers and sisters 17 years and over of siblings with special needs will be held at Technology Park, Brodie-Hall Drive, Bentley on 19th November 2012 12.45 to 5pm. Libby Ellis a sibling herself is coming over from NSW to facilitate the workshop which will explore elements such as circles of support and importance of vision and building a good life. Luke Doyle from Perth will also share his story about having two brothers with disability. Email [luke.doyle@dsc.wa.gov.au](mailto:luke.doyle@dsc.wa.gov.au) to RSVP or for more information.

### **PART-TIME POSITION AVAILABLE**

Carson Street School is looking for a cleaner to work Monday-Friday for 2 hours a day from 3-5pm. If you or anyone you know would be interested in taking on this role, please contact the School Registrar, Julie Holding on 9361 7500.



Happy Birthday to You!

Stephen  
Yahya  
Kate  
Abbie

Room 5  
Room 8  
Room 2  
Room 2

12 Feb  
12 Feb  
17 Feb  
23 Feb



	<i><b>What's on .... What's coming up ...</b></i>
Wednesday 15 Feb	P and C Meeting 9am Staffroom-all welcome
Thursday 16 Feb	After School Sport commences
Monday 5 March	Labor Day Holiday
Tuesday 13 March	Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 4 April	School Photo Day
Thursday 5 April	End of Term 1

## ROOM 1

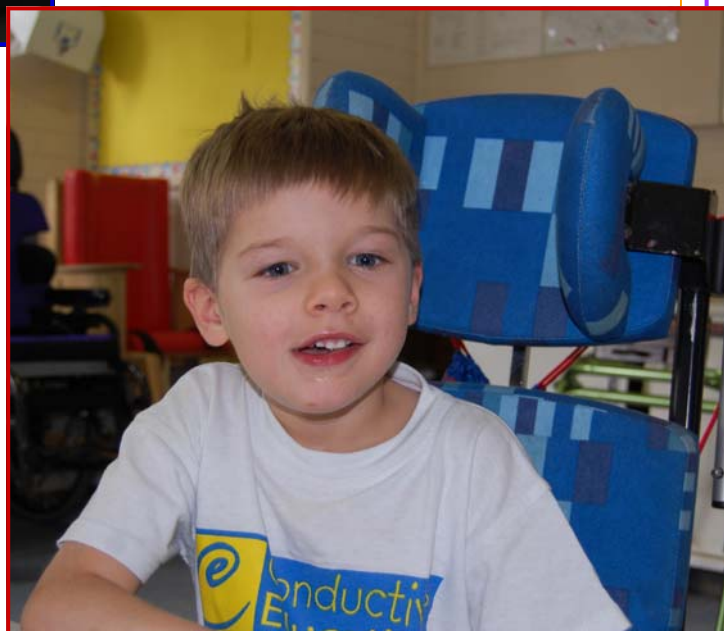
**February 2012**



Here we are on our first day of school for 2012! Room 1 is a Year 1/2 classroom and this term we are exploring the theme "Fairytale". On our first week of school we got to know our new friends and classroom. Here are some things a few of the children in Room 1 had to say about themselves!

**Robbie Cole** : My favourite colour is green. My friends are Noah, Nikki, Dawn, Joel, Tahlia and Josh. I have one brother and one sister. I like frogs, turtles, lizards, crocodiles, snakes and chickens.

**Noah Robins**: My friends are Dawn, Joel and Robbie. I have one brother - his name is Harrison. I like bikes, motorbikes, cars, traffic and lights.



**BACK TO SCHOOL AT THE BELMAY SATELLITE CLASS**

The Satellite Class welcomed the new Bus driver Kim and said farewell to Cherie the bus aide by having them over for afternoon tea. Everyone promised to be very well behaved on the bus!

We had our first Art lesson in the new Art room.



One of our favourite activities is borrowing books from the library. Mrs Riley the Librarian is scanning Jaiden's book.

**PARENT AND CHILD GROUPS**

Welcome back to the Parent and Child Groups which started in week 2 of the school term. We hope you had a relaxing holiday and ready to work hard this term!

Natalie Fitzpatrick and Rebecca Astone

## REDGUM

Redgum enjoyed their first PE lesson on Tuesday with our new PE teacher Barbara Wheeler. The students enjoyed the slip 'n' slide activity which certainly cooled them down.

The students look forward to further fun and physical activities suited for all abilities throughout the year!



**BURBRIDGE SATELLITE CLASS**

The Burbridge Satellite Class are having a great start to the school year at our new site. There are lots of new places to explore, new friends to make and everyone is doing a great job of settling down. Katie and Harry are enjoying getting the bus to school now, Jake, Issy and Kate are having fun exploring the new playground, Abbie, Nikki and Harrison love their swim time and our new

friend Noah is showing everyone how smart and funny he can be. We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead!

**ROOM 7**

Room 7 have had great fun getting to know our new classmates. Some are old friends and others are new ones. We have had great fun playing together in the playground as well as working together in class!

