



# Carson Street Independent Public School

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The students from **Yellow Gum classroom** have been having lots of fun with their new interactive whiteboard. They have been interacting with a range of different activities with the whiteboard including sorting, counting, writing, singing songs and much more.

We are looking forward to discovering more new and exciting elements of the interactive whiteboard that will assist to further develop the students in their knowledge and skills across all learning areas.

**Top left:** David used the interactive dice to roll a number. He then moved that number of apples into the basket.



**Bottom Left:** Ashleigh is helping a duck to swim away during our song '5 Little Ducks'.

**Bottom Right:** During our song '5 Cheeky Monkey's' Jemma is moving a monkey for the crocodile to eat.



## BACKYARD BLITZ

The school was pleased to welcome 35 staff from Bunnings to spend a day at our school as part of their community service. This generous donation of time and money helped to improve many areas of our gardens, in particular at the front of the school and around the new cycle track. In addition the Sensory Room received a coat of paint on the outside. Bunnings WA supplied all the equipment and materials and helped to brighten up our school environment by making it a much more beautiful place to learn and grow.



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

Welcome to term three, which although not as long as term two, promises to be just as busy. School staff participated in pertinent professional development on their first day back. This included presentations on Anaphylaxis, its causes and ways to cope with any emergencies and also a session on promoting a healthy productive workplace environment.

### Vale Carol Palmer

Sadly Carol, who has worked at Carson Street for many years, firstly in the capacity of cleaner then as an Education Assistant has recently passed away. Known affectionately by student Owen as "Grandma" she will be sorely missed by staff and students alike. Our condolences go out to Kylie and family.



### Information Communication Technology (ICT)

ICT is the theme for this month's newsletter.

Research evidence about how ICT can support communication and participation includes the following key benefits:

- Enables greater autonomy for student learners
- Unlocks hidden potential for those with communication difficulties
- Promotes practice that reaches beyond the school into homes and the community
- Enables tasks to be tailored to suit individual skills and abilities
- ◆ Enables students to demonstrate achievement in ways which might not be possible with traditional methods.

Several classrooms have recently had interactive whiteboards installed and are experimenting with ways to use these purposefully to enhance student outcomes.

### Run Darryll Run

Darryll Ashworth, CEO of Metier Consulting and long serving member of the Board who has made many generous donations in the past to our school is once again working on our behalf. This time he plans to run in the New York Marathon on November 7<sup>th</sup> and he is currently training for the event. As if the race is not hard enough he is also actively seeking sponsorship from interested persons. The total raised will be donated to the school to purchase more equipment for the Sensory Room. You can assist Darryll to meet his target by going to the school web home page ([www.carsonst.wa.edu.au](http://www.carsonst.wa.edu.au)),

clicking on the link provided and making a donation. Please let all your friends and relations know about this unique opportunity to help improve facilities at our school. Thanks Darryll and best wishes for training over the months ahead.



### Have You Visited Our Website?

When you visit our school web site please have a look around and let us know if there is something else you would like added. Then send us an email at [carsonst@iinet.net.au](mailto:carsonst@iinet.net.au) and let us know your ideas. Please note that the web site provides an easy way to pay contributions and charges.

### Conference Bound

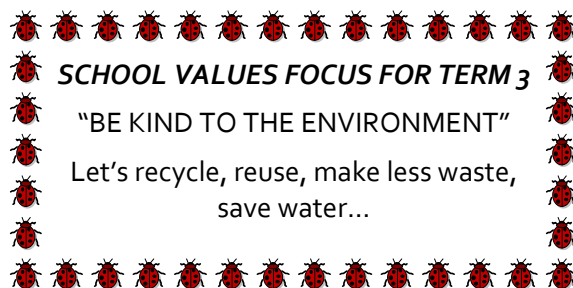
Congratulations to Teacher Conductors Natalie Fitzpatrick and Shona Ballantyne who have been selected to co-present a paper entitled 'Transitioning the Student with Cerebral Palsy into a Mainstream Setting' at the 7<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Conductive Education in Hong Kong during December.

Their informative presentation will be warmly received by colleagues from around the world and it also gives them both an opportunity to learn about other classroom initiatives in the Conductive Education field.

### Quiz Night

Our Annual Quiz Night will be on Saturday September 11<sup>th</sup>. If you are not able to attend on the night perhaps you can help by providing a donation? Bottles of wine, sporting equipment, food for hampers, vouchers and gift certificates are just some examples of the sort of things we require to make it a successful fund raiser. Perhaps you know of a business who may be able to support us? All donations gratefully received by the P&C.

*John Exeter*



### MINOR ADJUSTMENT TO TERM DATES FOR 2011

DET has made a minor adjustment to the **2011** term dates for public schools in Western Australia, due to the National Assessment Program-Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests.

The last day of Term 1 will now be Tuesday 19 April 2011, and Term 2 will begin on Thursday 5 May 2011. The Department of Education's website ([det.wa.edu.au/education/termdates](http://det.wa.edu.au/education/termdates)) provides current information.

## Pyjama Day!

We are asking the school community to raise funds in support of the Australian Mitochondrial Disease Foundation. Students are asked to wear their pyjamas to school on Wednesday 18th August and make a gold coin donation to the Foundation.

Mitochondria are the "powerhouses" of the cell. They take the energy from the breakdown of the foods we eat and transfer it into energy-rich ATP. ATP is what powers our cells, and is produced by a series of enzymes within the mitochondria called the "respiratory chain". If production of ATP is low, our bodies have a "brown-out". If we run out of ATP, we have a "black-out". A blackout that goes on too long has very serious consequences for our body, even death. The unique thing about mitochondria is that they rely on two sets of genes. When we think of genes, we think of chromosomes in the nucleus of the cell. But mitochondria have their own small, circular chromosome. It takes the products of both these genes to enable mitochondria to function properly.



The students in **Room 7** are the lucky recipients of one of the five new SmartBoards installed by the school. We have

spent a lot of time investigating what can be done on the boards from scrawling our names (and turning it into typed text), playing computer games, finding interesting sites on the Internet and of course, just

playing DVDs. Jayde's favourite is the Wiggles...almost the same size as him, while Aidan thinks that Toy Story 2 on the big screen is pretty terrific. It seems that anything and everything can be done on the SmartBoard



and it so much better looking than Miss Linton although she is threatening to set up a webcam and beaming her way to the classroom from her home – now THAT would be fun (but she couldn't catch us if we ran away!!)



## FAREWELL TO ISLA



The school community shared their heartfelt condolences with Isla's family during a special gathering at the school where we planted a rose in her memory and celebrated her life by sending balloons "for Isla to catch".

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**THANKYOU!**

Carson Street School would like to send a special thankyou to those parents and grandparents who have recently been making bibs for us to use here at the school. Your time and effort is very much appreciated by all at the school.

We are always in great need of bibs and if you have any time available and feel you would like to help make bibs for us, please contact the nurses.

**VACSWIM**

We have Vacswim brochures for enrolment in the 2010-2011 Vacswim program. If you would like to enrol your child and need one of the brochures, please let the office know and we will send the information home to you.

Thankyou!



Happy Birthday to you -  
Compleanôs Feliz ...!

Asiale Rm2 9th July

Benjamin Rm9 11th July

Tommy Rm11 20th July

Dawn Rm1 3rd July

Jayde Rm7 12th July

Cameron Rm2 21st July

Joel Rm1 22nd July



Solomon Bluegum 1st August

Tony Rm8 9th August

Molly Banksia 13th August

**MCCAIN SCHOOL VEGGIE PATCHES**

Please save your McCain barcodes from all frozen vegetable and potato packs!

Carson Street School is a registered school with the McCain School Veggie Patches Program so if you save the barcodes from McCain frozen vegetable and potato packets you can send them into the nurses. Carson Street school can earn points to buy gardening equipment and vegies for our school garden. Please ask all your friends and relatives to help us....the more barcodes, the more points!



Nurses Micki, Nola and Kirrilly

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

Wednesday 18th August	Pyjama Day—wear pyjamas to school !	Gold coin
Monday 23rd August	Book Week begins	
Tuesday 7th September	After School Soccer finishes	
Thursday 9th September	Active After School finishes	
Saturday 11th September	School Quiz Night	Belmont Sports Centre
Wednesday 15th September	Magic Show Incursion	