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New Faces in 2010



Hello, my name is Silvia Clarke. I have been living and working in the UK for the past four years and returned to W.A. in December.

I have been working in Special Needs education for seven years and I am really excited to be working at Carson Street School.

Hi! I am looking forward to the year ahead and to producing some exciting work with Banksia class.

My name is Sarah O'Neill and I am the new class teacher in Banksia ACE class. I have been teaching in Australia for just over a year now. I am from London and taught there before coming to Australia. I love my new life in Perth, especially as I am a big fan of the sun, the beach and the outdoor lifestyle. However, I do miss the London shops! I enjoy reading, live music events and spending time with friends and family.



Hi! I'm Laurie

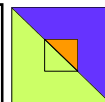
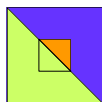
I am a Teacher Conductor from Staffordshire in the UK. I trained as a conductor at The National Institute of Conductive Education in 1997 and then worked there as a conductor for three years before leaving to do my teacher training post grad course. Since then I have worked in special and mainstream schools and now here at Carson Street School! I enjoy running, but have only managed two short runs since arriving in Australia a month ago as it's so hot! My first year at Carson Street is going to be very exciting. At first I'm going to settle in by getting to know everybody, especially the children in my class and then hopefully continue the great work already being done here!



Hi, I'm Natalie Haynes and I'm the new Speech Pathologist in the Conductive Education Team. I've just moved to Perth from Adelaide where I was working at Disability South Australia with



adults with multiple and severe disabilities. In my spare time I like to play netball, perform in musicals and travel. I'm looking forward to exploring Perth and it's surroundings more!



From the Principal's Desk

On behalf of our motivated and dedicated staff I would like to offer warm welcome to everyone at the start of another school year in which we officially operate as an Independent Public School. I am sure you all enjoyed the summer break and are ready for another busy term. We look forward to the completion of the Early Years Centre which is being built with funds from the Commonwealth Government 'Building the Education Revolution' program and will be an important addition to the school facilities.

At Carson Street we treasure the relationships we have with our families and welcome your participation in activities and events. Our aim is to provide facilities and opportunities which enable all students to develop and progress and become as competent and independent as possible when they leave us to move on to their secondary education.

Staffing Changes

I am delighted to welcome Teacher Conductor Laurie Rushton, Teacher Silvia Clarke and Speech Pathologist Natalie Haynes who have joined us this year and are looking forward to working with our children. In addition because of the growth in student numbers we have a large number of new Education Assistants working in classes and very keen to be involved in student programs. Also a special welcome to Education Assistant Carol Palmer who returns after a considerable period of convalescence.

Our School Council and Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) members will be meeting shortly and the school is proud of their history of supporting our programs and advocating on behalf of our student population. Any parent wanting to volunteer some time and be involved in the daily life of the school is most welcome to join the hard working P&C.

Our newsletter is designed to provide families with information on current and future school activities and we want it to be as useful as possible. Don't forget a great deal of additional information can

be found in the Parent Handbook (available soon) and the school web site which can be found at www.carsonst.wa.edu.au

Please let us know if you have any ideas on improving our newsletter so that it has greater relevance to families. We welcome your comments and suggestions.

John Exeter

Independent Public School Governance

As an Independent Public School, Carson Street School is required to have an effective School Board that includes community and business / industry representation. The School Council will endorse the change from Council to Board at the next meeting on Thursday 11th March.

The principal is responsible for the educational leadership, operation and management of the school. To maximise the input of the School Board in developing school policies, the Principal will seek advice and receive recommendations from the School Board. To enable the School Board to function effectively, the Principal will report regularly to the School Board on progress against the Carson Street School business plan.

The school will participate in an independent review in 2013. The report of the review panel and its recommendations will be available publicly.

FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD

The Carson Street School Board will act to promote the objectives and interests of the school community, its role being to provide strategic guidance and monitoring.

The school board will participate fully in:

- * Endorsing and reviewing the school budget and business plan.
- * Monitoring the school's performance.
- * Developing processes to review the satisfactions levels of parents, staff and students, with results reported in the annual school report.
- * Endorsing the annual school report.
- * Selecting the Principal when a vacancy arises.

In carrying out these functions, the School Council envisages a pro active role for the Carson Street School Board as well as roles in the review and endorsement of school policies, plans and reports.



Well, here we are again, another year, another room and a couple of new faces. Welcome to Room 7, where Aidan, Brayden, Jacob, Jayden, Hannah and Stephanie are doing their best to keep Linton, Jenny, Debbie and Joy in line. We have had a great start to the year enjoying swimming and our class activities and renewing the acquaintance of old friends, Mrs Gray, and new.

So far we have no complaints but watch this space for any new developments.



RDA—Riding for the Disabled

This year again some classes are offering their students the opportunity to participate in this program. It builds confidence and develops skills in balance and coordination.

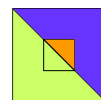
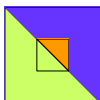
Here Room 7 students are assisted with the volunteers from RDA and Sam, a student from Sevenoaks College who is with us for a while as part of her Work Skills program.

What's happening in Room 9?

Sophie and James working hard during the sit to stand task series.



Ben working on his African art. We used branches and leaves to create an African landscape after reading the story 'We all went on Safari'.

**KIDS CAMPS**

Kids' Camps provides enjoyable recreation and respite camps for children aged 6-18 years who walk unassisted and have an intellectual disability. Camps are held in school holidays and on weekends during school terms. It is necessary for a parent/carer to be a member of Kids' Camps for a child to attend. For information on the camps and how to become a member visit www.kidscamps.org.au.

**Are You Interested in Becoming a Foster Carer?**

If you have a spare room in your home, have time on your hands, can provide a safe and nurturing environment and love children, Wanslea Family Services need your help! Wanslea Foster Carers provide care for children between the ages of 0-12 years. Our mission is to recruit 30 new foster families over the next two years to meet the needs of increasing numbers of children coming into care. If you would like further to know more or think you can help, please go to www.wanslea.asn.au. We will also be holding several information evenings details on the website.

**STORY TIME IN THE LIBRARY**

Most of the classes enjoy a story time session in our Library with Mim Little and Anne Gray, our Li-

brary and Resource staff. They

prepare the sessions and spend the time engaging the students with some of our bright new resources and books. Here Room 8 students are enjoying their session with their class room assistants.

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

Friday 5th March	P&C Meeting 9.00 am at Carson Street Staff Room	<i>All Welcome</i>
Thursday 11th March	School Council Meeting at 8.30	
Week 6 11th March	WADSA Bocce Camival	
Week 8 (22nd-26th March)	Bike Week – details to be advised	
Thursday 1st April	Last Day of School for Students & Staff	
Tuesday 20th April	Students return for Term 2	Staff return Monday

News From The Health Centre

Health Care and Emergency Forms

Could parents please complete these and return to the school office as soon as possible. More are available from the school office if you do not have one. Many thanks.



Parent Morning Tea

There will be a parent morning tea held this term. More details to follow soon!

Try These Healthy Recipes.....

FRUIT WHIRLS

- 1 small banana
- 4 strawberries
- 4 square ice cream cones
- 1/2 cup reduced fat yoghurt



1. Rinse strawberries under cold water and pat dry.
2. Cut strawberries into quarters.
3. Slice the banana finely.
4. Spoon the fruit into ice-cream cones.
5. Spoon yoghurt over the fruit.
6. Serve at once.
7. Enjoy!



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TUNA AND VEGETABLE RISsoles

- 400g potatoes, peeled and diced
- 1 cup zucchini, grated
- 1 cup carrot, grated
- 1 white onion, peeled and finely chopped
- 425g tuna in brine, drained
- 1/2 cup parmesan cheese, grate
- 2/3 cup wholemeal flour

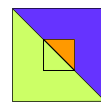
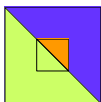


- 2 eggs
- 4 tablespoons olive oil

1. Steam potatoes until tender. Drain
2. Process potatoes with 1 tablespoon of oil in a food processor for 15 seconds or until smooth. Remove from food processor.
3. Process onion and tuna in food processor for 10 seconds.
4. Combine potatoes, tuna and onion in a large bowl.
5. Add zucchini, carrot, parmesan cheese and wholemeal flour. Mix until all ingredients are combined.
6. Beat eggs with a fork and add to mixture.

Heat oil in large non-stick frying pan over medium heat. Spoon tablespoons of the potato mix into frying pan and cook until golden brown on both sides.





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SWIMMING at Carson Street

Due to the increase in student numbers, our swimming teacher, Kerry has been joined by swimming teacher Jana. They work in tandem to ensure that all students have their swim sessions that they love so much.



Happy Birthday to you ! Complanô's Feliz ...

Anisa Rm 11 17th Feb
Kate Rm 11 17th Feb
Abbie Rm 2 23rd Feb



Sophie Rm 9 4th March
Noah Banksia 12th March
Jake Rm 1 18th March
Hannah Rm 5 19th March



FAMILY FESTIVAL AT OAKOVER WINES

On 28th March Oakover Wines in Middle Swan will be holding a Family Festival. Come along and join in the fun of The Lulus Show at 1pm, market stalls, bouncy castle, art exhibition, face painting and cuddly animal farm. There is a café menu with spit roast rolls and salad on sale.

14 Yukich Close, Middle Swan
9am—12pm.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you to those parents who have paid their Contributions for this year.

Please be reminded that this is still \$60.00 for 2010

This can be paid at the office, sent in with your child or paid by direct debit into our bank

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*Please don't forget to put your **name** in the description field!!*

Thank you