



Carson Street Independent Public School

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HARMONY WEEK

Belmay Class

The Town of Victoria Park invited the Satellite Class to take part in their 2011 Harmony Week Roadshow on Thursday 17th March. Our class designed some beautiful harmony placemats which were used for the Morning tea. Our students met many performers from Millen Primary and Kensington Secondary School, Chinese dancers and a group of Tap dancers called The Clobbers. Grace and Melissa couldn't stop their feet from tapping!! We all had a great time.



March 2011

BIKE WEEK

On Thursday 24th March we held our annual Bike Week excursion at Burswood Park. Our physical education teacher Colin Pestell (Mr P) arranged for a number of our special bikes to be transported down to the park for our students to ride. Thanks to Kennards Hire Cannington (Nicholson Road) for donating the large trailer which enabled us to transport them easily. Thanks also to the Town of Victoria Park who provided a bbq lunch for all our staff and students which was cooked by Gwen Evans and to the Burswood Board that roped off an area of car park so that the students could cycle in safety. Many thanks also to John Otago from Technology Assisting Disability WA (TADWA) who brought along some adapted bikes for us to trial. Finally special thanks to Mr P for working so hard to ensure that all students were able to demonstrate their skills.



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From the Principal's Desk

The term has really flown and we are already in week nine. The constant warm humid weather has tested our air conditioning and some units have been found wanting. This term is unusual in that we start with a long term and break up on **Tuesday 19th** of April and return on **Thursday 5th May**. Please note there is an error in the Parent Handbook which states we finish on Wednesday 19th. My apologies for the confusion.

The following are our school priorities for 2011.

Literacy & Numeracy, ICT, Communication & Behaviour

Priority Areas reflect the Department of Education's Focus 2011, Plan for Government Schools. I'm sure that families will be pleased with our focus areas.

New Members of the School Board

Special welcome to Sue Carpenter (Project Officer Attraction & Retention Department of Education) who joins our Board and in her role has already proved of immense benefit in helping progress our specialist program Conductive Education with particular reference to sponsoring suitably trained staff (Teacher Conductors). Also thanks to Kate Burton LAC who has volunteered to take the place of Dominique Taylor who is no longer working in the area. Both these new members from different backgrounds who add to our combined wisdom in the area of disability have already attended their first meeting and we thank them for their contribution to our future planning and review.

Education Support and the Independent Public Schools (IPS)

After the second roll out a number of Education Support Schools, including Kensington Secondary have gained IPS status and a one day workshop was held recently to look at ways of working together and progressing the agenda to all our benefit.

WAESPAA Conference

Deputy Ros Hamling and myself have just returned from the Western Australian Principals and Administrators (WAESPAA) Conference in Fremantle where we received some insight into the new National Curriculum and where/how our students will be included in it. It is early days but teachers Shona Ballantyne and Natalie Fitzpatrick who also attended the conference have indicated their willingness to help with the process at state level.

Curtin Education Community (CEC)

Over the last six months, a school collaborative has been developing. It's a partnership between schools in the Kent St, Como, Cannington and Lathlain areas that relates to the Department of Education's Regions and Networks initiative. Some schools have attended PD in Sydney and Melbourne to look at collaborative partnerships in action. I recently attended a workshop looking at formalising the links with Curtin and the other area schools and progressing the agenda. The workshop focussed on planning for the future. There is more work to be done but the notion of linking in with Curtin University has exciting prospects. This also followed on from the professional development attended by all our education staff on the first day of the new term.

Schools Plus and Resources

Many thanks to those families who provided the essential information for their child's application. Without your cooperation we would only receive minimal funding and of course this could have a major impact on our programs and consequent educational outcomes for our students.

Kind Regards, **John Exeter**

P AND C NEWS.....

The P&C has been spending. We have paid for two swing sets to go up by the play area outside Yellowgum and that should be happening soon. We are also paying for a new air-conditioning unit to go in the nurses Health room to make it more comfortable for them and the children.

Many thanks to all the people who returned their P&C Membership forms so promptly. Your support is greatly appreciated.

School Banking is finally here. Expressions of interest have gone out to all families. The official application form, while looking daunting, is very simple. No 100 point checks. Most people only need to get their Drivers Licence sighted by one of three people and your child, as a student of Carson Street is automatically accepted. Don't forget siblings are welcome to join as well. The children earn gift tokens and certificates and it makes banking fun. They also get a free money-box.

Last year the school ran the Disabled Children's Fund raffle. This year the P&C are running it and all families will be receiving a booklet of five tickets at a cost of \$3.00 per ticket. \$2.00 from every ticket sold comes directly back to the school. Families shouldn't buy the tickets themselves – try and sell them to family, friends, neighbours, shopkeepers etc and get the wider community to help out. The people running this raffle are the ones who bought the Heidi Bus for the school so if we can support them that would be great. Please also remember this is a registered raffle and ALL tickets must be accounted for, so even if they are not sold, they MUST be returned to school.

If anyone ever needs to contact me, I am happy to be telephoned at home n 92917290 during the week or via

Email bgr13990@bigpond.net.au.

Many thanks for your continued support of the P & C.

Liz Green

P&C President

FROM THE NURSES.....

We have 2 nebulizers at school that we no longer need. If anyone would like them, please contact the health centre.

IMPORTANT

Our school is a TOTAL nut free school. Some students have SEVERE allergic reactions if even touched after anyone has handled food containing nuts.

Please comply with this.

ROOM 7



The students in room 7 were excited to get their hands on a new iPad. The variety of apps available to keep little hands busy is amazing and cover a whole range of topics and skills—we are using a lot of phonics, printing and math apps, plus some on communication and story writing. Lucas is our current expert with Liam coming a close second. Jayde and Zac have to prove that they won't throw it before they can have a turn by themselves. Hannah looked at us and said "Why?"



Miss Linton is hoping to purchase a few more iPads especially now the price is coming right down prior to the launch of iPad2. Any donations from those of you upgrading to the iPad2 would be gratefully received. Hooray for technology!!



Senor Pestell was the first one to don a sombrero and hoe into the chicken enchiladas made by the room 7 mob during week 5. We have been discovering a lot about our topic for the term—Mexico—especially the food! There was some crazy dancing going on at one stage and we have



some art projects promised in the next few weeks. Olé!

REDGUM

This month Redgum have been busy cooking. To help us we have been learning about the structure of a recipe. We also love watching cooking videos on our Smartboard, it helps us to understand how to follow our recipes. So far we have made (and eaten!) cakes, pikelets and gnocchi!



ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS ARE COMING.....

Entertainment Books offer great value for money and are a fantastic way to make extra cash for our school. They offer discounts at some of the best restaurants, cafes, hotels and family attractions in and around Perth.

The books will be available through school during April. For any enquiries, or to order a book please contact Nurse Nola in the Health Centre.

The **Kalparrin Centre** has a number of events coming up for children with special needs and their families. Some of the events on offer are :--

Mother's Respite Weekend 20-22 May

Couples Weekend for Parents of children with a disability 10-11 Sept

Family Fun day 30 Oct

This year there will also be a Camp for Siblings, Dad's Matters Seminar and much more.....

For a full list of the events and more information go to kalparrinwa@health.wa.gov.au

School Holiday Pony Rides**Friday 29th April****10am to 2pm****Riding for the Disabled Association****77 Monyash Road, Carine****Ph: 9448 6376****Car Boot Sale****Kensington Secondary School****Saturday 16th April****Bays \$10 / Entry \$2****Sellers 7am— Buyers 8am**

Sausage sizzle, plant stall, Mother's Day stall, cake stall, Wine Hamper, Book stall and much, much more.....

For bay bookings call 9367 3620

James	Room 9	30th March
Tahlia	Bluegum	21st April
Dakota	Belmay	21st April
Holly	Belmay	27th April
Luke	Wattle	30th April

Happy Birthday to you !**CompleanÔs Feliz*****What's on What's coming up ...***

31st March	After school sport finishes	
6th April	School swimming carnival	
13th April	School photos	
18th April	Easter Bonnet Parade and Easter Activities	
19th April	Last day Term 1	
22nd April	Good Friday	
5th May	First day Term 2	