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MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS AT CARSON STREET

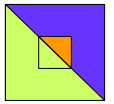
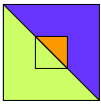
On Wednesday 6th May all Mums were invited to enjoy morning tea with Carson Street School staff. It was an extremely enjoyable morning and provided an opportunity to celebrate what it is we love most about Mums. Thankyou to all those who purchased tickets.



Room 5 Mother's Day cards.

The students in room five made some beautiful lillies and cards for their very special mums for Mother's Day. They traced around their hands to make the flower petals and then made a card with hand prints and a poem. Well done room 5, they looked terrific!





From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parnets/Guardians and Friends of the School

I have probably said this before but term two has already proved to be very busy and active. So far we have had:

A teacher and speech pathologist from New Zealand who were most interested in our whole school emphasis on promoting communication in various ways. They also discussed how they work with a small base school and a large number of satellite classes similar, yet different, to our Belmay Class. Their satellite students do not return to the base for their specialist learning programs like swimming and physical education. We hope to maintain contact with the school and share experiences.

Dr Suzanne Parry, Director, Western Australian College of Teaching (WACOT) visited to view our Conductive Education program in action and to discuss ways we could fast track potential teaching applicants. Both Acting Coordinator Natalie Fitzpatrick and I were heartened by her suggestion it may be possible to give Conductors who are not teachers a qualification entitled 'Limited Authority to Teach' and to extend the period that this covered from the standard two years. This would mean that potential applicants without a teaching qualification could work in the classroom and be offered contracts of more than two years.

Both Principal John Exeter and Deputy Ros Hamling attended the West Australian Principals and Administrators Annual Conference in early May where it was interesting to learn more about the United Kingdom special education experience from the lead speakers.

New Parents and Citizens Committee

Congratulations and thanks to all those parents who have volunteered to help our hard working President Liz Green this year. The following were elected at the recent AGM.

President Liz green

Vice-President: Rinto Sulong

Treasurer: Ada Smith

Secretary: Karen Tonge

Committee: Dianne McAlindon

The P&C's next adventure will be preparing for the Annual Quiz Night to be held on August 22nd. Please keep this night free and join in this entertaining and rewarding event.

Body Cycles

A number of parents and staff appreciated the visit to school by the staff of Body Cycles from South Australia. They were able to demonstrate their special bikes and help recommend particular types for children. Some parents who share our view on the value of cycling as a healthy active activity are going to apply to the Variety Club for funding assistance.

Building the Education Revolution

The school was fortunate to get first round approval for our proposed Early Learning Centre. Already architects and surveyors have been out to look at the chosen site and we are hopeful of an early start to the building program. The money we receive from the School Pride program will be spent on vinyl and carpet for classrooms and hallways.. We are extremely pleased to have received this windfall from the Commonwealth Government.

Mother's Day

This years Mothers Day morning tea was a resounding success. We were very pleased with the number of mums who attended and our congratulations go to all the raffle winners. Special thanks to all those who bought tickets and to P&C President Liz Green who sourced the prizes.

New Zealand Conference

Acting Conductive Education Coordinator Natalie Fitzpatrick has attended a conference in NZ and come back with many ideas for program

Improvement. Whilst there Natalie attended talks from various experts and made visits to schools offering CE programs across primary and high school levels. I'm sure she will share her learning experiences and insights with one and all.

John Exeter

From Natalie Fitzpatrick

I have just returned from a week's visit to Christchurch, NZ where Conductor's Association AGM, Seminar and Working Party. Over currently working in NZ and one other Conductor from South were able to discuss the types of Conductive Education (CE) of the association was working in, and the gains or issues that were also opportunities to take part in Professional Development sessions and discussions regarding the upcoming Conductive Education Awareness Week (Week beginning 25th May) which we hope to take part in next year.



I attended the New Zealand 20 Teacher Conductors Australia attended. We provision that each member each were facing. There

I was also able to attend the New Zealand Foundation for Conductive Education's AGM, which was attended by the centre managers and / or principles of the 10 establishments offering Conductive Education across New Zealand's two islands.

I visited all the CE facilities within Christchurch too – the Early Intervention, Primary School Unit and High School Unit, all of which were set on mainstream sites.

What has been achieved within the New Zealand Conductive Education community in the 19 years since it was introduced, is to be admired. We can only hope that in the coming years we too can achieve such support, both financially and through demand for services, which will allow CE to advance in Western Australia.

SPECIAL KIDS' PRODUCTS

I also saw some exciting products in use whilst at the Cashmere High School CE Unit, NZ. They were produced by a parent of a child with cerebral palsy who discovered that there was a demand for them across the school settings so she created the company Special Kids Clothing.

They have a range of products such as bandanna style neckerchiefs and apron / feeders, with the top layer of cotton or fleece, middle layer of cotton towelling to absorb moisture and water resistant backing to help stop clothing getting wet. There are also wheelchair capes and rain capes.

I am waiting for information on Australian prices and postage etc. (which will be slightly less than the advertised item costs, but increased postage costs). Until then, the link to the website so you can take a closer look is; www.skclothing.co.nz



Happy Birthday to you

Juanito Carricco Rm 7 14 June

Liam Collison Rm 5 19 May

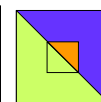
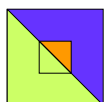
Brandon Corby Belmay 26 May

Madison Diangelo CE2 24 May

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Hannah Rm 2 13 June

Brayden Godfrey E/I 25 May

**Australian Early Development Index—a snapshot of children in our community**

A nationwide program called the Australian Early Development Index (AEDI) will take place in May, June and July 2009. The AEDI looks at how young children are developing in the years before they begin school.

In Western Australia information will be collected on pre-primary children. Pre-primary teachers will complete the AEDI checklist for each child in their class and enter information into a secure web-based data entry system that protects the privacy of all children. Information entered is based on the teacher's knowledge and observations of their students, and children are not required to be present while data is entered.

The AEDI results are reported back to the community based on the suburb or locality where children live. Reports are not produced on individual children. The findings will help communities understand how their children are developing and where improvements can be made to give children the best start in life.

Parents of pre-primary children will receive a letter about our school's involvement in the coming weeks.

You can find out more at www.aedi.org.au

DID YOU KNOW...???

You can now make payments directly into the school bank account via the internet. Bank details are as follows:-

Bank : Commonwealth Bank

Account Name : Carson Street School

BSB 066-040

Account Number : 19901199

Please put child's name and what the money is for in the description section

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

So far 40% of families have paid the voluntary contribution for the 2009 school year. Thank you to all of these parents. Those that haven't can still pay at the office or, if you prefer, contributions can be made directly to the school bank account as detailed above.

KIDS' CAMPS INC.

Kids' Camps organises camps for children with an intellectual disability, enabling opportunities for recreation and social interaction and respite for families and carers. This July we have the following camps:-

7-12 July Geraldton 10-16 years of age cost \$250.00 per camper

15-18 July Guilderton \$160 per camper

You must be a member of Kids Camps to participate. Please call the office or drop in to pick up an application form.

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

School Council Meeting	Thursday 4th June 08.30 am	
End of Term 2	Friday 3rd July	
Quiz Night	Saturday 22nd August	