



Carson Street Independent Public School

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Celebrating WA Week

Thanks to a successful grant application made by P&C President Liz Green (\$1000) our students celebrated WA Week in style by holding an Open Day at school on the 19th October.

Some of the objectives of WA Week are to develop rewarding and enduring partnerships between all sectors, foster community pride, confidence and inclusiveness and acknowledge accomplishment and contribution.



Students, families and friends enjoyed many special attractions including a sausage sizzle, face painting, pony rides and a bouncy castle. Old McDonald's Traveling Farm came to school and the students had lots of fun patting goats, rabbits, piglets and chickens.



We were also lucky enough to have the Curtin University Volunteers here who showed us how to make fantastic balloon art.

The day was a great success and many thanks go to Liz for organizing everything.

A fun time was had by one and all!



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From the Principal's Desk

Welcome to term four. I have to admit to enjoying my extra two weeks in New Zealand. Spring is a great time of year to visit there and I can highly recommend it as a holiday destination.

The theme for this newsletter is Orientation and Mobility Skills which include the following:

- Fine motor skills whole body skills eg reaching rolling, walking, swimming, trampoline
- positioning skills eg head control
- managing the environment eg moving between rooms and in the community and tolerating and/or managing mobility aids e.g. splints, rolator, frames etc

Disabled Children's Raffle

Thanks to all those families who sold tickets in the Disabled Children's Foundation raffle. You will remember that we are indebted to this group for supplying our Heidi bus. I can also report that thanks to your efforts, during a busy time when the Quiz Night was our focus, we have made the useful sum of \$1900. For those who missed the results in the newspaper the winning numbers were:

1st Prize – 073025

2nd Prize – 001713

3rd Prize - 070646

A special thanks to our School Officer Lisa Sinclair who managed the process of selling tickets and the collection of money on behalf of the school.

Commonwealth Bank and \$5000 donation to the Summer Holiday Program

The Commonwealth Bank has generously donated \$5000 towards the costs of the Summer Holiday Program to be held from Monday 10th to Friday 14th of January. We are most grateful to all our sponsors; the Commonwealth Bank, the Town of Victoria Park and the City of South Perth for their interest and support of our students. Further information and a call for interest and participation will occur in a few weeks time.

Exciting News!!

The State Government has just announced that Carson Street has been successful in it's Artists in Residence (AIR Grants) application for 2011. Through the AIR Grants Program, teachers, students, parents and carers will work with professional artists Francis Italiano, Amber Onat

Gregory, Rebecca Bradley, Sarah Nelson with assistance from Barking Gecko Theatre Company to create "Sensory Theatre" - a sensory storytelling project specifically designed for students with special needs. The project will give these students the chance to create a performance and develop their educational, artistic and leadership skills.

Here's to a very busy term four.

John Exeter

Principal

Professional Development

Staff at Carson Street School are involved in ongoing training in order to maintain the high standard of expertise associated with the school.

During Term 3 staff had the opportunity to attend various workshops including a Kids n Music workshop covering singing, percussion playing, movement and laughter! The songs all had a therapy focus of OT, speech, physio or kinesiology.

There were workshops covering Dysphasia, Child Protection, Anaphylaxis, and an Epilepsy Awareness workshop covering emergency management of Epilepsy. Also during term 3 were workshops in Manual Handling and a Leadership for Teachers workshop.

Term 4 will see staff attending workshops focusing on Literacy, Communication, Conductive Education and Manual Handling Risk Assessment Procedures. There will also be training in the use of the school's latest electronic whiteboards and all gadgets and gizmos associated with these exciting classroom resources.

It is important that staff have the opportunity to continually update their knowledge and skills. In this way we can continue to offer a safe and professional learning environment for our students at Carson Street School.

MESSAGES FROM THE SCHOOL NURSES**SLIP, SLOP SLAP**

Sun exposure in childhood and adolescence greatly increases the chances of developing skin cancer later in life. The crucial period for sustaining damage from sun exposure occurs during the school years. Children are at school during peak UV radiation times 5 days a week. Carson Street School encourages students and staff to wear broad-brimmed or bucket hats when participating in and attending outdoor school activities.

**STUDENTS WHO ARE UNWELL**

Parents are requested to advise the school at the earliest opportunity if your child will be absent from school due to illness. This will enable teachers to organise their staff accordingly for the day and ensure smooth running of the classroom. Parents can telephone reception and leave a message or speak to the school nurses.



Many thanks for your continued assistance in this matter.

CONGRATULATIONS!

We send our best wishes and good luck to Nurse Micki who is getting married this month. We all hope Micki and Martyn enjoy a memorable and happy day on their wedding day and wish them both all the best in their future together.



WAESPAA (W.A. Ed. Support Principals and Administrators Assoc)

Last year's winner of the WAESPAA Teacher of the Year Award, Melinda Davies was joined by this

year's nominees Rose Linton, Roberta Taylforth and Julie Holding, and Deputy Ros Hamling.

**TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE**

Parents of children not yet using bus transport to and from school and wishing to apply for transport assistance in 2011, especially bus access should logon now to www.schoolbuses.wa.gov.au.



Due to the volume of new applications received at the end of the year any applications requiring bus transport received after the 10 December 2010 may not be processed in time for students to travel on a bus at the beginning of Term 1, 2011. This may cause a delay of approximately 6-8 weeks before a student's application is approved for bus transport.

MORE CONGRATULATIONS !!

Congratulations also to our gardener Peter Hamling who has been nominated for the TAFE Student Of The Year Award for 2010! Peter divides his time between working at Carson Street School and studying part-time at Challenger TAFE Murdoch where he is completing a Certificate 3 in Horticulture. We wish Peter all the best in the final voting!



DISCO

A disco will be held for special needs children and their siblings at the Holy Church Hall in Kalamunda on Friday 12th November 6pm to 7.30pm. Bring your favourite CD and a plate of food. Gold coin donation.

More details from Roberta Taylforth at Carson Street School or Estelle 0414 681 313.



A safe and inclusive hockey programme for young people aged 12-18 with a disability

Hockey WA in partnership with the Recreation and Sport Network has developed an inclusive hockey programme for young people living with a disability. An invitation is extended to all families and friends of Carson Street School to take part in this exciting programme. If you are interested in taking part or have any questions please visit www.hockeywa.org.au or contact Hockey WA on 9351 4302.



Happy Birthday to you ! ComplanÔs Feliz ...



Jaiden	Belmay	21st November
Lucas	Yellowgum	22nd November

Zac	Room 5	23rd November
Jono	Belmay	24th November
Harrison	Banksia	30th November

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

Friday 12th November 9am	P and C Meeting and AGM	All welcome—morning tea provided
Friday 10th December	Graduation and Christmas Concert	All welcome—morning tea provided
Thursday 16th December	Final day of Term 4 for students and staff	
Wednesday 2nd February 2011	First day of Term 1 2011 for students	