



Carson Street School
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WE LOVE MUSIC!!



From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Guardians and Friends of the School

From The Principal

In the firm belief that becoming an Independent Public School (IPS) would enable the school to consolidate and improve its range of services the Council voted unanimously at its last meeting to apply to join the program. I'm pleased to be able to report that we were one of the 34 schools chosen to pioneer the way for this new system of school management in Western Australia. We are proud of our school and acceptance into the program was an acknowledgement by the Department of Education of our past policies, initiatives and practices. School Council Chair Les Ozsdolay, Principal John Exeter, Deputy Principal Ros Hamling and Registrars Jennifer Felstead and Julie Holding (currently on leave but returning in 2010) have now attended professional development courses where the major opportunities and changes have been explained in more detail and we have had the opportunity to seek further information. Essentially, at this stage we have not formally signed on to the program which commences in 2010 but none of those who have attended training see any reason why we would not want to join the program and have greater control over our educational delivery and finances. There are further workshops to attend and we will keep you informed as we move down the path to becoming an IPS.

David Axworthy, Executive Director School Support Programs had previously visited to congratulate the school on being chosen in the first cohort of Independent Public Schools. During the visit David took the opportunity to tour the school and look at our program options.

If you have any questions about the IPS process or what it means for our students please contact me on 93617511.

Early Childhood Visit

David Ansell, Executive Director Early Childhood and his team visited the school on Thursday 29th to outline some of the exciting initiatives in this area and to also have an opportunity to view our range of early intervention programs. He is overseeing the roll out of extra hours for kindergarten aged students and we will join this program in 2012.

Building the Education Revolution

Parents will be pleased to note the progress being made with the building of the new early childhood block adjacent to our current classroom. We have high hopes of the double classroom building being ready for beginning of the 2010 school year.

HBF

Special thanks to the staff of HBF who spent a day at our school helping to improve our gardens and playground. Their combined efforts were greatly appreciated.

Parents and Citizens

I would like to thank P&C President Liz Green for her hard work and constant support of the school and its programs. While I must acknowledge her efforts it would be great to see more parents attending meetings and assisting her. Please note the next meeting is on Friday November 6th at 9 am. The P&C is a valuable parent support group as well as being the major fundraising arm of the school.



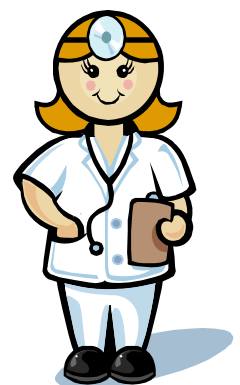
Carson Street School wish to acknowledge the wonderful help we received recently from HBF volunteers. They worked tirelessly in the gardens around the school weeding and tidying up and then applying mulch to all of the garden beds. We are very grateful for their help and the gardens now look fantastic!

We would also like to thank Gary Leach who gave us the use of his bobcat for the work. Thanks Gary!



Attention Parents...

New Health Forms were recently sent out to all families. Could we please have these filled out and returned to school as soon as possible.



Thanking you for your support with this.
Nola
Health Centre

Celebrating Success

Congratulations to Melinda Davies who was recently awarded the Education Support Principals and Administrators Association "Primary School Teacher of the Year" Award.



Melinda is a worthy recipient of this prestigious award and was proudly supported by her Education assistants Sandy Travers and Lee Canestrini, pictured at right with her during the presentation.

Melinda has also been nominated for a Canning District Education Award along with Maureen Page, one of our exemplary Education Assistants.



Congratulations are also extended to Natalie Fitzpatrick who has received her Level 3 Teacher accreditation. This accreditation is only awarded to a small number of teachers who undertake a rigorous selection process. We are very fortunate that we now have two Level 3 teachers at Carson Street.



Our School community is very proud of these achievements.



Shona Ballantyne

We would like to welcome our newest teacher, Shona, who is a conductor and working in CE. Shona and her family have come from Scotland and will surely enhance our Conductive Education program. Welcome to summer (again!) Shona.

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. To be eligible for camp, a child's parent/carer needs to be a member of Kids Camps. For enquiries regarding membership please call 9420 7247. If you are already a member and would like to apply for one of the camps please call in to the Carson Street School Office for an application form. Applications close Friday 20th November for any of the following camps:-
3-6 and 14-19 January Whiteman Park, 8-11 January Port Kennedy and 22-27 January Busselton.

Gymnastics For All—Inclusive Event

Sunday 8th November 2009

A specifically designed event for recreational gymnasts and children with Special Needs
Entry fee \$5.00—you can enter on the day
Further enquiries Spirit Gymsports 9387 4127 or spiritgymsports@hotmail.com

Conductive Education Centre of Western Australia
Family Fun Day

Come along to the 7th Annual Family Fun Day at Castledare Miniature Railway on Sunday 15th November 11am to 3.00pm. Tickets are \$5.00 for children and \$10.00 for adults and include a FREE sausage sizzle. There will be face painting, pony rides, Dave the Funny Man, Faerie Cara, Hey Presto, bouncy castles, lollies and popcorn and, of course, train rides. Tickets can be purchased from Carson Street School (see Alicia Weiland) or contact Katrina 0402 505 767 or Jess (Teagan's mum) 0408 060 374/9378 3460.

Happy Birthday to you ! Compleanos Feliz ...

Lachlan McQueen (Belmay) 1 Nov
Belle Locke (Rm8) 4 Nov
Jaiden Campbell (Belmay) 21 Nov



Lucas Wirth (EI) 22 Nov
Zac Damjanovic (Rm5) 23 Nov
Jono Crouchley (Belmay) 24 Nov
Harrison Pierce (CE2) 30 Nov



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

6th November	P& C Meeting	9am Start
12th November	School Council Meeting	8.30 Start
11th December	School Concert and Graduation	9.30 Start
17h December	Last Day of School for Students	