ANZAC Day 2015

On April 30, 2015 Carson Street School paid tribute to the Centennial year of the ANZACS. Our special guests were Mr Kelvin Liddiard, the President of the RSL Branch in Victoria Park, Mrs Liz Green the President of our P & C, Mr Exeter, Mrs Hamling and Lisa Eades (parent) who did the Welcome to our Land.

Tristan (Room 7) walked with Mr Liddiard to lay the wreath at the flagpole. Mandy (Belmay) took on the role to lower and raise the flag after the Last Post. The Belmay students read the Ode of Remembrance with Mr Liddiard, and every student had the opportunity to lay their poppies at the flagpole.

This was the first time we have had an ANZAC Ceremony, and hopefully we will continue this tradition on a yearly basis.

More ANZAC Day pictures inside
From the Principal’s desk ....

Term two is similar to the other terms in that time is passing very quickly. Please note we have our Annual Public School Board Meeting in week six on 28th May at 8.30am. We are very fortunate to have a number of school staff, parents and community members willing to support us by serving on the Board. Other interested parties are invited to attend.

Australian Early Development Census (AEDC)
All students of Pre Primary age have been invited to participate in the AEDC which is a nationwide census of early childhood development and is aimed at helping our school and community understand how children are developing before they start school, what is being done well, and what can be improved. The AEDC is an Australian Government initiative run by the Department of Education and Training.

Staying in Touch
My thanks to School Officer Lisa Sinclair who looks after the school web site at www.carsonst.wa.edu.au. This is a valuable way of communicating with our parents and other interested parties. Recently we have introduced a closed Facebook page (accessed from the Home Page of the web site) on which CE Administrator, Dallas Bird places news of current issues and events for your information as well. Feedback from parents confirms that this is much appreciated by our families.

P&C Play Date
My congratulations to the P&C President, Liz Green and Marian Tetlow, Community Support Officer for arranging a family play date where parents can get together and support each other. I, for one, was interested to hear of one family’s experience with the NDIS (National Disability Insurance System), something which is very topical and which many families might be navigating in the future.

P&C Fundraising
We are fortunate to have a hard working P&C led by President Liz Green. This term they have already held a Mother’s Day raffle and the count down to the Disabled Children’s raffle has just begun. I trust you will support their hard work by purchasing and selling tickets.

ANZAC
This year we held our first ANZAC Day service at school, and our special thanks go out to Kelvin Liddiard from the Victoria Park Branch of the RSL who assisted in the preparation of the service and also attended in person on the day.

Our students were able to display their artwork and participate in the 100th anniversary of this important day of remembrance.

Annual School Report
Parents may download a copy of the school’s Annual Report from our website. This is a summary of the 2014 school year, and should be of interest to parents and friends. It can be found at http://www.carsonst.wa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/2014-Annual-Report.pdf

Thanks once again for your support of the school and its programs.

Regards
John Exeter
Principal

Vale Owen Holmes
Several staff members attended the funeral of ex-student Owen Holmes last Saturday who passed away at the age of 15. Owen completed his primary schooling at Carson Street and then graduated to Kensington Secondary School for his senior schooling. Owen is fondly remembered by our staff and the school sends its deepest sympathy to the Holmes family on their loss.
P&C News . . .

Easter Raffle
The Easter raffle was very successful again this year. We had lots of prizes, making many young people very happy. We raised just over $600. Many thanks to those who donated items and bought tickets.

Mothers’ Day Raffle
Congratulations to Blake Albrand 1st prize, and Koyuki Arnold 2nd prize!

Disabled Childrens' Foundation raffle
Booklets of five tickets for this raffle have been sent home with your child. Each ticket costs $3.00 with all funds being kept by the school. We ask that you sell the tickets to family, friends, work colleagues etc. Ticket butts and money need to be returned to school by 26th June.

This is a registered raffle so PLEASE do not lose the tickets as we have to account for each one. Any unsold tickets should be returned to the front office. Thank you for supporting the P&C.

Disco
What a FANTASTIC night!
We had so many kids come along to dance the night away. There were some outstanding dancers but in the end we narrowed the winners down to Riley, Violet, Grace, Asha, Zane (Faris' brother) and Hayley. Our resident DJ Dan was as awesome as ever and special thanks to Sam Freeman's dad for organising the professional lighting. Extra special thanks to Dallas who puts so much time and effort into organising these Discos.

It was our best Disco yet!
Room 7

One of the highlights this term was the ANZAC assembly. Students were all very well behaved and it was a big success. Tristan from our class did us proud by helping to lay the wreath with Kelvin Liddiard, the President of the RSL's Victoria Park Branch.

Room 9

The students in Room 9 were excited to attend the first ANZAC day ceremony held at Carson St School. We think the Belmay class did a fantastic job organising everything and we really enjoyed looking at the displays they made. The ceremony itself was just the right length although the minute’s silence seemed to take forever. We made poppies which we made into a stringed wreath that we attached to the flagpole. That was pretty fiddly but we made it. Well done to everyone in the Belmay class!!

Banksia

Banksia students learnt about ANZAC Day by viewing stories on the smart board. They then made a poppy wreath to place under the flagpole during our ANZAC service. The students were all extremely well-behaved during the service. They observed the minute’s silence and sang and signed the National anthem beautifully. They made ANZAC cookies as a reward for their excellent behaviour during the ANZAC service.
Our new Early Intervention Centre: Green Gum

Welcome to Green Gum, home of Conductive Education ‘Parent and Child’ groups and ‘My Time’.

Our new purpose built building has everything you can possibly need to run early intervention programs. Programs currently run from Tuesday to Thursday every week led by specialised teachers including Teacher - Conductors.

Our children have been busy making the most of the fantastic space we now have. Including cooking and dressing up in the home corner, socialising outside, playing with play dough and other craft activities, learning how to move around our huge classroom and around fun obstacle courses in our lovely outside area… and lots of other activities!

Parents are being provided with the opportunity to be up-skilled in ways of supporting their child’s learning whilst also networking with other parents and gaining knowledge of support services available to them in the community. We are all looking forward to taking part in fun activities and learning lots of new things in this fantastic new classroom!

Splendid job in the garden …

We’re sure you will all agree that the school grounds are looking particularly good, especially after the recent rain we’ve had. It’s due in no small part to the hard work put in by our small team of staff, Michael (Wednesday-Friday), Neville (Mondays) and Greg (Mondays & Fridays).

Special mention goes to Greg, who works alongside Neville on Mondays. He put in a mammoth effort a couple of weeks ago when there was more than usual to attend to.

Neville has since (un)”officially” appointed Greg HEAD GARDENER!