Room 9

Well I am not to sure what my class got up to while I was away in the USA but the pictures tell me that there was an awful lot of fun going on!!!

Naturally, I have put a STOP to that, now I am back.
It is good to see the sun smart message getting an airing at this time of the year, knowing full well that things can only get hotter over the summer.
From the Principal’s desk ....

Welcome to another busy term culminating in the School Concert on Friday 14th December. Our classes are currently practicing their items for this special day. I hope you have all put the date in your diaries.

Deputy Ros Hamling reports that we have an increased number of enrolments for next year and this is exciting news. The school’s reputation for quality specialist programs like Conductive Education and Early Intervention mean that an increasing number of families outside our traditional boundary are enrolling their children.

The theme of this newsletter is Active Learners and contains a variety of examples of our students actively engaged in their individual programs.

Independent Public School Review

The very favourable review of our first 3 years as an Independent Public School has been completed. A final report was received and a copy is soon to be available on the school website for public viewing. A brief summary appeared in the press and stated Carson Street School was found to have taken advantage of the "greater empowerment at the local level" to improve the older buildings to cater for students with "multiple, complex and severe disabilities". It had also "improved learning" through a "highly differentiated curriculum". *The Sunday Times, 1 Oct 2012*

Commonwealth Bank Grant

A morning tea was held at school where staff from the Commonwealth Bank presented a generous cheque for $10,000 to P&C President Liz Green for the purchase of playground equipment. Liz is becoming quite a whiz at making successful applications for funds to improve facilities and services for all our students.

Carson Street School Board Open Meeting

Our next meeting, the last for the year, is on Thursday 22nd November starting at 8.30 am. This is an open invitation to members of the school community to attend and learn more about the workings of our very supportive Board that plays an active role in the decision making processes of the school. Everybody is most welcome.

Please let us know if you will be attending by phoning school on 9361 7500.

I hope to see you all at the school Open Day and annual Fun Day, to be held on Wednesday November 7th at school. A number of fun activities have been arranged for our students.

John Exeter
Principal

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School Meetings—All Welcome

- **Open Finance Meeting**: Tuesday 20th November 2012 at 8.00am
- **Open Board Meeting**: Thursday 22nd November at 8:30am

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E-Newsletter

You can now receive the Carson Street newsletter on line!

Families who would prefer to receive an electronic copy of the newsletter, please email the office at Carsonst@iinet.net.au.

A contact list can then be compiled.
P&C News . . .

Welcome back to another busy term.

During the first week there was a talk about ipads and how they can benefit our child’s learning. It was very informative and well attended. Thanks to Dawn Hallett for her time and input.

Commonwealth Bank Grant:
The Branch Manager and representatives from the local Commonwealth Bank came to school to present a cheque for $10,000.00. This was part of a National Grant that the school was successful in achieving. The money is going to be used to purchase specialised outdoor equipment, especially swings, for our kids to enjoy.

The P&C and the school community are very grateful to the Commonwealth Bank for their generous contribution to our projects.

Liz Green
P and C President

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Water Playground

Parents may be interested to know about a new water playground that has recently opened in Hyde Park, North Perth.

The park is accessible to wheelchairs (or buggies that dry out quicker!) and may be a great spot for families to visit during the warmer months.

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Visitors to School

A reminder that all visitors to Carson Street School should make their entry through the front office and sign the visitors book on arrival and departure.

Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.
Carson Street School Values Education

The Achieving Kind

This term we are focussing on being The Achieving Kind. This includes:

♦ TRY LOTS OF DIFFERENT THINGS
♦ DO THINGS TO THE BEST OF YOUR ABILITY
♦ HAVE A GO

Belmay Satellite Class

This term the Belmay Satellite Class were really happy to welcome back Liam De Young who returned from the London Olympics after winning a Bronze Medal in Hockey.

Liam works at The George Burnett Recreational Centre and occasionally teaches us how to play Hockey. Scott Bennett teaches us how to play many team games and we are becoming such good players at Cricket, Hockey, Soccer and Basketball. He is such a good coach!
Adidas Run Around the World

Congratulations to all of those who participated in the Adidas Run Around the World Day. Adidas, in conjunction with the Australian Council for Health, Physical Education and Recreation (ACHPER), organised the day to assist with the promotion of National Health and Physical Education, promoting good health and healthy life choices in our everyday life.

There were a total of 29 students who participated from Carson Street School. Along with 586 other schools who participated nationally, a total of 130,003 students participated, which equated to 3.25 Laps Around the World!

Congratulations to all!
Community Support Officer

In the last newsletter I introduced myself to you all as the School Welfare Officer, however, we thought that calling my position Community Support Officer sounded better! Community involves not only school staff and students, but also families at school. I am really enjoying this role and am looking forward to the Open Day where I hope to be able to meet more of the school community.

Apart from the Open Day, I am at at school on Mondays and Tuesdays all day. Families and others within the school community are most welcome to call in to see me at any time during these days, and at other times I can be contacted easily via the school office. I am available for a confidential chat about anything or just for moral support. I may also be able to help you with more practical matters such as obtaining information from services that support families of students with special needs, like respite and other services.

I look forward to meeting you soon.

Marian Tetlow

Opportunity for parents to contribute to research on disability

Assessing child behaviour and parenting accurately is vital if the issues that parents are concerned about with regards to their children are to be adequately addressed. The Parenting and Family Support Centre at the University of Queensland has developed a new questionnaire for parents of children with disability to assess various child behaviour and parenting strategies and experiences. We are seeking parents of children with disability aged between 2- and 16-years to share their thoughts in an online survey which takes approximately 20 minutes to complete.

Please visit the website at: http://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/parentingdisability. Here you can find out more and take part in the survey. This is an independent university research project conducted by the University of Queensland.

Thank you in anticipation of your contribution.

Community Living & Participation Grants

National Disability Services WA is continuing to administer the Lotterywest funded Community Living and Participation Grants. Grants of between $500 and $10,000 are available now for equipment, resources, projects and activities that:

♦ Enable people with a disability to participate in recreational and social activities; and

♦ Improve the quality of life for people with disability and their families.

An information package and application form can be downloaded from www.clpg.org.au or contact the CLPG office on 9208 9830.

Thought for the Day:

“Life is one big road with lots of signs”

Bob Marley

Happy Birthday to You . . .

Students who celebrated their birthdays in October were:

Mandy Room 2 Zac Banksia
Ayden Room 5 Nathan Yellowgum
Aralie Banksia Alex Room 2
Axl Room 2

What’s on … what’s coming up?

♦ Wed 7 November School Open Day / P&C Fun Day
♦ Tue 20 November School’s Open Board Meeting—8:30am
♦ Tue 27 November School’s Open Finance Meeting—8:30am
♦ Fri 14 December End of Year Concert & Graduation Ceremony

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