Education Assistants

Burbridge Satellite Class

The Burbridge Satellite Class are learning all about shopping this term. We tried some fun science experiments with things that you can buy from the supermarket.

We learnt how boiling water changes an egg from runny, to soft, to hard.

We added food colouring and dish washing liquid to milk to watch some cool patterns form.

Deb bravely put Mentos in a bottle of Diet Coke and we watched the eruption!

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From the Principal’s desk ....

Welcome to Term Four

Term four this year promises to be as busy and eventful as it has been every year. Our students particularly enjoyed the P&C Fun Day on October 30th. For many the highlight will be our Concert on December 13th. Teaching staff are soon to commence the annual reports for students and of course a number of students will graduate at the end of the year.

Flushed with the success of the installation of the new senior playground equipment, the P&C are investigating further changes to challenge and amuse our students, including a series of swings and extensions to the bike track.

Independent Public School (IPS) Flexibility

Sound financial planning supports staff development, enhances educational programs and allows for the employment of additional specialist staff. In term four we have employed a part-time (0.6FTE) Occupational Therapist to assist in setting up the Sensory Room program and to maximise the use of the facility.

The school has also taken up the IPS flexibility of employing a School Psychologist and currently has the services of two part-time experienced Education Support Psychologists in an effort to catch up on the backlog of Schools Plus applications and to prepare for 2014. In addition, Speech Pathologist Katy has moved from 3 days per week to full-time and can have greater input into student communication programs.

Student Transport 2014

School Bus Services have advised that new applications for transport must be made for any of the following:

- Students who will be residing at a different address at the beginning of term one
- Students who are changing schools next year. This includes those who are graduating from Carson Street School.

New applications are to be submitted via the School Bus Services website www.schoolbuses.wa.gov.au

NB: Parents who are currently receiving transport assistance either by way of bus transport or a conveyance allowance and whose circumstances have not changed do not need to reapply.

Special thanks to our Education Assistants

“I’m just an EA.”

How often have I heard one of my staff answer a question from a visitor to the school in this way? When in reality our classroom team approach to growth and development leads to cooperative efforts between teachers and Education Assistants (the latter playing an absolutely vital role with students). So this newsletter highlights some of the ways, whilst not capturing all, our Education Assistants make a valuable contribution to programs and management. In this vein I would like to congratulate Sandy Travers who has been nominated for the West Australian Principals and Administrators Association (WAESPA) Award in the category of Support Staff.

In the last newsletter we featured some Education Assistants with special roles, turn to pages 4 & 5 to see some more of the variety of tasks they carry out each day.

Kind regards

John Exeter
Principal

Community Support Officer

The morning teas have been a great success so far and I would like to invite anyone who hasn’t been able to make it to come along. The next morning tea will be on Tuesday 26 November at 9.30am in Room 8. Jess and Sophie from the Independent Living Centre will be coming in to speak to us about their services. I look forward to meeting you there.

Marian Tetlow
Community Support Officer

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P&C News . . .

On Wednesday 30th October, the school and P&C held its annual Fun Day. There was a lot of work going on behind the scenes before the event and on the day. Thanks to Melinda Davies for helping with the organising, to Tye for his fabulous light/dark room and to the staff for all their help on the day. Special thanks to the P&C committee who did such a great job with the BBQ - the Auditor thoroughly enjoyed his lunch. There was an animal farm, train rides, bouncy castle, remote controlled cars, face painting and pony rides. The lady with the pony rides commented that this is one of her favourite events of the year to take part in. We also had a raffle and first prize went to Lucas in Room 7 and second prize went to Heather in room 9. Nurse Nola won the Jelly Bean Guessing competition with the closest guess to the correct number - 965.

Now that the alterations to the fencing at the back of the school are complete, there will be some new swings installed in the next couple of weeks. The playground is looking fantastic with all the new additions and will hopefully cater to all the different abilities of our students.

DISCO: Friday 22nd November has been confirmed as the date for our next Disco. We are lucky enough to have DJ Scott with his funky music again. Make sure you all practice your groovy moves! More details to follow.

Liz Green
President

A Message from the Nurses

Sun safety

With the hot weather approaching, it is important to talk to your children about sun safety and teach them good sun protection habits.

√ Slip on some sun-protective clothing - that covers as much skin as possible
√ Slop on broad spectrum, water resistant SPF30+ sunscreen. Put it on 20 minutes before you go outdoors and every two hours afterwards. Sunscreen should never be used to extend the time you spend in the sun.
√ Slap on a hat - which protects your face, head, neck and ears
√ Seek shade
√ Slide on some sunglasses - make sure they meet Australian Standards.

Extra care should be taken between 10am and 3pm when UV levels reach their peak. For more information see the Cancer Council website: www.cancer.org.au

Officeworks Fundraiser

The local Officeworks store at East Victoria Park recently ran an awareness campaign to benefit Carson Street School. The school displayed some of its specialised equipment, along with a selection of the wonderful artworks the students have produced. Officeworks customers then had the opportunity to write their name on a ‘card’ in exchange for a gold coin donation, and this was added to the in-store rainbow. All in all, the campaign raised over $590 for Carson Street School. Our thanks go to the Officeworks management and staff, and of course their generous customers.

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The wonderful Education Assistants working with the Belmay Satellite Class

Jenny doing cued articulation.

Lee demonstrating soccer skills.

Sandy creating a masterpiece.

Great job!

Room 5

The hard working Education Assistants in Room 5 are continually supporting the individualised programs that encourage a sense of being, becoming and belonging in our class and school.

Their passion and commitment are evident through the children’s progress across all learning areas.

A special thank you to Anne, Deb, Kayla and Kaoru for their support and tireless efforts as we run our team to the finish line!

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Room 7
Our theme this term is shopping and we have been having a lot of fun learning about money and the places we can use money. We have a class shop and students earn some paper money as rewards for good work and get to buy items to play with from the shop. Our first shopping trip was a big success and everyone had a chance to experience shopping with the help of the adults.

Stuck for Ideas for Children’s Christmas Presents?
Each year Speech Pathology Australia awards authors for excellence in promoting children’s speech, language and literacy skills. The 2013 winners include:

Best Book for Language & Literacy Development – Young Children (ages 2-5 years), Seadog by Claire Saxby

Best Book for Language & Literacy Development – Lower Primary (ages 5-8 years), Sophie Scott Goes South by Alison Lester

Best Book for Language & Literacy Development – Upper Primary (ages 8-12 years), After by Morris Gleitzman

Best Book for Language & Literacy Development – Indigenous Children, Two Mates by Melanie Prewett

Hall of Fame Award for sustained contribution to children’s literature, Ursula Dubosarsky

Thank you to our wonderful P&C for organising the Fun Day. Our students enjoyed pony rides, playing with animals, jumping on the bouncy castle and a number of other fun activities.
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Despite the heat, all outdoor activities were very popular. We all look forward to next year!
**The KOPE Program**  
*(Kids Overcoming Pain Education)*

Arthritis & Osteoporosis WA has received Telethon funding to pilot an innovative programme for young people aged 8 to 18 years with persistent pain and their parents. Evaluation of this study will be conducted by the School of Physiotherapy at Curtin University. The programme is designed to equip young people and their parents with practical strategies to increase their confidence in managing the pain and to engage in school, social and leisure activities more effectively. The course is based on cognitive behavioural principles adapted for young people and will be led by a multi-disciplinary team with dedicated skills in this area of pain management. The 1 day workshops with a half day follow up 2 weeks later will be for age groups 8 – 12 and 13 – 18 years who have had non-cancer related persistent or recurrent pain for greater than 3 months duration.

Programmes will run October 2013 - February 2014. For further information please call 9388 2199 or visit www.arthritiswa.org.au

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**Happy Birthday to You!**

Noah-Burbridge and Ryan-Banksia  
Lucas—Room 7  22 Nov
Danny—Belmay and Grace—Redgum  29 Nov
Harrison—Burbridge  30 Nov
Kawana—Room 9 and Aidan—Room 7  3 Dec

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**What’s on . . . what’s coming up . . .**

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