Room 7 gets straight back to school

The year has started on a good note so far and most of the students are settling in well and getting accustomed to their daily routines. The 2014 Room 7 class is composed of 8 students; 5 boys and 3 girls. There is a total of seven staff working with the students; Connie, the teacher and six Education Assistants. Elaine and Ann work Monday to Friday, Leonie - Monday to Thursday, Alison – Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Tye – Thursday and Friday and Lindsey Fridays only.

The class programs include Literacy, Numeracy, Art, Cooking, Swimming, Music, Physical Education and Society and Environment, Horse Riding and Community Access and Health. In addition to these programs, the class will also be introduced to workshop skills. In this program students learn to use equipment like hammers, screws and other bits and pieces to extend fine motor skills as well as develop hand and eye co-ordination. Some safety lessons will be done first before they use any of the equipment.

In Health, the focus will be teaching students to learn to say ‘Stop’ as part of the protective behaviour program. A lot of our students get harassed by other students and have no means to help themselves hence we need to teach them a few skills to protect themselves and ask for help when needed. In Numeracy we are currently learning about Time and it will be good to talk about this at home as well. We are also learning about Materials in Science.

Our theme this term is Places of Interest. We will be visiting places of interest in Perth which include Kings Park, The Perth Museum, SciTech, The Aquarium of Western Australia and many others. So far the class is working well and we are looking forward to a good term.
From the Principal’s desk ....

Welcome back to staff and families for our fifth year as an Independent Public School (IPS). A special welcome to all our new families and teacher Alicia Bani and Education Assistant Kate Bamford who both return to us after their overseas adventures.

A number of projects commenced over the break which were lead by our hardworking P&C President Liz Green and her committed members including:

- A roof for the senior play area which is almost ready to challenge students during their breaks.
- Extension of the bike track to extend those who can ride well.
- Installation of the pool ventilation system which is now complete.

New swings have been installed in the main playground complete with soft fall.

A number of students have been placed in different classes this year and my staff are keen to get to know you all and to work best in partnership in implementing your child’s individual education program IEP.

Please note staff will soon be contacting families to assist in the development of their child’s IEP. Family input is vital to providing each with a challenging school program.

My special thanks to Deputy Ros Hamling who once again has worked over the holidays to ensure that our students are adequately resourced and we are well staffed through the Schools Plus resourcing system. We are most appreciative of the information families have supplied which support and enhance these applications.

Summer Holiday Programs

Thanks also to Alicia Bani and Nakita Kitson and team for running the largest Summer Holiday Program ever. Without the use of the pool they implemented a program that challenged and entertained our students. This program was generously funded by the Town of Victoria Park, the City of South Perth and the Disabled Children’s Foundation.

Thanks also to Laura Farkas and Anna Pugh who ran the Conductive Education Holiday program over a period of two weeks which was well supported this year by families and the Conductive Education Centre of WA (CECWA).

Student Report Survey

Late last year a short survey was sent home seeking information on parents perceptions of our annual student reports. Thanks to all those who have replied already as your comments will be carefully considered and changes made where necessary.

School Website Changes

Don’t forget to visit the school web site which can be found at www.carsonst.wa.edu.au. If parents have any ideas on useful items that could be included on the site please email Lisa at lisa.sinclair2@education.wa.edu.au.

P&C

The Parents and Citizens Association, ably lead by President Liz Green and her enthusiastic members, is an amazing support to the school and is constantly working to improve amenities for our students.

School Board

Our Board members, after elections were held last year, know the school very well and provide an excellent balance of support and challenge which ensures that the school has an excellent reputation and continues to move forward.

The current members are:

- Kate Wilson Teacher - Staff
- Mim Little Education Assistant - Staff
- Shona Ballantyne CE Co-ordinator - Staff
- Liz Green P&C Representative – Parent
- Ben Wyatt, MLA, Community
- Lisa Wells-Wright Parent Representative
- Sue Carpenter Ex Dept of Educ’n - Community
- Les Ozsdolay Chairperson - Staff
- John Exeter Principal
- Darryll Ashworth Metier Consulting - Community
- Shane Jez CECWA President - Community
- Nichola Tomkins Town of Victoria Park – Co-opted (Currently on Leave)
- Corina Botica Registrar – Co-opted

The theme for this newsletter is ‘Back to School’. A revised Parent Handbook will be available shortly for your information.

Best wishes for the challenges ahead.

John Exeter
Principal
P&C News . . .

On Wednesday 19th February the Carson Street School Parents and Citizens (P&C) Assoc. held it's AGM. Elected committee members are:

President: Liz Green
Vice President: Lisa Wells
Treasurer: Vanessa Gillies
Secretary: Sally Dechow
Committee: Linda Skerry, Ruby McGill and Nicola Hofler

Many thanks to everyone who volunteered their services for this year. It was lovely to have some new parents come along. It’s a great opportunity to have your say and meet other parents over coffee.

Upcoming Events:

♦ Disco end of March. Always well-attended and lots of fun!
♦ Easter Raffle: another popular event with our kids and staff

More details to follow in the coming weeks.

If anyone has any questions about the P&C, uniforms, or general enquiries, please fee free to ring me at home on 9291 7290 or email lizgreenpnc@hotmail.com.

Liz Green
President

From the Registrar

Thank you to all parents who have paid their Voluntary Contributions and other charges. It is much appreciated as it helps the school deliver the best possible programs for our students.

If you haven’t paid, you can do so via internet banking, or by cash or cheque to the front office staff. If you would like to discuss a payment plan, please feel free to pop into my office or call me on 9361 7500.

Kind regards,
Corina Botica

Message from the Nurses

Welcome back to another year at Carson Street School. This year, our nurses on staff are:

- Nola Dunnett: Tuesday and Wednesday
- Corinne Romain: Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday
- Val Tranthem: Monday and Tuesday and alternate Wednesday
- Kirrily Fisher: Monday, Thursday and Friday
- Sue Job: Alternate Tuesdays
- Mary Keeley: Alternate Fridays

Please do let us know if anything changes regarding your child’s health needs, or if you change your contact details. (It’s vital that our list of contacts is up-to-date.)
Belmay’s beginning to the 2014 school year

Our School year has started smoothly without any problems. We welcomed Hayley into our classroom, which makes it 4 boys and 3 girls, what a great combination! One of the highlights has been working with our new Music Teacher—Mr Talbot, who visits our class on Monday mornings for a 1 1/2 hour session. He shows and plays many instruments, makes us listen to different types of music, we are learning to listen and move to the music and we have already learnt a few new songs.

Another highlight has been our Woodwork Program with Tye. Everyone seems to have remembered the Safety Rules when working with certain tools, such as a hand drill, hammer and a saw. They also remembered, that if they did not listen to instructions they would be “Fired!” and made to sit out for 5 minutes. Ryan decided to ‘Fire’ himself when his hand drill was wobbling around too much!!

Woolworths Earn & Learn promotion

Here is what the school was able to ‘purchase’ with the points we accumulated from the 2013 promotion. Thanks to all the families who contributed their stickers.
Burbridge Satellite class

The Burbridge Satellite Class have bounced back to school with smiles on our faces! We are excited to welcome our new friend Charlotte to our class and so happy to see how well she has adjusted to life in Kindy.

We have been learning lots about the senses this week, as part of our topic ‘My Body’. Have a look at some of the fun activities we have been doing.

Smell – What can you smell in the bottle?

Taste – What are your taste buds telling you that you are eating?

Sight – What object did your helper secretly take away?

We explored hearing and touch too with more fun games!
Wattle classroom

Wattle has settled in well for 2014, exploring their senses through play!

We are focusing on the theme Under the Sea for term 1 and are having lots of fun each day! Included in our daily timetable is a perceptual motor program where each child has the opportunity to develop their gross motor skills. Each child loves to show us how clever they are at this!

Join us for an evening of fun and fundraising to help the children with physical disabilities and associated special needs in the Conductive Education Program. All proceeds from the ball go to aid the purchase of equipment, fund relocation of conductors and help with the general support of the Program.

Venue: Astral Ballroom, Crown
Date: Saturday 10th May 2014
Time: 6.30pm
Dress: Formal
Cost: $180 per person
Ticket Sales: Dallas on 9361 7500 or Dallas.Bird@education.wa.edu.au
Follow: Facebook.com/DinnerForDreams
Contact Renae at events@conductiveedwa.com.au for sponsorship and donations.

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Expert staff: exceptional programs

2014 in Room 9

It’s never a good thing for the staff to have PD in the two days before the kids start back at school! This year we had a super presentation by Courtney Waters (the school’s OT) on Sensory Processing (or the lack of it) in students. WOW! Needless to say we are now right into all things sensory!

Take a look at how the kids are enjoying their tactile, gustatory (taste), olfactory (smell), vestibular and proprioceptive senses.

Oh, by the way, we are just five this year: Adrian and his harem of Jess, Madison, Kaitlin and Kawana.

Rose and Sam have been joined by Heather and Aileen as the team in Room 9. I reckon we’ll turn out to be a pretty good team, eventually!!!

So welcome to the new year and watch this space!

New approach to pain relief at Remedy Pain Centre

Youth and young adults in chronic pain, to date, have had limited treatment options in Western Australia. The Remedy Pain Centre offers individual and group programmes for patients.

This new multidisciplinary specialist clinic dedicated to assessing and treating persistent pain for people aged 6-30 years has recently opened.

Medications can be of some benefit, however self-management strategies that help to address the other elements of pain (physical, social, emotional, etc.) can greatly improve a person’s function and quality of life.

Young people will learn how to break the cycle of pain in order to lead a better life. Parents/carers are offered group education and support programmes.

More details can be found on our Facebook page. Medicare rebates are available.

Contact the Remedy Pain Centre for queries and appointments.
Email admin@remedypain.com.au or phone (08) 9430 4668. Located at 207 High St, Fremantle.

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Mini Pizzas—a great after-school snack idea

2 large (Royal Blue or Nadine) potatoes
2 Tbspn tomato paste
2 Tbspn grated cheddar cheese
1 tspn dried herbs

Also choose from:
4 tomato slices
1/2 green capsicum, diced
1 Tbspn pineapple pieces
1 Tbspn ham
2 button mushrooms, sliced

- Microwave, boil or bake potatoes whole until tender.
- Cut potatoes lengthways into 1cm thick slices.
- Place on a greased tray, spread with tomato paste, add topping of your choice and sprinkly with cheese.
- Bake for 10 minutes until golden brown.

Serves 4

Website to bookmark: lunchideasforschool.com

Happy Birthday to You ...

February Birthdays

Adam Room 2 12 Feb
Stephen Room 7 12 Feb
Yahya Belmay 12 Feb
Kate Burbridge 17 Feb
Aleigha Redgum 16 Feb
Abbie Burbridge 23 Feb
Daisy MyTime 23 Feb
Clare Wattle 27 Feb

March Birthdays

Noah Burbridge 12 March
Jake Burbridge 18 March
Robbie Banksia 22 March
Katie Burbridge 22 March
Angelica Yellowgum 23 March
Harrison Burbridge 26 March

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

Wednesday 19th March Bike Week day out at Burswood Park—11am—1pm
Tuesday 1st April—9:30am Parent morning tea & information session—Guests: Therapy Focus
Friday 11th April Last day of Term 1
14th April—25th April School Holidays
Mon 28th & Tue 29th April Staff Development Day—NO STUDENTS
Wednesday 30th April Students return for Term 2

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