



Newsletter 1

14th February 2018

Principal

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Welcome

New Families & Staff

Year Ahead

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Our website:

www.caraleecs.wa.edu.au

SMS Attendance:

0409 883 536

Our email address:

Caralee.cs@education.wa.edu.au

Allergy friendly school:

Please remember **NO NUTS** or nut products.

- **Wed, 28th Feb**
Assembly (D2)
- **Wed, 28th Feb**
Family Picnic Day
- **Mon, 5th Mar**
Labour Day
- **Wed, 14th Mar**
Assembly (D1)
- **Tue, 20th Mar**
P&C Meeting
- **Wed, 21 Mar**
Harmony Day



Coles "Sports for Schools" vouchers may be dropped off at the designated box in our Front Office reception.

Welcome back everyone to the first newsletter for 2018. I hope you all found time over the holiday period away from school to rest and recharge for the year ahead. I was fortunate enough to spend some time camping with my family down south, and saw some Caralee families doing the same and having a great time.

Now we are back, and it has been a fantastic start to the year. We have had many new families start at Caralee and I welcome you all to our school and the community of Willagee. This of course means our school has grown by a class, which has been the goal of our staff and school community, and is a vote of confidence in our school. This also means that we have new staff, and I know they have already enjoyed a warm welcome from children and parents alike.

In CI, **Ms Tamisha Garrett** has joined us to teach Years 3/4. Ms Garrett has worked at Caralee before, and is a former student of

Carawatha PS, which was one of our predecessor schools. We also welcome **Ms Rebecca Raine** who will have a role as tandem teacher with Ms Longley in D4 after she covers staff leave in Science/Health. **Ms Rhiannan Longley** has the opportunity to return to her passion for class teaching in D4 this year, and **Ms Lehanni Williams** returns to teach music for Term 1. We are very fortunate to have fantastic new teachers who we know will work to help our students achieve their potential.

A familiar face, who has returned from sick leave last year, is **Mr Sam Atkins**. He has a special role this year as a Student Support Officer (SSO). We have long known that Sam (as he is affectionately called) possesses many talents from sport to art, so we are making the most of this by having Sam support teachers in Physical Education (PE), Specialist Art and small group work with students where he can bring out the best in our students.

The year ahead is one with many important events and tasks ahead of us, such as a new round of Independent Public School submissions, new business plan cycle planning and curriculum implementation such as Digital Technologies and *Sound Waves* spelling. Whilst I know all of our staff and community representatives will work hard to see things implemented, I know the day-to-day work our staff do in classrooms, in partnership with parents, is what makes a difference for the social and academic future of our students.

Welcome back everyone and I look forward to seeing you throughout 2018.

Jason Shapcott
Principal



Siobhan Micale

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Supporting Caralee Community School since 2008



SCHOOL HOURS:

Start: 08.50am (no student is to be on school grounds before 8am)

Recess: 10.30am to 10.50am

Lunch: 12.30pm to 01.00pm

Finish: 02.55pm

TUESDAY EARLY CLOSE:

Finish: 02.30pm

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The Gee Dads :
Stay tuned for
2018 events!

P&C Committee:

Become part of a vibrant and dedicated group of parents and friends of Caralee CS.
Meetings are held monthly during school terms, and advertised on the website & through the school App.

YMCA After School
Care Tel: 0459 988 253

Canteen:

Open every day in the Undercover Area (please order **before 9.30am**).

Uniform Shop:

Open Wednesday mornings, on Assembly Days, in the Undercover Area (8.15am to 8.50am).

Donations of second hand uniforms most welcome.

Make sure you are keeping ...



Update-ed the fully integrated mobile phone app

Our app is free



Connecting with Caralee CS has never been easier!

Keep **Update-ed** through our **Caralee School App** with alerts and access to events and activities that are happening around school, including term planners and school newsletters.

You can even send absentee notifications, access Caralee Kitchen, view the latest P&C information, YMCA After School Care and much, much more - all from the palm of your hand or through your mobile device.

To download the free app, just visit the *App Store* for iPhones, or *Google Play* for Androids. Search for **Update-ed**, and from the menu select our school. We'll receive your registration request and will need to approve you before your app is up and running.

Sign up today!

Click on either logo below (if you receive newsletters electronically)



Teaching our kids about good saving habits!



The **School Banking** program has been run nationally by the Commonwealth Bank since 1931. All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank *Youthsaver* account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

- 1. Online:** Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a *Youthsaver* account.
- 2. In branch:** Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver's licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank *Youthsaver* account, they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit on **School Banking Day** using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

School Banking Day is Thursday. Each week you need to bring the deposit book up to the Front Office. You will also have the chance to receive a range of items to help you save.

If you would like to know more about school banking, please ask for a 2018 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

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What is Connect?

By now you've probably heard about the introduction of the online environment called *Connect* in WA schools.

This article is about how *Connect* will be used in our school. *Connect* is a secure online environment developed by the Department of Education for staff, students and parents in public schools.

It will give our teachers a tool to deliver content to the students via an online classroom. This means your children will be able to share with you what they are learning.

For you, *Connect* provides easy access to information relevant to your child's classes and learning such as pictures and information about the class learning program for each term.

Class teachers can use *Connect* to keep you updated with important information however *Connect* will not replace notes home at this stage. Things like up-coming events, excursions, classroom activities, photos and stories can be sent to you via email or, if you prefer, via a push notification on your phone.

Download *Connect Now* from the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).

You will soon receive secure login information to *Connect* via the email address we have on file for you. If you have recently changed your email address please let us know by phoning **9314 1677** or emailing the school at caralee.cs@education.wa.edu.au so we can update our details.

How do I find out more?

Check out the short video clip on *Connect* at <https://vimeo.com/connectwa/welcome>

P & C News

To a New Year at Caralee CS

On behalf of Caralee Community School Parents and Citizen Association (P & C), welcome to another school year and a special welcome to all our new families. Caralee P & C meet week two (2) and eight (8) of each term, and is crucial in supporting the school financially and socially via a variety of functions throughout the year.

The Caralee P&C is responsible for the provision of services to the school community including:

- the uniform shop and
- the canteen

These services both now provide the convenience of on-line ordering!

Any profits from these services, as well as fundraising events, are contributed back to the school community either via a financial donation to the school or through the purchase of resources. The P&C also is a forum to discuss issues more broadly related to the school, such as facilities, resources or information sessions for the school community.



The first P&C AGM and general meetings of the year were held on Tuesday 13th February and our elected P & C Office Bearers for the 2018 year are: Julia Stewart (President), Chantelle Heyden (Vice-President), Meredith Hathaway (Treasurer) and Tammy Vanderweide (Secretary)

Our fundraising super stars are already planning for 2018! Information regarding fundraising and social events will be circulated as and when dates and events have been locked in.

stay tuned!

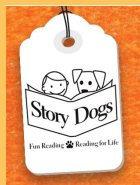
Our next P & C Meeting will be on Tuesday 20th March (Week 8) at 7pm in the staff room – new members always welcome. Please come along and be a part of our P & C community, ask questions and be involved.



P & C Ask Questions Be Involved

Contact us via email @ caralee.pandc@gmail.com

COMMUNITY NEWS




Story Dogs have come to Caralee CS!

Caralee have implemented a special reading program to assist selected students to become "confident lifelong readers".

We would like to welcome Mrs Linda Williams and her dog, **Rambo**, who will visit Caralee on Monday mornings.

Rambo wears a special coat that identifies him as a **working dog**, and we ask that all parents and children respect and understand not to approach him whilst he is on duty (unless invited).






Learning English Through Storytime (LETS)

Starting February 22, 2018 for 8 weeks

Every Thursday 11am to 12pm

**Bull Creek Library
24 Leichhardt Street
Bull Creek**

Free - phone 9364 0150 to book a place



LETS workshops assist families to improve and practise English in an educational environment.

LETS includes songs, rhymes and stories plus interactive activities which develop children's confidence and school readiness.

For parents/carers and their children aged 3 - 4 years for whom English is a second language.

Parents and children participate in the activities gaining the benefits of improving their spoken English.

LETS workshops run for a period of 8 weeks after which families are invited to attend other story time sessions in the library.

melvillecity.com.au/libraries



Fun Reading 🐾 Reading for Life

Story Dogs Needed!

Our school has this unique reading support program helping our students to become life-long readers. The teachers love this program, the students can't wait to read, and the program works! Do you have a dog that is well behaved, gentle and is happy around children? Can you spare a couple of hours a week?

Call or email Story Dogs so you can start helping children to become better readers.

Email: linda@storydogs.org.au **Phone:** 0421 976 379 **Web Site:** www.storydogs.org.au

Caralee Early Years Community



For families with children from birth until Kindergarten age who live in the local area or have a child attending the Fremantle Language Development Centre or Caralee Community School

Tuesdays from 9.00 to 10.45 am

(week two until week ten of terms one to three and week two until week nine of term four, 2018)

• Come along and join us for:

* craft * painting * playdough * singing * bubble blowing
* construction * sand play * home corner fun * puzzles * fruit time
as well as lots of other fun inside and outside activities designed to promote early language and skill development

• Sessions are facilitated by a teacher
• Please bring along a piece of fruit to share if your child will be participating in the shared fruit time

The playgroup is located at the shared campus of Caralee Community School and FLDC in the Early Years Room (located on the school oval).

24 Winnacott Street Willagee, WA 6156

For more information please phone 9331 8602 or email:

Fremantle.LDC@education.wa.edu.au or michelle.m.green@education.wa.edu.au

Caralee Early Years Community Playgroup

Dear Parents,

If you have a child or children under four years of age, you are **invited to attend the Caralee Early Years Community Playgroup**.

The playgroup provides a safe and stimulating environment for parents to interact with their child/children aged between birth and four in an informal play session.

The playgroup is run by the Fremantle Language Development Centre (LDC) in partnership with Caralee Community School and Supported by Meerilinga, a not-for-profit organisation that promotes positive childhoods.

The program is based on a "Family Partnership" model and recognises the parents as the child's first teacher and the importance of schools working closely with families and the community.

When: Tuesdays from 9.00 to 10.45am (stay for as short or long as you wish within this time frame).

Playgroup runs each Tuesday from Week Two until Week Ten of Terms One to Three, and Week Two until Week Nine of Term Four.

Contact : Fremantle LDC: 9331 8602 | Email: Fremantle.LDC@education.wa.edu.au or michelle.m.green@education.wa.edu.au