



Creaney

EDUCATION SUPPORT CENTRE

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Important Dates

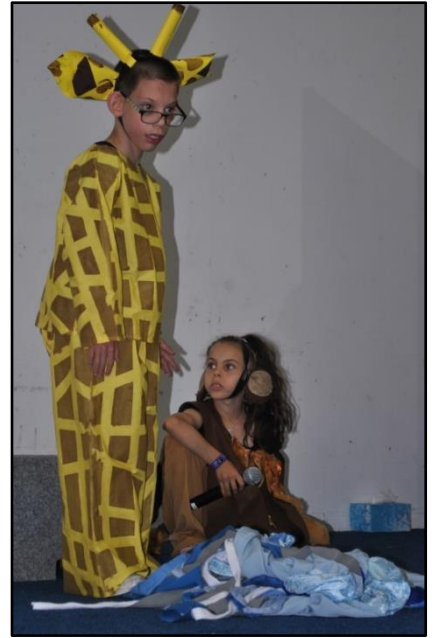
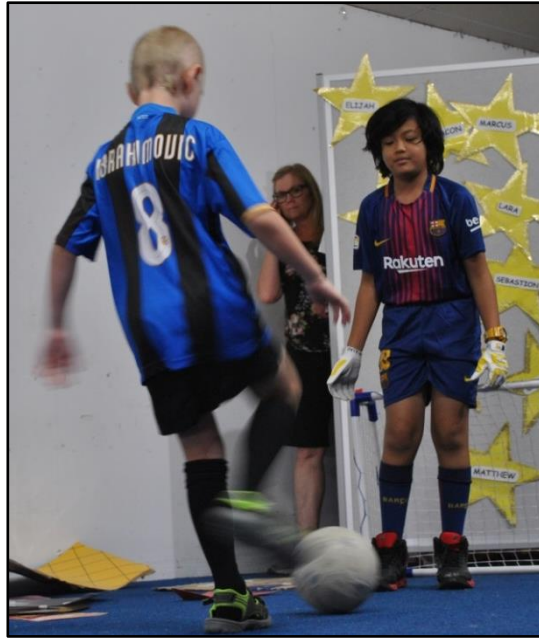
- 7th December – Creaney ESC Graduation Ceremony (9:15 am)
- 12th December – Bunnings workshop (free)
- 14th December – Students' last day (Santa's visit)
- 31st January 2018 – Students commence Term 1

End of Year Concert

Last night our school community came together for our annual End of Year Concert. The concert is always a highlight of our school year as we all celebrate just how fantastic all of our students are. The students have all worked very hard over the past weeks to prepare for the concert and we were so proud of each of them. For many of them, just coming back to school at night was a big enough challenge. That so many of them remembered their roles despite the big crowd, bright lights and noise, was remarkable.

Obviously an occasion like that does not happen without the hard work of lots of people behind the scenes and I would like to acknowledge Jennifer Andrews who was co-ordinating the concert for the first time. I think everyone will agree that Jen and her big support team (particularly Karin, Annette, Kylee and Tienielle) did a fantastic job. Creaney ESC is truly blessed with the best of staff.





School Bus Services

Parents who may be interested in applying for a school bus service in 2018 should apply online via the link <https://www.schoolbuses.wa.gov.au/>. If you would like any information about what bus services are available you can contact School Bus Services on 9326 2136.

Families that are already receiving transport assistance do not need to reapply if there will be no changes to their circumstances in 2018.



Donation from Westfield Whitfords

Our students loved playing with a set of these big blue blocks when on excursion to Oddysea earlier this year. Sadly, purchasing our own set was beyond our budget. Imagine our excitement when Westfield Whitfords very generously offered to donate their set to the Centre. HUGE thanks go to everyone at Westfield and to our enterprising Tara Barrett who negotiated the donation!

Festival of Magic

We still have a number of free tickets to the 6:30 pm session of the Festival of Magic show, 11 December at the Perth Convention Centre. These tickets have been kindly donated by the Rotary Club of West Perth. If you are interested, give Brooke a call in the front office.

Santa Visit

Don't forget that Santa will be visiting the Centre on Thursday 14th December. Thank you to those parents who have already secretly delivered the Santa present. If you have not already done so, we are asking you to please purchase a small gift (around the \$10 mark) for Santa to present to your child.

Safe Swimming Message from the Department of Education and Royal Life Saving WA

As summer approaches, we want students and families to enjoy our beautiful waterways; remembering to swim between the flags when at the beach and stay safe around the water. Royal Life Saving's recently released *National Drowning Report* shows that 280 people drowned in Australian waterways in 2015-16. This is a five per cent increase from the previous year. Each drowning death is a personal story, affecting families, rescuers and communities.

The Department of Education, Royal Life Saving WA and Surf Life Saving WA wish everyone a safe and fun summer holiday.

To find out more information about how you can be safe over the Christmas break visit:

- [RLSSWA Summer Holidays Drowning Prevention Tips](#)
- [RLSSWA Water Safety on Summer Holidays Tips](#)

With beach weather now here, Surf Life Saving WA is asking you to help your kids find the fun Between The Flags and stay beach safe by downloading their [free Safety Beach game](#) to ensure you know all the tips for staying safe between the flags this summer!

Parent Network Christmas Lunch

All parents are invited to the Kingsley Tavern for lunch at 12:30 on Wednesday 13th December. RSVP to Tab on 0418 938 324 or via the Facebook page.

Charges and Contributions for 2018

By now parents would have received a copy of the Charges and Contributions for 2018. This list outlines the MAXIMUM amount parents can be expected to pay for any of the listed events or activities. Not all students will be involved in all of the possible activities listed and it is very rare for the maximum amount to be reached. If you have not received a copy of this form, the Class List or the Book List, please contact Brooke in the front office.



Music Program

We have been very fortunate to have had the services of a Music Specialist this year. Amy Liddicoat has worked with all of our students and I am sure all parents would have noticed the difference it made in our final Musical item at last night's concert. Amy will be Music Specialist again next year. Michael MacRae will also be providing specialist programs in 2018.

Bankwest Community Grant

Creaney ESC is a finalist in the Bankwest Easy Community Grant. If successful, Margaret River artist Rebecca Cool would work with our students to create a painted mural on one of our walls. Grant winners are decided by a public vote so we need all of our families (and friends) to vote. Voting runs from December 4 to December 22. Go online to Bankwest Easy Community Grants and click on the Vote for a Group tab. Find the Creaney ESC application and click Vote for this group. Enter your email address and the code shown. Click submit vote. (You can also click the tab to share a vote request with your Facebook friends.)

Thank you to Tracy Toose from E.I. for organising this application. Fingers crossed!

School Development Dates for 2018

Each WA Government school is expected to schedule 6 School Development Days during 2018. Students do not attend on these days as staff members are involved in professional development and curriculum planning activities. Some of these days are consistent across all schools and some are picked at the discretion of each individual school community. The School Board has worked with our administration team to select the 2018 dates for Creaney ESC. To assist with your forward planning these dates are printed below:

30th and 31st January (before the start of the school year)

Monday 30th April (start of Term 2)

Friday 1 June (before the WA Day holiday)

Monday 16th July (start of Term 3)

Friday 14th December (at the end of the school year)

Graduation

This year we will be farewelling three of our students as they make the move to high school in 2018. Please join us in the school hall on Thursday 7th December at 9:15am for Elijah, Harry and Anthony's Graduation Ceremony. This will be a very special occasion and one that we look forward to with mixed feelings. It is always sad to say goodbye but we are also very proud of how far each of these students have come during their time at Creaney and feel very confident about how well they are all going to manage this next stage of their schooling.

We hope to see many of you there.

Kind regards,

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