

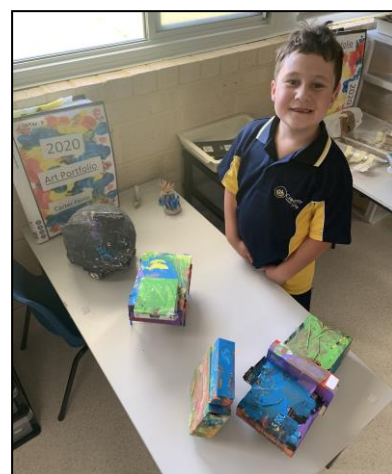
Important Dates

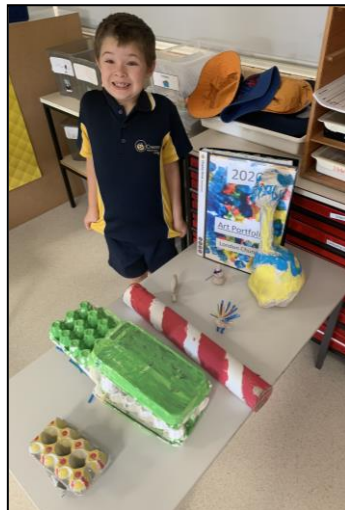
Thursday 17 December – Last day of school for students
Monday 1 February – Students start back at School for 2021

Room 5 Art Show

This semester, the Art program in Room 5 has been all about 3D art works. Students have spent time working with clay, constructing with boxes and making papier-mache creations. The children have shown a great deal of enthusiasm and created a large range of unique and creative pieces. A lot of time and effort has gone into the production of these pieces. In order to celebrate this, last Tuesday afternoon, Room 5 were given the opportunity to display their works. Each child was given a table of their own in an area of the room. They were then asked to arrange their pieces on the table as they pleased, in order for others to view. Once their display was complete, they had the opportunity to choose their favourite piece, explain why they liked it best and put a sticker next to it. Then the real fun began! Children were able to wander through the various displays, choosing their favourite piece on each and explaining to the artist why they liked it. It was so lovely to hear the positive feedback they had for each other and see how keen they were to both share their work and view the work of others. Mrs Breen, Mrs McKenna and Mr Mac came to visit along with Mrs Cartner and the children from EI. As parents/carers came to collect their child at the end of the day they were able to view their child's display too. The pride evident on children's faces was beautiful to watch. Well done Room 5, your wonderful creations show the hard work and effort you put into Art this semester. You should all be so proud of yourselves.

Tara Campbell
Room 5 DOTT teacher





Christmas Concert

Thank you to all the parents and families who helped the Christmas Concert come together, from supplying costumes to understanding and working with the challenges of a very limited audience this year. We did have the concert filmed on the night so please click on the link below to view the concert video. For those parents whose children could not make it on the night, we do also have a filmed copy of the dress rehearsal. If you would prefer a copy of that so that you can see your child perform too, please let Storm Breen know and bring in a USB and she can give you a copy. Please remember that the videos are for private viewing only and no part can be shared on any public sharing platforms. If you cannot access the link and would prefer a copy on a USB, please bring one in and hand it to Storm Breen.

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Santa's Visit

The children were most excited today to see Santa come and visit at school and hand out presents to all of them. It was a lovely morning. It is always wonderful to see the children's faces when they get to open their presents. As you know, this year the presents were donated to the centre, as they would normally have been handed out at the Special Children's Christmas Party, which was unfortunately cancelled this year.



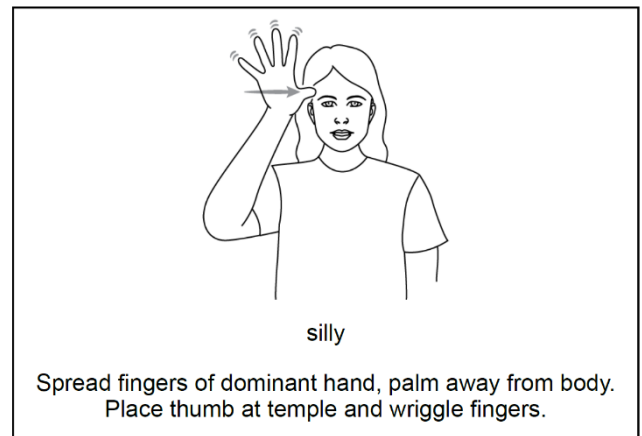
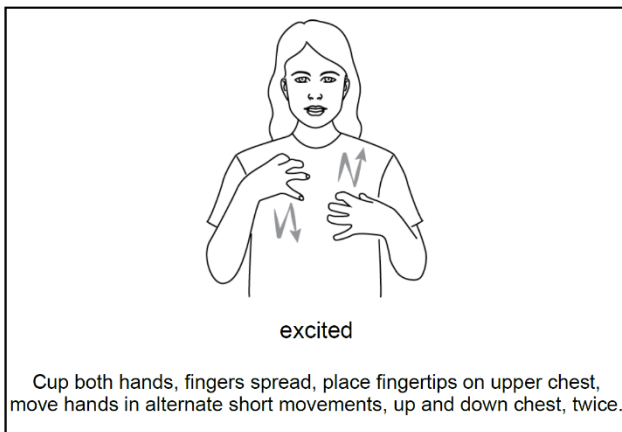
Graduation

On Thursday the 10th of December, CESC celebrated the graduating students for 2020 at a special graduation assembly. This year we say farewell to Matthew, Mitchell, Ned and Rhianna, as they move onto high school next year. It was a special time reflecting on their time at CESC and celebrating how far they have come over their years with us. We know they will achieve great things at high school and will continue to build on the progress already made. We can't wait for them to come back and visit us and to tell us stories of high school.



Key Word Sign

This fortnight we finish up on our two last key word signs for the year, with the focus still on different feelings and using the signs in context when helping the children label their feelings. We have been learning the signs for excited and silly.



Principal's Message

School Therapy

Thank you to those families who returned the therapy provision survey. It has been useful to see the variety of therapy options being taken up by families and the different suggestions and priorities for 2021.

After much consideration, we have decided to fine tune the current process of applying for in-school therapy. Parents will still be required to submit an application outlining their requests, general therapy goals and suggested times, but we will not be requiring therapist information at this stage of the process. Applications will be accepted between Monday 1 February and Wednesday 10 February. Applications should be directed to Brooke.McKenna@education.wa.edu.au The therapy committee will then meet to consider all requests and parents will be notified of the outcome by Thursday 11 February, with a view to therapy commencing in Week 3.

In order to allow fair access to therapy spaces, therapy applications will be approved on a term by term basis. Term 2 to 4 applications will close before the end of each term in order to allow therapy to begin at the start of each following term.

Application forms will be available on our school website and via paper distribution on the 1st of February.

School Board

Congratulations to the following parents who nominated as parent representatives on the School Board. We look forward to working with you in 2021.

Verity Morris
Cindy VanZyl
Lauren Bridges
Emma Hammond

Season's Greetings

2020 has proved to be a very challenging year for everyone. I would like to thank you all for your support and understanding. By working together, we were able to minimise the impact of COVID19 and maintain as much routine as possible for the children we share.

The staff have been outstanding in the way they have worked to enable continuity of education, despite the many challenges some of them had within their own family situation.

As we move into the holiday season I wish everyone a joyful and relaxing break and the hope that 2021 is a healthy and uneventful year for us all.

Cat



Birak

Birak is the season from December to January. It is the first summer, the rains ease up and the dry and hot season takes hold. In this season, they would gather Banksia flowers for the honey and they would use other flowers and plants for food. They would burn shrub land in mosaic patterns and would encourage new growth in coming months, would bring out animals for hunting and to aid in seed germinations for some plants.