The new playground is here!

The students returned from holidays to find the new playground had been installed. It is a very exciting set of equipment with high platforms, climbing walls and lots of different rope webs and tunnels. As we hoped, it is also attracting lots of the senior Primary School students, which gives our students more opportunities for integration. The new equipment is obviously going to get lots of use over the coming years.

**Important Dates**
- Wednesday 15th August – Creaney Primary Lapathon
- Thursday 29th August – Creaney Primary School Sports Carnival
- Friday 30th August (9am) – Room 1 Assembly (please note change of date)
- Wednesday 11th September (2pm) – Room 2 Assembly (please note change of date)
- Thursday 12th September – Combined ESC Sports Day
- Friday 13th September – School Photos
- ESC Family Disco (5:30 to 6:30)
- Friday 27th September – Last day of term 3

**Raffle Tickets**
Thank you to all our wonderful families for selling the Disabled Children Foundation raffle tickets. Remember that the ESC gets 100% of the money from each ticket sold so the more we sell the more our students benefit. (Particularly if we are successful with our application for Matched Funding through BHP Billiton. The Arnold family are very kindly trying to negotiate this for us!)

Ticket butts and money need to be returned by **Friday 9th August**. If you would like to keep selling tickets right up to this date, see Gaye in the front office for extra books.
Sunny Sunflower Visits
We were lucky enough to be visited by the Therapy Focus mascot, Sunny Sunflower, this week. Sunny was celebrating his tenth birthday. We had lots of fun meeting him and sharing a birthday song and dance. He even gave each child a little present. As you can see from this photo, the children thoroughly enjoyed meeting Sunny and having a cuddle or ‘high five’!

Room 3 Assembly
We were treated to a wonderful, varied assembly by Room 3 this morning. The children began by showing us some of the work they have each been doing this year. It was very impressive. They then invited us all to join them in some rock’n’roll dancing. Their moves were infectious and soon had the whole crowd on their feet.
Aussie of the Month

Congratulations to Nathan who was awarded this month’s Aussie of the Month Award. Nathan definitely embodies the qualities of Aussie of the Month, as he always gives everyone a fair go and persists with even the most difficult of tasks. We were treated to an example of this today, when he shared his detailed Dragons Project with the audience. Well done, Nathan – wear your badge with pride!

Congratulations

Congratulations also to the following students who all received Merit Certificates at today’s assembly.

Room 1 - Joseph
Room 2 - Timothy
Room 3 – Jasmine
C1 – Michael
C2 – Ty

School update information forms

Parents will notice a number of forms coming home with today’s newsletter. We are required to update the information we have for each student each semester. This makes sure that in the event of an emergency we have your child’s most recent medical information and current contact details. Please remember to sign all forms before you return them.

C1 have a very busy day on Thursdays. Firstly, they catch the bus and train to the shops to do the shopping for their cooking session on Fridays and then it is back to school in time for lunch before heading off to Highflyers with all their other friends. Mr Mac is very pleased with the independence the students are showing with their transport training and shopping skills.
Drumbeat

Term 3 is already proving to be a very busy and stimulating term for the students. Every Wednesday each student takes part in a half hour Drumbeat session with Dr Annamaria Paolino. The students were very pleased to start the sessions again and we were all very impressed to see how much they remembered from last year. Annamaria’s sessions focus on listening, beat, rhythm and turn-taking skills but she also includes activities aimed at developing the student’s confidence and self-esteem.

Christian, Ayden and Sac are doing a particularly tricky sequence. They are drumming on their own drum and then on their neighbour’s. Look how perfectly they are coordinated (and how hard they are concentrating!)

More concentrating, smiling faces- everything that we love to see.

Here, Anika is using the small tambour to mark out a rhythm for the rest of her class to follow. Michael has the beat exactly right!

CESC Website

We are very close (I hope!) to putting our new website ‘live’ on the net. We are aiming for a simple site with information for prospective parents. However, there will also be areas of interest to current parents (upcoming events and copies of recent newsletters etc). Because we recognise that the best advertising for our school are photos of our gorgeous students we are hoping to include as many as possible. For this reason, we are ensuring that we have digital release forms signed for all the students. If you are happy for your child to appear in a photo, please return the signed form that we may send home. If you would prefer your child not to appear in a photo, let us know so we don’t keep sending forms home as we update our records. Because school newsletters will be available on the website we will no longer be using students’ full names but will refer to them by first name only. All other photos on the website will appear without any names.

There is also room on the website for parent testimonials and two families have very kindly written some ‘nice’ words about the Centre. If you are happy to write 1 or 2 sentences describing how you have found the Centre we would love to hear from you. (A photo of you and your child to accompany the testimonial would be an added bonus).

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