Musical Fridays
As well as our Drumbeat sessions each Wednesday, many of the students are also lucky enough to be part of Gemma Yeoman’s music group on Friday afternoons. These sessions are a real highlight for the students…and the staff who get a real thrill watching the children’s enjoyment and participation. What better way to end the week than with a round of “Hokey Pokey”?

There is time to sing together……

….to play some instruments……

…………….and finally, to finish off with a dance!
Important Dates
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)
Monday 16th September – (7pm) School Council meeting
Friday 27th September – Last day of term 3

Lapathon
The Primary School was very lucky with the weather for the lapathon on Wednesday afternoon. It was such a beautiful, sunny afternoon that all our classes went down to join the fun. The music was infectious and everyone took off at a brisk pace.

Can you recognise Brandyn under his big sunsafe hat?

Christian sets the pace.

But everyone starts to slow down by the end of a dozen or so laps!

Raffle Tickets
Thank you to everyone for selling the raffle tickets. It was drawn at 2pm on Wednesday. Did any of our families get a ‘You are a Winner phone call’? (Wouldn’t that have been wonderful?) At this stage it looks like we raised $1275 through ticket sales. With matched funding from BHP that figure doubles to $2550. This is a fantastic effort and we thank all our families for their support.
Room 2’s Planters
Have you noticed the colourful planters adorning the ramp to our outside toilet? They are the work of the Room 2 students who made them out of recycled milk bottles. They have potted up a variety of herbs and are carefully tending them.

Christen takes her turn to water the plants.

Student Update Forms
Thank you to everyone who has already returned these forms with the information checked or corrected. If you have not already returned your form, could you please do so as soon as possible. It is important that we have the most up to date information for your child, particularly in terms of his/her health needs.

Seen around the Centre
Walking around the Centre one day this week I was thrilled to see all the hard work and concentration – everywhere. Here is just a small sample of those children at work.
Overseas Visitors
The Centre has been hosting visits from a number of different people lately. It is always gratifying to know that our reputation continues to spread, particularly overseas. This week five Special Educators from Japan toured the centre. They were very impressed by everything they saw and took lots of ideas back with them. They commented on how well staffed and resourced Australian schools were and were very envious of our large number of Interactive Whiteboards and the Multi-Sensory Room.

A highlight of their visit was when they asked the students in Room 3 to sing and sign the school song. Without any warning or preparation, the class got up and did a fantastic job. Sadly I was too busy beaming with pride and wiping a tear to have the presence of mind to take a photo, but it was a wonderful moment. The visitors were so impressed that they returned the favour by singing and signing a traditional Japanese song. Our students were fascinated, particularly as they realised how different the signs were in each language. Our sign for ‘play’ was almost exactly the same as the Japanese sign for ‘work’. “Hmm that could cause some confusion” was John’s comment!

Next week we host some Indonesian dignitaries and the fortnight after that some Special Educators from Java visit.

The Japanese visitors present the school with some gifts sewn by the students at their Education Support Centre.

Kind Regards,

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