Art Exhibition
Following the success of our Art Exhibition last year, we have been asked to set up another display of student art work in the Joondalup Library. The work will go on display from Monday 4th November for a fortnight. The classes have been busy creating special pieces for the display.

Anika, Erin and Christen put the finishing touches on their rockets.

Disco
Huge THANK YOU
We would like to extend a huge thank you to two local businesses that supported our disco with the donation of sausages and bread. Very grateful thanks go to Rod from Kingsley Meats and Matt from Baker’s Delight. Their donations meant that we could raise some funds from the sausage sizzle. As you can imagine, with such a small number of families at the school, fundraising opportunities can be quite limited and assistance like this can make a big difference. Please thank these businesses for their support by giving them your custom wherever possible.

Activ Information Session
Activ Foundation is holding a free information session and morning tea on Friday, November 15 at Joondalup Library. Activ is the largest service provider of its kind in WA and offers services and supports for children and adults living with disabilities. The session will consist of an informal presentation covering what Activ does and how it can help you and your family across the areas of respite, education and training options, recreation, transport options and more and will be followed by a morning tea where you can ask questions. RSVP is essential. Please email: jo.campbell@activ.asn.au.

We want your old shoes!!!
Creaney ESC will be taking part in the reShoe program. reShoe is a not-for-profit project which sends used shoes from Australia to developing countries. Locals there will repair and recycle the shoes to sell. The project aims to reduce Australian landfill; provide employment to people with disabilities; create income sources and provide cheap footwear to those in desperate need. The C2 students will be supervising the project and have invited all ESC and Creaney Primary students to participate. The collection box will be in our front office (lucky Mrs Smith gets to enjoy any associated smells!) and all children are invited to deposit any unwanted shoes in there.

PlayLinks
The Creaney Primary Year 7 students are coming to the end of their PlayLinks course. They have been taking turns to come into the ESC playground each lunch time to practise their Makaton signing and use of PECS. The PlayLinks program is a wonderful way to teach the mainstream students about children with Special Educational Needs and is also a fantastic opportunity for our students who all love spending time with the Year 7s. The Year 7s have been on camp this week and our children keep asking where they are.

FIFO Workshops
Ngala and the City of Wanneroo are holding a free parenting workshop specifically targeting FIFO families. The session is aimed at helping families maintain family relationships while coping with the challenges of a parent who works away. The session will be held on Monday 4th November from 12:30 to 2:30 pm at the Butler Community Centre. There will be crèche facilities available. For more information, or to book, call Ngala on 9368 9368.
School Bus Service
Parents with students who currently access the school bus service but will be leaving school at the end of the year (especially if transiting to a High School) are reminded that they need to make a new application for a bus service. New applications need to be submitted via the School Bus Services website www.schoolbuses.wa.gov.au. A new application is also necessary if you move house. If you do not have access to the internet please see me and I will download the necessary forms for you.
Children who are currently receiving bus transport and whose circumstances are not changing next year (eg same home address and school), do NOT need to reapply.

Autism West: The Whole Child Conference
Autism West are running a conference aimed at parents and professionals on Sunday 10th November at the Ascot Race Course. Conference topics include: understanding the origins of ASD behaviours; addressing problem behaviours; developing workable strategies to manage stress, anger and anxiety; supporting the challenges of sexual development. For more information ring Gabriella on 6389 1833.

Burbridge MyTime Group
Parents are invited to join the MyTime Group held at Burbridge School in Koondoola. This is a parent network created specially for parents and carers of children with disabilities or chronic medical conditions. It takes place each Monday from 9:30 to 11:30 am. Upcoming features include Seated Yoga (28 Oct); Food Sense Program (4th Nov); Funding from Dept. Human Services (11th Nov) and many more interesting events, culminating in a pamper session in December! For more information call 9342 1633.

Treasure Hunt
Room 2 celebrated Talk Like a Pirate Day at the end of last term with a big school-wide treasure hunt.
We were treated to lots of scary looking pirates (many of whom had lost their accessories by the time I photographed them!). The children had lots of fun following their visual clues to pick up stickers and other little rewards. It was a valuable activity for them as it promoted their independence in moving around the school and in communicating with a wide range of people.

Brock checks his next clue after finding ‘treasure’ in the vegetable garden.

Tim makes sure that it is Mrs Smith that he is looking for.

Kai had to track Mrs Fallon down right at the back of C2.
Car Wash
The students in Room 3 have added car washing to their lifeskills program. Each Friday they charge a member of staff to wash their car. Ms Millin was very happy with the job they did on her car and says it was ‘money well spent’. Room 2 are planning to use the money raised to fund an end of year class treat.

Room 1’s Visit to the Farm
Room 1 enjoyed a very successful visit to Landsdale Farm on the last day of Term 3. The children all behaved beautifully and were engrossed in all the sights, sounds and smells of the day! Staff reported that it was a fantastic learning opportunity for everyone.

Upcoming Events
4th November – Art Exhibition at Joondalup Library begins
5th November – Parent information visit at Duncraig SHS ESC (tbc)
12th and 13th November – Transition visits for students moving to Mirrabooka SHS ESC
20th and 21st November – Room 2 and 3 camp
28th November (6 pm) – End of Year Christmas Concert
13th December (9:30 am)- Creaney ESC Graduation

Kind Regards,
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