A Very Big Cheque

(A very big cheque needs a very big photo!)

This morning representatives from the Commonwealth Bank presented Creaney Ed Support Centre with a HUGE cheque to the value of $9,918. This cheque was presented as part of the Commonwealth Bank Community Grants funded by staff at the Commonwealth Bank. Nicole Martin (mother of Brock) had alerted us to these grants and we put in an application to fund a proposed Bike Project. We were the only WA school to be successful, so we are particularly grateful to Nicole and all the staff at the CBA. Now that we have the cheque safely banked we can begin planning in earnest! Step One will be building a shed to house the bikes.

reShoe Project

Don’t forget to send your old shoes into the school for recycling as part of the reShoe project. The C2 students are being very diligent about recording donation rates in each class but are a little disappointed by the slowing response. With the change in seasons (at last!) this might be a good time to get rid of those shoes that no longer fit. Any shoes are acceptable as the program also teaches participants to strip and recycle components in shoes that are no longer reusable.

Christian checks out the number of shoes and deposits another pair.
Padbury the Pony visits
We have hosted a veritable Noah’s Ark of feathered or furry friends this year. Our latest visitor was Padbury the Pony. Padbury is part of the Riding for the Disabled stable and therefore had the perfect temperament for a school visit. He waited patiently while all the students had a turn at brushing, feeding or patting him. He never seemed to tire of carrots and didn’t even seem to mind sharing the occasional carrot! We are very grateful to Deb O’Donnell for organising Padbury’s visit and to Julie for bringing him.

Michael gets instruction in the finer techniques of brushing Padbury’s coat.

Sac and Nathan get up close and personal.

C2 wait for their turn to feed Padbury. Christian looks worried about those big pony teeth and is Ty sneaking a nibble of the carrot?

A very generous donation for the Centre
Dawn Parker, a grandparent of one of our past Early Intervention students, called in this week with a cheque for the Centre. Northern Soul, a group that Dawn’s late husband had been involved with, recently carried out some fundraising in his name and have very generously donated the proceeds to the Centre. Jayde Moyle from Early Intervention was thrilled to accept a cheque for $1561.40 on our behalf. We will use the money to buy a piece of equipment that all of our students will enjoy using. It was a wonderful surprise to see Dawn again and to hear news of Mason and how well he is doing at his new Primary School.

Greeting Card Fundraiser
The School Council have initiated a greeting card fundraiser. Parents are able to order packs of 8 greeting cards that feature their child’s artwork. Each pack costs $15 and includes 8 envelopes. The cards are blank inside which allows you to use them for a range of purposes. Stock up on a year’s supply of cards and let your friends and families see how super your child is! Every pack sold raises $6.50 for the Centre.
Colour Run
Do you recognise Adam under all that pink dye? Adam and his family recently ran in the Colour Run to raise money for the Princess Margaret Hospital Foundation. Not only did Adam do a fantastic job of running the course but he also joined the Zumba class at the finish. Well done Adam (and Wendy and Dean!)

Art Exhibition
Don’t forget to pop in to the Joondalup Library to check out the display of art from students at Creaney ESC. The display looks fantastic as you can see from these photos taken by Mr MacRae. Art will be on display until the end of next week.

School Bus Service Reminder
A reminder that parents whose child is moving school (or house) next year need to make a new application for the bus service. These applications need to be submitted via the School Bus Services website www.schoolbuses.wa.gov.au. 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 Mum’s Groups
The Developmental Disability Council of WA are pleased to support some mum’s coffee groups in Perth. If you are interested in finding out about the Joondalup Autism Mums Group please contact the coordinator, Colleen Teresa on 0466 069 688 or email teresat2@dodo.com.au.

Room 2’s Scarecrow
After a nomadic start to life, Russell the Room 2 scarecrow, has finally found a permanent home guarding the class planters outside the demountable toilet. His relaxed demeanour as he lounges on the banisters is much less alarming than some of his earlier positions! Thank you to Room 2 for their efforts in beautifying this area.

Kai interrupts his watering to admire Russell’s new view.
Christmas Concert Preparations
The Centre is a hive of activity each Tuesday afternoon as the students practise for the upcoming End of Year Concert. They are busy learning their roles, how to be good audience members and helping create costumes and props. Don’t forget to keep Thursday 28th November free for this very special night.

There was much excitement when a blue and red rocket pulled into the car park this week. Tracy Toose and her husband Glenn have created this very impressive rocket as a stage prop for the Concert. We are very grateful to Tracy and Glenn for all the hours they have spent making the rocket. It was a wonderful surprise.

Brock has agreed to be our sound technician again this year. (What are we going to do next year after he graduates?) Brock is also providing the laugh track. Here he is practising his big belly laughs!

Congratulations
Two of our teachers were recently awarded Level 3 status. This is a very onerous process and Carol Williamson and Shayne Hutchings should be congratulated for this achievement. Level 3 status is a promotional pathway which encourages excellent teachers to stay in the classroom for the direct benefit of students. They are also expected to take on special responsibilities and leadership tasks within the school. Well done ladies – this is a much deserved acknowledgement for you both.

Upcoming Events
12th and 13th November – Transition visits for students moving to Mirrabooka ESC
14th, 19th and 29th November – Transition visits for students moving to Duncraig ESC
20th and 21st November – Room 2 and 3 camp
25th November (7pm) – School Council meeting
27th November – Transition visit for students moving to Belridge ESC
28th November (6 pm) – End of Year Christmas Concert
13th December (9:30 am)- Creaney ESC Graduation
19th December – Students Last day (and visit from Santa)

Kind Regards,
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