End of Year Concert

The end of year Christmas Concert is always one of the highlights of our school calendar and this year’s performance was no exception. It was wonderful to see so many family, friends, ex-students, ex-staff and fans in the audience. We were all so proud to see how brilliantly each child played their part – independently and with minimal prompting.

Kai delights the crowd with a solo while Brock keeps the beat.

Sachary was a very convincing alien!

John leads Ty and Jasmine in a recreation of the Moon Landing.

Aidan was an exceedingly confident ‘song and dance man’ while Adam kept the “Milky Way” spinning in space.
By now it was starting to feel like the Concert had been sponsored by the makers of aluminium foil – there was so much shine and sparkle!

*Erin and Ayden navigate their rocket.*

Brandyn prepares to launch another rocket into space.

*Isn't it amazing to see how confident some of the children are on the microphone?*

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**Upcoming Events**

13th December (9:30 am) - Creaney ESC Graduation

19th December – Students Last day (and visit from Santa)

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**Charges and Contributions for 2014**

By now parents should have received a copy of the Charges and Contributions for 2014. This list outlines the MAXIMUM parents could be expected to pay. In most instances, maximum charges are not reached. If you have not received a copy of this form or the letter which outlines Student Requirements for each class, please contact Gaye in the front office.
Change of Hours for 2014
Creaney Primary School will no longer be doing Early Closing on Wednesdays in 2014. Instead, they will be finishing five minutes earlier at the end of each day. Because we work closely with the Primary School and because it would be very confusing for our students to have a different series of sirens, Creaney ESC will also be adopting these new school hours. (Total number of instructional hours over the week remain unchanged)

School siren times will now be:

8:40 am      Classes commence
10:40 am      recess commences
1:00 pm       lunch commences
2:50 pm       School finishes for the day

These times will be the same for each day of the school week.

SDD Dates for 2014
Each government school in WA is expected to schedule 7 School Development Days during 2014. Students do not attend on these days as staff are involved in professional development and curriculum planning activities. Some of these days are consistent across all schools and some are picked at the discretion of each individual school. The School Council have worked with our admin team to select the 2014 SDDays for Creaney ESC. To assist with your forward planning these dates are printed below:

30th and 31st January (start of year)
Monday 28th April (start of Term 1)
Monday 21st July (Ed. Support North Conference)
Tuesday 22nd July (start of Term 2)
Monday 13th October (start of Term 3)
Friday 19th December (end of year)

A cow in the classroom?!
I didn’t believe it when one of the students told me there was a cow in her classroom but lo and behold there was! (As well as guinea pigs and rabbits.) Shayne Hutchings has organised for a wide variety of animals to visit the Centre on Wednesdays as part of her pet therapy program and has very kindly included the other classes in the activities. It is lovely to see the children’s confidence grow around the animals and the gentle care they take when interacting with them.
Christmas Card Fundraiser
Thank you to all our families that ordered cards and calendars featuring their children’s artwork. These were delivered this week and looked fabulous. This School Council initiative raised $152.50 for the school. We hope to repeat this opportunity for parents next year, but hopefully with a little more warning and time for ordering.

Water Fun
The group that works in C2 each afternoon had a fun water play session on Wednesday. The weather was perfect for slipping and sliding in the spray.

Lachlan demonstrates his take off technique.

Sachary demonstrates his knee slide and splash.

Community Vision Programs
Community Vision run a number of programs for students with disability between 12 and 18 years of age. These include School Holiday Programs, afterschool and overnight Cooking Classes, a free After School Care service and Social Programs. If you are interested in finding out more, we have a brochure in the front office or you can visit the website www.communityvision.asn.au. To access these services students must be registered with DSC.

Dance Classes
Time to Dance have dropped off some flyers in the front office. This dance school is now offering a Special Needs class for students interested in learning the basics of Imperial Jazz. Classes begin on Monday 10th February 2014 from 4:30 to 5:30 pm in Greenwood. For more information, pick up a flyer from Gaye or call 0401 866 811.

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.

Graduation Ceremony
We are farewelling eight of our Year 7 students this year and invite all families to the Graduation Ceremony on Friday December 13 at 9:30 am. This will be a very special occasion and one that we look forward to with mixed feelings. It is always sad to say goodbye but we are also very proud of how far all of the students have come during their time at Creaney and feel very confident about how well they are all going to manage the next stages of their journey through life.

Kind Regards,
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