Welcome!
It was wonderful to see all the happy faces last Monday as we welcomed back so many old friends and also got to know some new faces. We extend a very warm welcome to the 14 new families joining our school community this year. We feel sure you will feel very included – Creaney parents are a fantastically supportive group!

As in previous years, we will be holding Parent Network mornings for parents to get together over a cup of tea. These mornings were held one Tuesday each term last year, but as we have had such a change in our parent population this year, it is probably a good idea to canvas interested parents for the most suitable days. If you would be interested in attending one of these (very informal) get-togethers, please complete the form at the foot of this newsletter and return to your class teacher.

Our New Faces

- Alaister
- Isaia
- Ella
- Melissa
- Kristen
- Hayden
Don’t they all look gorgeous? We look forward to getting to know them all better.

New Staff
We also welcome two new staff members to the school. Helen Carlyon is the new teacher in C2 and comes to us from Gladys Newton School. Jennifer Andrews has taken up the support teacher role after previously working at Joondalup ESC. Both ladies are working full-time and are very excited to be joining our Centre and working with your beautiful children.

Whilst on the subject of staff – Jayde Moyle has still not delivered her twins. She has done a fantastic job of getting them this far (37 weeks) and we all look forward to hearing the happy news any day now!

Term 1, Important Dates
- Monday 3rd March – Public Holiday
- Monday 31st March (7pm) – School Council Meeting
- Friday 11th April – Last day of Term 1
- Tuesday 29th April – Students return for Term 2
Nut-Free Reminder
Thank you to everyone for your cooperation with our Nut-Free status. I know that some families have had to adjust what snacks they are sending with their children and we do appreciate your effort. Please remember that Nutella is a nut product and should also be avoided.

Student Medical Forms
Thank you to all the parents who have already returned updated medical forms. We realise that the start of the school year is a busy time for everyone and appreciate you taking the time to complete these documents. Having correct medical and contact information at all times is important to ensure your child’s safety.

School Council
Every year we farewell members of our School Council as their children move on to high school. As this happens it creates vacancies on the School Council. In 2014 we require another representative and urge parents to consider nominating. The School Council supports the school in a range of ways including advising on parent views, reviewing school policies and procedures and organising fundraising. It is a great way to become more involved in your child’s school and having some input into its direction. Meetings are held once a term on a Monday evening from 7pm-8.30pm (approximately). Council members serve a two-year term and can renominate for a second term.

If you would like further information on what is involved, please call me on 9409 6344. Current School Council members are: myself, Carol Williamson, Michael MacRae (teachers), Nicole Martin, Dani Taylor and Jenelle Grande (parent representatives).

If you are interested, please complete the slip at the end of this newsletter and return to school as soon as possible.

I.E.P. Meetings
Parents are encouraged to make an appointment to meet with their child’s class teacher over the next couple of weeks. These meetings are an opportunity to discuss your goals and priorities and help teachers with their planning. They are also an important start to establishing positive relationships between home and school. The more we can all work together, the better the outcome for your child.

Smooth Start
The 2014 school year has started remarkably smoothly. Walking around the school over the first two days I could not believe how settled and productive every class was – right from Day One. Everywhere I looked there were happy children, doing exactly what they were meant to be doing and usually with big smiles on their faces. I know that this is the result of lots of planning and preparation – both at school and at home. Thank you to all our families for ensuring the children were so well prepared for their first days. It makes such a difference.

Although there was lots of work and assessment happening, the teachers had all planned lots of fun activities to make these first days positive.

*Michael and Ned (above) show off their apple muffins, enroute to the oven.*

*Nathan and Jacob (right) investigate a whole new range of construction material.*
Payment of Voluntary Contributions and Charges

Thank you to all parents who have already paid for their voluntary contributions and charges. It is very much appreciated. Just to update new parents we do not have EFTPOS facilities but you can pay directly into our bank account. We also accept cash and cheques. Details are:

Creaney Education Support Centre
BSB 016 495 ACCOUNT NUMBER 1989 2107

These are new numbers but do not be concerned if you have paid into our old BSB and Account number as we are still with the ANZ Bank and they diver it to the new account number. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact Gaye in the front office.

Eat, Play, Thrive Parenting program
Are meal times becoming a challenge? Do you worry that your children are having too much screen time? Would you like to stretch your food dollar further? If so, you might like to join the Eat, Play, Thrive sessions being held at Creaney Primary School on Monday 17th Feb, 24th Feb and 10th March from 9:00 till 11:30 am. These sessions are free and run by Ngala. They promise to be an exciting, hands-on healthy lifestyle program for families. A free crèche is also available. Bookings are essential. Phone 9309 1588.

Stop Press!
Today was Census day for schools and due to some extra enrolments I am hoping to negotiate some extra teacher time. This will hopefully be used to create a sixth class and thereby reduce the number of students in some of the larger classes. Parents will be kept informed once staffing is confirmed and plans are finalised.

Kind Regards,
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Parent Network
I ________________________ would be interested in attending Parent Network meetings.
Please print name
I have circled the days I would be able to attend: Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday

Signed: ___________________________ Date: ___________________

School Council Nomination
I ________________________ would like to nominate for a position on the Creaney ESC School Council (two-year term).

Signed: ___________________________ Date:____________________