Bike Project
Nathan and Jacob visited Duncraig ESC last Monday to thank the students there for putting together all our new bikes. While there, they were lucky enough to be invited to join that afternoon’s session. Not only were they able to help put a bike together, they also learned how to oil and set a bike chain. We were all very impressed by the equipment at Duncraig. Next term, the Bike Maintenance group will visit Creaney and share their skills with some of our older students.
Special thanks go to Shayne Hutchings for organising this partnership and for borrowing a vehicle to transport the bikes back to school. We are all looking forward to starting Bike Education early next term.

Important Dates:
Tuesday 29th April – Students return for Term 2
Friday 9th May – C1 Assembly
Monday 12th May – Swimming lessons commence
Friday 30th May – Room 1 Assembly
Monday 2nd June – W.A Day holiday
Friday 13th June – Room 3 Assembly
Friday 27th June – Room 2 Assembly
Friday 4th July – Last day of Term 2
Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd July – Pupil Free Days
Wednesday 23rd July – Students return for Term 3
Friday 1st August – C2 Assembly
Friday 15th August – C7 Assembly

Parent Network Meeting:
Thank you to all those parents who attended the meeting and especially Jenelle Grande who took note of relevant discussion points and brought these issues to the School Council meeting last week. A full report and feedback on matters discussed will be included in the next newsletter, but in the meantime I thought it might be useful to send home a copy of some of the main Makaton signs used in the centre (as requested).
The website listed below has video files of people demonstrating how to form the signs if you find the pictures difficult to understand.
http://www.totalcommunication.org.uk/signing.html

Autism Apps website:
Parents might be interested in a new website launched by the Autism Association. The website aims to support parents in navigating the huge amount of Apps available in order to choose an app best suited to their child and to distinguish between recreational and educational Apps. The Apps for Autism Website provides a range of information about specific Apps which the Autism Association’s multi-disciplinary team has reviewed and evaluated. Apps will continue to be reviewed and added to the website by the team as they come on to the market.
The website can be found at: www.autismapps.org.au
Camp Autism
Camp Autism is a not for profit organisation that offers respite weekends for families affected by Autism to meet, socialise and support each other. They have organised a fundraising Disco Quiz Night on Saturday May 17th to raise funds to directly benefit families. This is an over 18s event to be held at the Alexander Heights Community Centre. Tickets are $15 each with tables of 10 recommended. For information or to book contact: www.trybooking.com/75952 or linhofmann@campautismwa.org

Have a safe and happy Term break. We look forward to seeing all your happy faces back next term.

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Hello from Room 1. Room 1 has been extremely busy this term. We have really gotten to know each other and are all having loads of fun. We have been busy focussing on learning different sounds and numbers each week and we have spent time reading and talking about a variety of big books and the characters in the story.

We have also been learning about our 5 senses. The students have really enjoyed the hands on experiences through touching, tasting, smelling, looking and listening.

This term as part of our Society and Environment Program we have been talking about members of our community and the roles they play in our society. We had a go at role playing these roles, which was lots of fun.
We have really enjoyed ourselves and learnt so much already in term 1. We look forward to the rest of the year. Thankyou to all our hard working staff in room 1 and to our lovely parents for their support.

Room 2 News

We have had a very busy start to the school year, covering a range of topics and activities. We have two vibrant planter boxes outside our classroom in which we have planted corn, a strawberry and some lettuce. We hope that we will be able to harvest our crop before the cold weather sets in.

Our science experiments have been a ‘blast’! We have made a variety of flying and hovering crafts using balloons and have watched with amazement at the reaction that occurs when certain liquids and powders were mixed together. Not all our experiments have been successful but we have certainly had fun trying to make them work. During Art we have used a variety of materials that have targeted our senses. Along with hand and feet painting we have used materials to create three dimensional pictures. Some of our art work is on display in our Room 2 window.

Our focus for cooking has been making healthy salad sandwiches and tasting non-preferred foods. All students have worked very hard on their table manners as well! Friday music on the flipchart has provided us with huge entertainment and I’m pleased to say my Makaton signing is improving but I’m not too sure about my singing ☺. Some of our afternoon activities have included foot spas, water play and fine motor activities such as sewing.

Everyone in Room 2 has certainly worked very hard this term and are all looking forward to the break. We hope you have a lovely and safe Easter holiday.

Karin Green, Tara Barrett, Sophie Millin, Annette Ireland and Simone Papa-Adams.
**Room 3 News**

Room 3 can celebrate the end of a fantastic term 1. All students continue to make progress against their IEP goals.

During our weekly walks to the local Kingsley IGA all students practise their Road Safety Awareness skills through the use of a simple pictorial chart indicating when it is safe to cross the road.

At the shops students practise their shopping and money skills. All students participate in our weekly cooking sessions. Next term we will be sending home a note to parents detailing what we will be cooking that week, there will always be a vegetarian option. Both programs will continue in term 2.

The highlight of the term was our participation in the ‘Oddysea’ production at Gladys Newton School.

Happy holidays from Mr Mac and the team in Room 3

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**ROOM C1 REPORT**

In C1, we have settled into our lovely new classroom (which has been painted all fresh and blue!). We have all made good friends and experienced many new ideas and ways of learning.

For Science, we have made crystals; ice-cream; play dough; slime; candles; cooked pancakes, pizzas, popcorn and decorated biscuits. We have also planted herbs into pots decorated with our favourite photos from Google. We’ve celebrated two birthdays already this term (Melissa when she was in C1, and Nathan, both turned 12).

For Art lessons, we have created mosaic canvases; origami creations; Easter eggs; comic art; mobiles of our favourite things; and many other painting experiences.

We are looking forward to producing an Assembly next term and attending Swimming Lessons. We have enjoyed having Mrs Gall as one of our teachers, we will miss her but wish her well when she moves over to Italy.

Here are some photos of our lovely class. Happy Easter everyone.

Carol and the C1 team.
ROOM C2 NEWS

WOW! What a start to term 1 we have had. Just as we were getting to know each other when some friends left and we had a new friend join us. It was fun to get to know each other all over again.

We began the term by learning about food and making healthy choices. We created a class shop with John as our shop keeper and with his reasonable prices there were lots of customers. We have all had fun shopping for our food.

Then we enjoyed a visit from the local police. The siren was very loud.

We also explored our 5 senses, concentrating on one sense per week covering all the learning areas.

Making Scented Playdoh that turned out more like gloop!

It has been an awesome start to the year and we cannot wait for it to continue.

Ms Carlyon, Mrs Fallon, Mrs Duyvestein, Mrs Camilleri, Mrs Wilson, Mrs Donaghey
In C7, we had a late and very busy start to the term but we have quickly gotten to know one another and we are having so much fun together! We have already shared many exciting experiences, including participating in the wonderful ‘Oddysea’ theatre program! We all enjoyed the program so much that we have continued to explore the “Under the Sea” theme in our classroom, across the different learning areas.

In Science we have focused on learning about the ocean environment and, in particular, the properties of sand and water. We have explored this theme from a sensory perspective in Art, creating our very own “Oddysea” ocean environment! We have also created many beautiful artworks using sand and water, including dough sand sculptures, sand stencil paintings and edicol dye ocean pictures.

This term, we have also begun our community access and cooking programs. On Fridays, we have been enjoying walking down to the local shops to purchase ingredients for our cooking lessons. We have been making delicious mini pizzas and everyone has been noticing the yummy smell coming from the kitchen!

We have all been working hard and having fun and it has been a great start for C7! We look forward to the rest of the year!

Miss Andrews, Mrs Tsering, Ms Rowan, Mrs Camilleri, Mrs Gall and Ms Dodgin
Introducing our gorgeous Kindy kids-

Harry colouring in.  Blake on the water bed

Jayden on the spinner  Byron dressing up as a cow.

And here are the Pre-Primary’s on the mat for storytelling time (“The Three Little Pigs”).

We will sadly farewell Zachary next term. He has been a fantastic student and will be missed dearly by both his peers and staff. We wish Zachary the best of luck for his new adventure and know he will make plenty of new friends at his new school.

The Kindergarten students have come so far from the first day they came to school, now familiar with the routines and are making great progress each day. The Pre-primary students are working so hard and are very independent with their tasks, enjoying being good role models on the afternoon when Kindy join them.

What a great first term, thankyou parents for all of your hard work and support and enjoy the Easter holiday!

From the EI team- Gemma, Linda, Simone, Tracy & Anne 😊