Student Mentors:

Congratulations to Jacob, Lachlan and Nathan who were selected as our Year 7 Mentors for Term 2. These three boys will be taking on leadership tasks in the Centre. We know they will all do a fantastic job and will be great role models for the younger students. (They are already inspiring some students who are hoping to be picked for next term).

The boys proudly show off their new badges – just like the teachers wear.

Important Dates:
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

Swimming Lessons:
Swimming lessons commence Monday afternoon. Please remember to make sure all of your child’s clothes and other gear (towels, goggles etc) are clearly named. Parents who have organised to pick up their children directly from the pool are reminded that they must do so promptly. Any students who have not been picked up by the time the bus is ready to leave Craigie, will have to return to school on the bus as we are not able to leave any staff members there to supervise them until you arrive. The bus will leave Craigie promptly at 2:20 pm.
Thank you to those parents who have already paid for swimming. Unfortunately costs this year are higher than in previous years. This is because we are attending 10 sessions instead of the usual 7, and because of the increased cost of hiring buses. If you would prefer to make regular payments rather than one lump sum, please contact Gaye in the front office and arrange a payment plan.

Scholastic Book Club:
Book Club catalogues were sent home earlier this week. Orders (with payment) need to be returned to the box in the library by Monday 12th May. The co-ordinator will not be taking late orders.
The Bike Program begins:
With most of the bikes and equipment in place, our classes have been able to start their bike programs. The children have really enjoyed being measured up for a bike and run through their paces as teachers get an idea of their skills. Ayden from Room 2 has been doing a wonderful job of checking the bikes each Monday morning and pumping the tyres up in readiness for the classes. Thank you Ayden.

The ‘gang’ is ready!

Kathryn gets a helping hand to start.

Mrs Green assures us that she was just demonstrating to Ayden and that she definitely did give him a turn!

Activ Library:
Activ, a community benefit organisation provides a range of supports and opportunities for people with disabilities and their families. Our parents may be interested in logging on to the online Parent Portal at www.activ.asn.au/parentportal. This portal provides quality information on intellectual disability and autism spectrum disorders. The Activ Library is also well worth checking out. It has a vast collection of books, journals, training materials, recommended websites and audio visual resources for loan. To access the library catalogue, visit www.activ.asn.au/library.

Float or Sink?
Float or sink - that was the big question in C7’s science lessons.

Melissa observes closely while Brandyn waits patiently for his turn.

Brock tests another ball to see if it will float or sink.
C1 Assembly:
C1 presented a fascinating assembly this morning. The students had all created informational flipcharts on their special areas of interest. The parents learnt a great deal about a number of different topics and were impressed by the students’ expertise on the whiteboard and their reading skills. Well done C1 – a fantastic effort. Room 1 will be presenting the next assembly on Friday 30th May.

Jacob shares his knowledge of Minecraft.

There were lots of volunteers to help C1 sing and sign We Are Australian.

Aussie of the Month:
Congratulations to Christian who was awarded Aussie of the Month for May. Christian was chosen for his willingness to give everyone a fair go and for being helpful to others. Well done Christian – wear your badge with pride!

Kristen Cleans Up:
Kristen from C1 decided that there was just too much litter around the school and that she was going to do something about it.
Thank you for doing such a good job of being on litter patrol Kristen. The school looks much neater and I think the Primary School students have noticed your hard work and have started doing a better job of picking up their rubbish.
School Start and Finish Times:
Parents are reminded that staff are not rostered on to before-school supervision until 8:30am. If you arrive before that time, please remain with your child until you can formally hand over duty of care to one of our staff members. Although staff are usually present before 8:30, they are busy doing preparation or attending meetings and may not be aware that students have arrived early and require supervision.

Annual Report:
The 2013 Annual Report for Creaney ESC has been approved by the School Council and accepted by the Department of Education. It is available for download from the Schools Online website and there are also copies of the report in the front office if any parents are interested in reading it.

Mother’s Day:
The students of C2 hosted a lovely afternoon tea for their mothers this week. They had spent lots of time decorating the room, making heart shaped biscuits, creating a photo powerpoint and learning songs to sing. I am sure it was a very special occasion for all of the mothers who attended.

Isaia carefully makes his mum a cup of tea.

Just look at all those proud smiles as the mums enjoy watching the powerpoint.

C2 was not the only class preparing something special for their mothers. Every class has been hard at work making very special gifts which are sure to be treasured when opened on Sunday morning.

We wish all of our wonderful mothers a very special Mother’s Day.

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