Early Intervention

I love popping into the Early Intervention class – the students are always so engaged. It is remarkable how much progress they have all made since the start of the year.

Jayden and Harry cooperate beautifully during a play activity. (And can you see how hard at work Blake is in the background?)

Sawyer, from Room 1, has joined the EI group for some afternoon activities.

Many of the afternoon activities focus on social skills, cooperation and sharing. It looks like Evie, Charlie, Jesse and Zac are playing “Pass the Parcel”.

Important Dates:
Tuesday 27th May – Parent catch up
Monday 2nd June – W.A Day holiday
Friday 13th June – Room 3 Assembly
Monday 23rd June- School Council Meeting
Tuesday 24th June (2pm) – Room 2 Assembly – Please note change of date
Tuesday 1st July – Room 1 Assembly – Please note change of date
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 began last week and so far we have been very lucky with the weather. As you can see from the photo on the left, we use all our staff (and employed some extras!) to ensure that we have very high levels of supervision. As so many of our students require extra support in the pool we are extremely fortunate that the staff are willing to get in their bathers and swim with the children. Thank you to all our adult swimmers – your cooperation with this makes a huge difference to the success of the program. These photos were all taken on Day One when the swim teachers were determining each child’s level.

Deacon stretches out for a glide.

That’s Isaia following Jada and Ty under the bridge.

Hayden floats.

Ty’s smile says it all.

By day three Tim had enough confidence to go in the water without the life-vest.
Ed Support Parents Afternoon Catch up!

A lot of us are so busy upon drop off and pick up that we don’t really get a chance to mingle and get to know each other (or each other’s children). To rectify this, Cat (Principal), has kindly agreed that we can hold an afternoon catch up in the gated playground afterschool:

WHEN: Tuesday 27 May 2014 (Week 5)
WHERE: Gated playground, Ed Support Centre
TIME: After school – 4.00pm
WHAT: I will bring a few nibbles
(PLEASE NOTIFY ME OF ANY ALLERGIES)
If you are able to bring a plate to share
fantastic, if not that is fine too!

No RSVP is necessary although it would be great if you can let me know if you can come so I have a rough idea of numbers. Also, please note – there will be no teachers/support staff there (unless they want to come for a catch up!).

Hope to see you there!

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Voluntary Charges and Contributions

Thank you to those families who have already paid the $60 voluntary contributions – particularly those of you who have told us what good value you think you get for the $15 a term!!! For those of you still to pay, Gaye is happy to receive the money in instalments if that is easier for you.

With the sudden change in weather, many of our classes have taken the opportunity to revise concepts of weather and how it relates to the clothes we wear. Many of our students take time to adjust to wearing different sets of clothes as the weather changes and benefit from practise and preparation at school.
**Woolworths Earn and Learn**

There was much excitement when the equipment we acquired through the 2013 Earn and Learn program finally arrived. Thanks to the efforts of a number of dedicated parents we earned lots of extra points last year as they arranged the collection of stickers directly from shoppers. Despite our population being considerably smaller than Creaney Primary, we ended up with the same amount of points, which was a fantastic effort!

Michelle, from Room 2, helped unpack some of the boxes and was thrilled to see all the new musical instruments, sensory equipment and Maths games.

**Music Time**

All of our classes love the chance to make music and with interactive whiteboards in every classroom, staff are able to provide them with a range of musical experiences. Drumbeat lessons with our specialist Dr AnnaMaria are scheduled to start next term, but in the meantime the children are going to enjoy the new instruments that Michelle unpacked today!

Notice how Joseph and Christen are paying close attention to the conductor. Following the directions of the conductor was a key focus in AnnaMaria’s lessons last year.

**Communication with School**

Thank you to all our families who make such a conscious effort to ring and notify us when their students are absent. It not only assists us with our attendance requirements but also helps with classroom planning if teachers know whether to expect your child later in the day or not. Obviously, this notification is particularly important in the case of students who make their own way to school.

Parents are also reminded to sign their child in or out at the front office when collecting or dropping off their child during the day. This is so we know for which children we have duty of care, and is particularly important in the event of an emergency.

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