



# Creaney

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## Important Dates:

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October- Duncraig ESC High School Transition Program (am for Yr 6s- pm for Yr 7s)

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Mirrabooka ESC High School Transition for Year 6s

Duncraig ESC High School Transition (am for Yr 6s - pm for Yr 7s)

Belridge ESC High School Transition for Year 6s

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November - Mirrabooka ESC High School Transition for Year 6s

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November - Belridge ESC High School Transition for Year 7s

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November (6 -7pm) - Creaney ESC Disco

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Duncraig ESC High School Transition for Year 6s

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November – Duncraig ESC High School Transition for Year 7s

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Duncraig ESC High School Transition for Year 6s

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December (6 pm) – Creaney ESC End of Year Concert

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Belridge ESC High School Transition for Year 7s

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December (9:30 am) - Creaney ESC Graduation Ceremony

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of school for students



## Thank you Therapy Focus:

Therapy Focus were given an adapted bike and asked to pass it on to a worthy recipient. Having seen our Bike Program in action, our visiting therapists decided to allocate it to Creaney ESC. We are extremely grateful for this donation as it means all of our students will be able to access an appropriate bike. Make sure you thank your therapist next time you meet!

*Brock takes the new bike out for a spin through the slalom track.*

## Our very own Telethon Star:

We were very excited to hear that Kathryn from Room 2 would be performing during this weekend's Telethon broadcast as part of the Sparkle and Shine Dance group. The performance is scheduled to show between 9:00 and 10:00 am on Sunday (26<sup>th</sup> October). I am sure our students would love to watch Kathryn – they might even see some other familiar faces as I suspect some of our former students may also be part of this group.

## Congratulations Alaister:

Huge congratulations go to Alaister from Room 2. Alaister's Christmas Card design was recently chosen by local member Andrea Mitchell MLA to be produced as her official 2014 Christmas Card. Alaister's name and school will be credited on the back of each card. Soon all of Ms Mitchell's constituents will know about the talented students from Creaney ESC.

### Welcome Gayle:



Gayle Whitefield, our new Room 1 teacher, has slotted into our school so seamlessly it is as if she has always been part of the team. The students all feel very comfortable with her and have not skipped a beat in their learning. (Apparently they have even learnt to understand her accent!) Welcome Gayle – we feel very fortunate to have found someone so capable to step into Shayne's shoes.

*Mitchell and Jada work happily with Gayle.*

### Parent Survey:

By now all parents should have received a copy of the 2014 Parent Satisfaction Survey. These have been sent via email to those families for whom we have a current email address and via communication book for those who don't. Please let us know if you did not receive either of these, or would prefer a paper copy.

Please take the five minutes needed to complete this survey as it represents a genuine desire for us to find out what you think and how we can improve our services.



### New Displays:

Visitors to our front office will have noticed the beautiful big new display board. We are now able to showcase some of the fantastic work created by our students. What a wonderful introduction to the centre it will be for all our visitors. We plan to change the display regularly so keep an eye out for examples of your child's work.

*Kathryn helps mount one of her art pieces.*

### School Disco:

After the success of last year's inaugural Family Disco, Mr Mac has agreed to organise another this term. After feedback from parents we have moved the event to a Wednesday night and will be combining both junior and senior students into one session.

The disco will take place from 6 to 7 pm on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November. Parents are reminded that this is a family event and while some staff will be present to assist, parents are expected to remain at the disco to supervise their own children. There will be a sausage sizzle on the night for those families wishing to combine the event with their dinnertime. Order forms will be coming home soon.

**Term 4 Activities:**

All of our classes have started to take advantage of the spring weather to make greater use of the outdoor areas before the really hot weather begins. A whole variety of different learning can take place outside. This also helps the students begin to generalise their skills to different contexts.



*Michelle and Kathryn practise their social skills while playing.*

*Alaister enjoys gross motor activities in the sunshine.*



*Melissa plants some seedlings.*

*Jayne nurtures some seeds in preparation for the sunshine.*



The students in C2 have begun learning about Minibeasts and have taken the opportunity to investigate the usually unseen insects around the school. They have even set up little ant restaurants in the bush garden adjacent to their classroom.

### High School Transition:

With 15 of our senior students due to move to High School in 2015, transition planning is well underway. Students taking part in group transition programs will have already received information about these sessions, the dates of which also appear at the start of this newsletter. Four students will be taking part in separate, flexible transition sessions which better suit their individual needs. As well as supporting visits to their new schools, work is also being done at Creaney to prepare each student for the expectations of high school. This is an exciting time for all the students and their families but as with any big change, can also be associated with worry and apprehension. Please contact your child's teacher if you would like to discuss any aspect of this move and how best to help your child.

### Cooking:

Cooking activities are an important part of many students' learning. These sessions support the development of a number of different skills and concepts from independence through to science and maths understanding, receptive and expressive language as well as a myriad of social skills. I am always impressed by each student's developing independence when I observe these lessons.



*C1 students prepare a fresh fruit salad while chatting about the health benefits of fruit.*



*Dhruv shares out the cups in preparation for the jelly.*

The scooters continue to be a favourite recess and lunchtime activity for many of our older students. To accommodate this demand we have bought another couple of scooters to add to the fleet! Thank you Ayden for assembling them for everyone.

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