Parent Network Meeting:
The first meeting of the Parent Network for the year was very well attended. Special thanks to the ‘continuing’ parents for making all our new parents feel so welcome. Bronwen Jones, an LAC from Disability Services, spoke to parents about benefit of keeping in contact with your LAC. Bronwen is planning for an LAC to be available at school one morning a month should parents require any support or assistance.
Don’t forget that even if you aren’t able to make network meetings you might still like to be part of Aasta Kelly’s parent email group. Aasta is Sawyer’s (Room 1) mother and does a great job of emailing parents to keep them in the loop of what is happening. (I believe a couple of mum’s lunches are planned so it’s definitely worth getting on the list!). Aasta can be contacted on Aasta.kelly@westnet.com.au

2014 Annual Report:
The 2014 Annual Report for Creaney ESC was tabled at this week’s School Council meeting. Several hard copies will be available at the front office if parents are interested. It will also be available for download from our school website and Schools Online through the Department.

Pretend Dentists:
With several of their students scheduled for visits to the dentist over the next couple of weeks, Room 1 have been running some little desensitization sessions. The children have read about Peppa Pig’s visit to the dentist and also practised lying back in the reclining chair and opening their mouths wide. A masked and gowned “Dr Mac” gave them all a clean bill of health.

Sawyer prepares for his check-up while Zac waits patiently for his turn.
Room 1 have had a great first term and we have been very busy doing lots of fun activities. All the children have settled in so well and have done excellent learning. We have been practising different letters, numbers and colours.

We have also been reading lots of different stories including ‘Elmer the Elephant’, ‘The Gruffalo’ and ‘Giraffes Can't Dance’. The children in Room 1 have loved learning play skills during ‘Messy Play’ and group games like ‘Duck, Duck, Goose’.

We have had lots of laughs and smiles in term 1 and we look forward to the rest of the year.

Thank you to all of the lovely staff and parents for their hard work and support.

Gayle Whitefield
And so ends another successful term.

Everyone in Room 3 has worked very hard towards their IEP goals. Here are a few highlights:

Cooking -we have tried to accommodate all tastes and dietary requirements, most dishes have been eaten with gusto, there have been a few that were off the mark e.g. sweet potato rosti and lobster thermidor. It has been great to see all students preparing food and participating in the cooking. Students have also been learning about safe cooking practices e.g. to be careful around the electric frying pan. Room 3 students also prepare and cook a sausage sizzle every week for our school. Next term we envisage preparing and cooking healthy burgers.

Bike riding -every week we take to the tennis courts to hone our bike-riding skills. We have been practising how to apply brakes to slow down and stop the bicycles.

Next term we are planning a weekly shopping trip to the local Kingsley shopping centre. We will focus on a number of skills/objectives including: writing a shopping list, selecting items at IGA from the shopping list, money- skills, Social/interpersonal skills, e.g. saying thank you, road awareness (how to safely cross a road), and identifying what public toilets to use.

And lastly a BIG, BIG thankyou to all the Education Assistants in Room 3 who have done a fantastic job in caring for and moving your child along. All the best for Easter, have a safe break, see you all in term 2.

Mr MacRae

Ready for the Roald Dahl incursion.
C1 has enjoyed a good term of learning and playing, enriching our skills and experiencing new opportunities. The students have applied themselves and worked hard and deserve a great break.

We began with six students at the beginning of the year and then welcomed Jade, who has proved to be a great addition to our class. We have seven fantastic children who have learnt more independence, tolerance and knowledge through each day’s lessons.

Our morning sessions have been a mixture of one to one teacher directed working sessions, independent working sessions, two and sometimes three group sessions and constructive break times.

Our afternoons have consisted of creative Art, Life Skills including cooking, Sensory Relaxation, Health (Our Body knowledge) and Science lessons.

Every day we have built our physical endurance by jogging around the oval, and exercised through tennis, t-ball, and the use of scooters and bikes.

The staff is extremely proud of all the children and are looking forward to next term when new challenges and experiences will be met with enthusiasm and interest by all.

Thank you to all the hard working staff, especially during my recent period of Long Service Leave.

All students and staff in C1 would like to wish you all a lovely Easter and holiday break.

Carol Williamson
In C2, we have had a very busy and exciting start to the year, settling in and getting to know one another. At the beginning of the year, we made the most of the sunshine and hot weather by having some fun together doing water play activities. We had a great time taking turns on the water slide! We’ve also enjoyed other outdoor activities, such as riding the school scooters during daily fitness and getting our hands dirty doing gardening! As part of our life skills program, in the first week of term, Mrs Porch helped the students to plant some beautiful petunias in the school garden and we have continued to carefully tend them. We must have green thumbs in C2 as the petunias are still flowering beautifully!

In week two, the students began doing weekly cooking lessons with Mrs Porch, and her cooking lessons have definitely become a highlight of the week! This term, the students have been making healthy sandwiches and have had a fantastic time tasting different sandwich fillings, helping with food preparation and kitchen jobs, and learning important health concepts and daily living skills.

In class, we have been busy learning all about “Pets” in Science, investigating the kinds of animals we keep as pets, the importance of caring for pets and the basics of pet care. The students have put their knowledge into practice and have been taking great care of our class bird, Kevin! They also had a wonderful time meeting Miss Andrew’s dog, Angel! Though some students were a little timid at first, all of the students were patting, brushing and gently handling her by the end of the visit!

In Art, we have enjoyed doing box construction and we made pet homes, including dog kennels, cat beds and guinea pig hutches. We have also made beautiful animal artworks using a range of collage materials. In the last few weeks, we have been excitedly working on Easter crafts and have been getting creative making our hats for our Easter hat parade!

The students in C2 have been working hard and having lots of fun! We have had a jam-packed first term and we are looking forward to the rest of the year! Have a safe and relaxing break and we’ll see you next term!

Jennifer Andrews
What a wonderful start to the year and our first term in E.I. Everyone has settled in really well, learning new routines, mastering old routines and getting to know new teachers. We welcomed 4 new kindy students. Liam, Griff, Oscar and William have been doing so well in our class. They have all blossomed over the term and are certainly enjoying themselves and learning so much. Our Pre-primary boys have been working very hard this term and have all adjusted to their busy weeks. They have all coped very well with sharing their school time between Creaney and their mainstream classes. Our Pre-Primary students have also enjoyed a visit from the mainstream Pre-Primary class. They joined us for playtime at the centre. Thank you to all the parents for your hard work and support this term. We have all enjoyed teaching your lovely boys.

Have a great Easter break.
Karin Green

The Pre-primaries came to visit.

Blake, Jayden and Jesse and the dominoes collection
Griff, Oscar, Liam and William at mat time
Byron, Blake, Harry, Jesse and Jayden enjoy a story at mat time.

Happy Easter
From all of us at Creaney ESC

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