

Creaney

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Important Dates

Thursday **29**th **October (6 pm)**– CESC Family Disco Wednesday **28**th **October** – Scholastic Book Club orders due Friday 30th October (9:15 am) – Parent Network catch-up at Beach Shack, Hillarys Marina - all welcome.

Monday 16th November – Parent Direct and Chalk catalogue orders due Monday 23rd November (7 pm) - School Council meeting Thursday 26th November (6 pm) – End of Year Concert (PP – Yr6)

Friday 11th December (9:30 am) - CESC Graduation Ceremony

Thursday 17th December – Parent Network Lunch, 12:30 at Kingsley Tavern Students' last day of Term 4



Motor Mouth Camp:

Two of our students were lucky enough to be selected to attend Motor Mouth Camp during the last school holidays. The camp is a four day, three night program for school aged children who rely on augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) devices. The camp is always a wonderful experience for the whole family who get intensive training in AAC as well as taking part in lots of fun recreational activities.

Jasmine shows off the African painted dog that she won as a prize at camp (and her Motor Mouth cap). Mitchell tells us that the police car and the flying fox were his favourite activities.



Room 2 were very excited to welcome a new student to their class this week. Cooper is a pre-primary student and has already made lots of friends.

Don't forget to say hello to Cooper's parents, Tammy and Warren, when you see them dropping him off. I am sure it won't be long before they feel like part of our Creaney community.





Our New Shop:

The students were thrilled to see a play shop when they went out to the playground last Friday. This gorgeous shop is the handiwork of our very talented Tracy Toose and her just-as-talented husband Glenn.

Families will remember that Tracy and Glenn built the very impressive rocket ship (now on display in the school library) for our Space Concert two years ago. We are SO grateful to the Tooses for their generosity of time, materials and talent! It is lovely to see the students developing their role-play, turn-taking, communication and money skills in such an enjoyable way.

School Bus Services:

Parents who wish to apply for school bus transport for their child in 2016 (particularly those students moving to high school) are advised to apply online via the School Bus Services website www.schoolbuses.wa.gov.au. All applications must be submitted by the 6th November 2015. Families who already receive bus transport and whose circumstances will not change in 2016 do NOT need to reapply.

Congratulations:

Congratulations to the Raneses family who welcomed Lucy Juliette to their family in the holidays. Michael tells us that his new little sister is 'very, very little' and 'gorgeous'.

School Council Meeting:

The next meeting of the School Council will be held at 7pm on Monday 23rd November. All parents are welcome to attend. It is a good opportunity to find out what is going on at our Centre and give us your input into future directions.

Bike Program:

We have extended our fleet of bikes to include some smaller bikes and trikes. This has meant that the younger children have the opportunity to engage in social bike play as well as focusing on their individual bike riding objectives during the more formal Bike Ed sessions.



The electronic traffic lights are lots of fun and a great way to learn some basic road safety.

Lara enjoys being taken for a ride by Zak.



Ability Idol singing competition for people with disability:

If your child would love the chance to perform on stage and win \$1000, then Ability Idol is for them. Ability Idol is the brainchild of Activ employee Ben Cox and is supported by a \$10,000 grant from the City of Melville Robin Hood Project. To enter, all you need to do is submit a video of your Special Needs child performing a favourite song by Friday December 11, 2015. Videos need to be submitted with the registration form available on the website www.abilityidol.com. Finalists will be selected to perform in the amphitheatre of Kadidjiny Park, Melville on Sunday 27 February 2016. More information is available on the abilityidol website.

Free Kidsflix Movie:

The Arthritis Foundation is hosting a Kidsflix event at Midland Gate Shopping Centre on Saturday 21 November. This free morning consists of an hour's children's entertainment (face painting, balloon twisting, craft, circus acts and Star Wars characters) followed by a free screening of the film *Hotel Transylvania* 2. Each person attending also receives a free drink and popcorn. Immediate family (siblings, parents/carers) are also invited. For more information, and to book online, see www.kidsflix-midland.eventbrite.com.au

Cricket Program:



Lisa Mettimano recently signed Creaney ESC up for the Milo in2CRICKET skills program. This netted the school large sets of free cricket equipment and a series of structured lesson activities to introduce our students to the skills of cricket. All of the school goes out in groups each Tuesday morning to rotate through the different skill stations to practise their batting, bowling, fielding and running skills.

Isaia faces up to the ball as C1 put their skills to the test in a game.



Ronin lines the ball up ready to hit.



Anthony bowls down to the wickets.



Ella and Elijah practise fielding to each

...while Jada makes another run.



Fundraising Catalogues:

Thank you to those families who have returned their Chalk and Parent Direct orders. Tabbatha, our co-ordinator has agreed to extend the due date till Monday 16th November. This gives everyone time to make a start on their Christmas shopping!

App Corner:

Creaney ESC staff are always investigating apps relevant to Special Needs children. As so many of our families use iPads at home with their children, we thought it might be useful to share some

Choiceworks – visit https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H6lBfRYK6Nc to see how this app can produce interactive schedules and feeling and waiting boards etc. This app includes social story companion books.

Digital Problem Solver – supports students in developing strategies to cope with their emotions Zones of Regulation - visit http://zonesofregulation.com/the-zones-app.html to see how this app can help older students manage their emotions within the Zones framework used at school.

New Joondalup Autism Mum's Group:

Developmental Disability WA are organising a new support group starting in the Joondalup area. The group will be meeting at the Clarkson Library (27 Ocean Keys Boulevarde, Clarkson) on Tuesday 3rd November at 10:00 am. Contact mary.butterworth@ddc.org.au or 9420 7230 to rsvp or for further information.

Reverse Integration:

Many of our students attend integration activities with a primary school class. Did you know that we also offer reverse integration activities where students from the primary school join our sessions? Here the children in Room 1 enjoy a play activity with two friends from a buddy class.

Looking forward to seeing lots of our families at next week's Disco. Kind Regards,

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