It was wonderful to see all the happy faces last Monday as we welcomed back so many old friends and also got to know some new faces. We extend a very warm welcome to the 13 new families joining our school community this year. We feel sure you will feel very included – Creaney parents are a fantastically supportive group!

By now you will all have had the chance to sign up for the Parent Network. However, even if you aren’t able to attend these, it is a good idea to email Tab (Mitchell’s Mum) to get your name on the parent contact list. This way you will be kept updated of upcoming events and information of interest. (End of term lunches at the Kingsley Tavern are something many of our parents look forward to!)

Email tfarrant1@icloud.com to be kept in the loop.

Our Students
All of our students started the year in a remarkably positive way. Every class was settled and productive - right from Day One. This is obviously the result of lots of planning and preparation – both at school and at home. Thank you to all our families for ensuring the children were so well prepared for their first days. It makes such a difference.

Some of the new faces you will get to know are:
Daniel, Leo, Mason and Caleb in Early Intervention.
Sebastian, Preston, Jake, Shanae and Grace in Room 1.
Byron, Blake and Daniel have joined the students in Room 2.
The students in C2 have welcomed Rhianna to their group.
Shanae, Grace and Sadie prepare for all the fun of Water Play.

The intense heat this week meant that we kept the children indoors during lunchtimes on the hottest days. Classes then timetabled some water fun in the afternoon to help the children cope with the hot weather and give them an opportunity to run around. As you can imagine, these were highly popular activities.

Michael and Rhianna are intent on painting their Valentine’s Day hearts.

Tyson and Byron enjoy creating funny faces.

Blake joined Isaac and Ronin for an early morning ride.
Although not new to the school, it was a new classroom and teacher for three of the students in C1. But as you can see they were all very happy to get straight to work as usual!

The students in Room 3 have been enjoying listening to the 3 Little Pigs story and acting it out. Harry has created some props ready for filming the story. Here he is putting the finishing touches to the house of bricks while Brock has the sticky tape on stand by.

The little kindy group in Early Intervention are set to learn.

New Staff
We also welcome two new staff members this year. Tristan Grogan is the teacher in Room 1. Tristan comes to us from Harmony PS and was at Castlereagh School before that. Courtney Fletcher has taken up our support/DOTT teacher role. Courtney has recently moved to WA after working overseas. Both teachers are working full time and are very excited to be joining our Centre and working with your beautiful children.

Nut-Free Reminder
Thank you to everyone for your cooperation with our Nut-Free status. I know that some families have had to adjust what snacks they are sending with their children and we do appreciate your efforts. Please remember that Nutella is a nut product and should also be avoided.

I.E.P. Meetings
Class teachers have begun meeting with parents to discuss goals and priorities for your child to help develop their Individual Education Plans. If you have not already done so, you are encouraged to make an appointment for the next couple of weeks. These meetings are an important start to establishing positive relationships between home and school. The more we can all work together, the better the outcomes for your child.
Payment of Voluntary Contributions and Charges
Thank you to our early bird parents who have already paid their voluntary contributions and charges. It is very much appreciated. These charges can be paid by cash/cheques or directly into our bank account. Our bank details are:
Creaney Education Support Centre
BSB 016 495 ACCOUNT NUMBER 198926107
Don't forget to include your child's name in the reference line.

School Council
The Creaney ESC School Council currently has a vacancy for a parent representative. The School Council supports the school in a number of ways including: advising on parent views; reviewing school policies, procedures and budgets as well as organising the occasional fundraiser. It is a great way to become more involved in your child's school and having some input into its direction. Meetings are held once a term on a Monday evening from 7 pm until approximately 8 or 8:30 pm. Council members serve a two-year term and can renominate for a second term. If you would like further information on what is involved, please call me on 9409 6344. If you are interested in nominating for this position, please complete the slip at the end of this newsletter and return to school.
Official representatives on the 2016 Council are Tab Farrant, Nicole Martin, Kerry Hapgood-Strickland, (parent reps) and Karin Green, Courtney Fletcher and Cat Marcoolyn (staff representatives).

Student Medical Forms
Thank you to all the parents who have already returned updated medical forms. We realise that the start of the school year is a busy time for everyone and appreciate you taking the time to complete these documents. Having correct medical and contact information at all times is important to ensure your child's safety.

Toilet Training
Developmental Disability WA and Kalparrin have organised a SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD WITH TOILET TRAINING information session on Tuesday 15th March from 10-11:30 at City West Lotteries House, 2 Delhi St, West Perth. To book: www.ddc.org.au/events-march-2016/

Kind Regards,

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School Council Nomination

I ____________________________ would like to nominate for a position on the Creaney ESC School Council (two year term).

Signed: ____________________________ Date: _______________