Thank you to Lara’s family for the donation of a little tandem tricycle. It is getting lots of use by our younger students. They love giving each other rides – as you can see from Shanae and Lara’s big smiles!

We also need to say a big thank you to Henry’s Bike Shop, 949 Wanneroo Road, Wanneroo. Henry has been assisting us with repairs and custom modifications to many of our bikes. Please show your appreciation to Henry by giving him your custom if you are in the market for a new bike, accessories or any repairs.

Earn and Learn
Our rewards from the Earn and Learn program arrived this week. Thanks to the support of all our families that shopped at Woolworths in 2015 we received lots of new puzzles, games and sensory equipment.

Jayme and Ella had lots of fun helping unpack the new resources and getting a sneak preview.
**Parent Network**

All carers (and particularly our new parents) are invited to join a group of Creaney ESC parents meeting for lunch at 12:30 on Friday 18th March at the Kingsley Tavern. This is a great opportunity to forge friendships and contacts with other parents. If you are able to attend, drop Tabatha a quick email so that she can book a table. (tfarrant1@icloud.com)

**New Swings**

Parents will have noticed the large red frame that appeared in our playground after the holidays. Having a swing set has been a long term goal for the Centre. Many of our students enjoy the vestibular input from swings but it has taken us time to find a plan that allowed us to have them safely supervised within our fenced area without losing too much play and running around space. The frame allows us to easily attach a range of different swings at appropriate times. Unfortunately, the softfall in that part of the playground had to be removed and replaced with a deeper density to comply with current safety regulations so we were very pleased that the work could be carried out during the holiday break.

Jada enjoyed getting some speed up on the sling swing.

Oscar decided that the net swing was the perfect place to really lie back and relax!

**School Council**

The Creaney ESC School Council still has a vacancy for a parent representative and we urge parents to consider nominating. The Department of Education have announced that 50 schools will be able to gain Independent Public School status in 2017, so this will be an issue that our School Council will be considering and would value your input into. The School Council also 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 future direction. Meetings are held once a term on a Monday evening from 7 pm until approximately 8:00 or 8:30pm. 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.

Current members of the School Council are Tab Farrant, Nicole Martin, Kerry Hapgood-Strickland (parent representatives) and Karin Green, Courtney Fletcher and Cat Marcoolyn (staff representatives).

**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.
McCreaney
Don't forget that Room 3 operate a McCreaney program every Monday. All ESC students are able to order a sausage sizzle from them. Simply send in $2 and indicate whether your child likes sauce or not. The program provides the Room 3 students with practice in a range of independence skills, as they collect the orders, count the money, cook and serve the sausages and then deliver them to the appropriate classroom.

Toilet Training Reminder

Sink or Float in Room 3
As part of their Science lessons the students in Room 3 have been investigating the concepts of sinking and floating. After testing different materials during their preliminary Science lesson they then created a range of boats during Technology and Enterprise. Testing the boats in the water trays on a very hot day proved to be the most enjoyable part of the exercise.

Anthony is proud of his upright boat.

Brock is thrilled to see his boat float off, while Harry makes some final adjustments to his sail.

Deacon tests just how much load his boat can carry.

Evacuation Drill
On Tuesday both Creaney Primary and the Education Support Centre had a practice Evacuation Drill. While it is always hoped that such procedures will not be needed, it was very reassuring to see how well our Emergency Plans worked. All students, staff and visitors were safely gathered at our muster point in less than 5 minutes. Our staff were extremely well organised with all the necessary supports to ensure that all children remained calm and regulated, despite the unexpected change to their routine.
**Pick-Up Arrangements**

Parents are reminded that we need to be notified of any changes to the usual pick-up arrangements for your child. If you need to send someone with whom we are not familiar it is important that you contact us beforehand. While this can cause inconvenience, particularly when unexpected situations arise, I am sure you understand that this is done to protect the safety of your child. A note in the diary or a call to the front office are considered sufficient notification. Where you are likely to need ongoing pick-up arrangements, please contact Brooke in the front office.

**Science Activities**

Room 2 are studying their senses in Science. Last week they were investigating Touch and had their hands plunged in all sorts of different materials (shaving cream, baked beans, cold spaghetti, jelly, spiky shells etc). Their responses varied!

Blake liked the shaving cream, Isaac indicated that he didn’t like the feel of the shells, and Ronin wasn’t sure he even wanted to feel the baked beans!

Don’t forget the Parent lunch on 18th March and please consider nominating for the School Council.

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: ________________