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Newsletter 6

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Important Dates

9:15 am Friday 17th June – C2 Assembly
9:45 am Friday 17th June- I.P.S Information Session
9:15 am Friday 24th June – School Council Meeting (all welcome)
Friday 1st July – End of Term 2

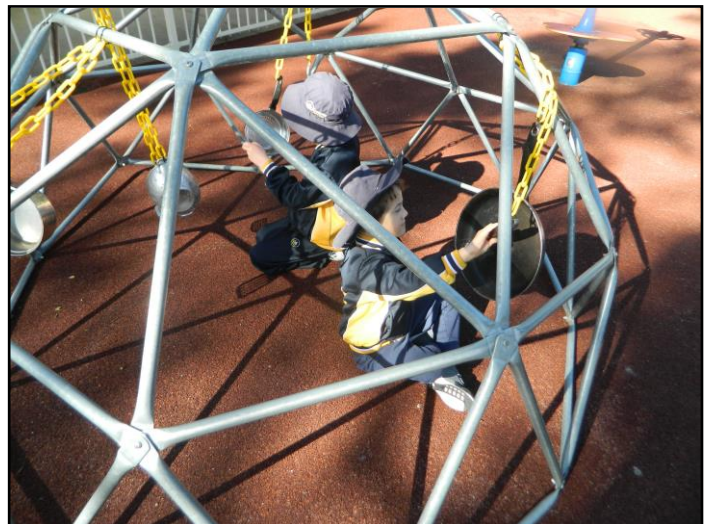


Assembly

Congratulations to C1 for presenting the first formal assembly of the year. It is always daunting getting up in front of a crowd of people and we are so proud of all of the students for the confident way they presented themselves. They had obviously practiced a great deal. We are all looking forward to C2's assembly on Friday 17th June.

Independent Public School application

The Department of Education is offering schools the opportunity to apply for 50 more IPS positions. The Creaney ESC School Council have decided to take up this opportunity and apply for IPS status. If you are interested in finding out what is involved and the benefits that such status would afford us and our students, join us for an informal cup of tea after C2's assembly and hear all about it.



Our wonderful Playground Committee have been hard at work creating new toys and play experiences for the students. As you can see from these photos they are very welcome additions.

Parent Facebook Page

Jenelle Grande (Deacon's Mum) has started a facebook group specifically for parents at our Centre. It is called *Creaney Education Support Centre Families* and Jenelle will accept membership from anyone in our parent group. This is your chance to touch base with other parents and find out about upcoming events, especially the very popular Parent Network coffees and lunches.



Parent Contact List

Tab Farrant is always updating the parent contact list. If you would like to be on this list and get a copy, contact Tab on tfarrant1@icloud.com

School Council

As our school begins the process of applying for Independent Public School status, it is a good opportunity for us to put faces to the names of the School Council members mentioned in newsletters and to find out a little more about the role of a School Council.

School Councils are made up of a mix of staff and parents/community members. Their role is primarily to establish and review the school's objectives, priorities and general policy directions. The council verifies financial planning to support the school's objectives and also approves the charges, contributions and fees and extra cost components of the school's education program. This role differs from that of a P & C Association which only determines policy for its own association, provides financial and resource input to the school through fundraising, and seeks information and discusses matters that can be passed on to the School Council for consideration in determining School Development Plans and policies. At present, Creaney ESC does not have a P&C Association but this can always change if there are parents interested in establishing one. In the meantime, several of our parents are members of the Creaney Primary P&C Association.

Meet our current School Council members:



Nicole Martin (Parent Rep.):

I first walked into Creaney's school gates in 2009 holding the hand of my heart and soul Brock on his first day of Kindy. I was reluctant to let his hand go. Really I knew very little about the school or people I was entrusting him with. I joined the school council at the first opportunity. It was a means of me getting to know the school better. Its people, its vision, its priorities, its plans - the environment as a whole. I have been a council member ever since. I have loved being involved, hearing and seeing first hand the focus of our school.

This year Brock graduates and will be moving onto high school. Next year, imagine I will once again be holding his hand tight on his first day of school not wanting to let it go. Funny how history repeats....

Kerry Hapgood-Strickland (Parent Rep):

Hi, my name is Kerry Hapgood-Strickland and I have three daughters. My youngest daughter, Jade, is in C2 and is thriving at CESC. Our family moved to Perth from Mackay (Qld) in December 2014 and Jade started at Creaney in 2015. I was very involved on our last primary school's P&C where I acted as Treasurer for 5 years as well as volunteering for numerous fundraisers and helping out in the canteen. I decided to join the school council so that I could learn more about the workings of an Ed Support school (Jade was main-streamed in Mackay) and also to be more 'in touch' with the staff and other parents at the school. I have a Bachelor of Commerce degree and a Cert IV in Accounting and Bookkeeping. Before moving to Australia in 2009, I worked as a bookkeeper which I really enjoyed.





Tabatha Farrant (Parent Rep.):

Hi I'm Tab Farrant. I've been a member of the Creaney ESC council since my gorgeous boy, Mitchell (now Yr2 and in C2 with Ms Andrews and Mrs Porch) joined our wonderful school as a pre-primary student 3 years ago. I decided very early on that I wanted to be actively involved in the school to find out how the school functions and be involved in future planning, to get to know our very hard working staff members and meet other parents with children further along the education pathway and provide input from other parents. The school council enabled me to do all of this. I will say that there have been moments when getting out the door to attend has not always been easy but the benefits have outweighed the odd battle I've had with the kids!

I'm so enthusiastic about building a really strong Creaney ESC parent network and the school council is a big part of

that process. I hope to see some new faces at both council meetings and parent network events in the future.

Karin Green (Staff Rep.):

I was born in South Africa and moved to Australia in 2000. My first years of teaching in South Africa were spent in Early Childhood. When I moved to Australia I found my passion for working with students with disabilities. I have had the opportunity of working in Education Support Centres; a Language Development Centre and as a visiting teacher for the Deaf. I have worked on and off at Creaney ESC for the last 10 years and am currently teaching in our Autism Early Intervention Unit.

I am a mum to three gorgeous children. My husband and I have lived in Kingsley for the last thirteen years. As my children are now all at school I have some time to dedicate to our wonderful centre.

Being part of the school council is an opportunity for me to work in partnership with parents and members of our community and help assist with the growth and development of our school.



Courtney Fletcher (Staff Rep.):

Hi my name is Courtney Fletcher

I am a class teacher representative for the school council.

I have recently moved to Perth from the U.K. This year I commenced working at Creaney ESC as the DOTT teacher. I enjoy my role as a DOTT teacher as I have the opportunity to teach in all classrooms and get to work with all students. I am a passionate teacher who has worked in Education Support for 5 years and enjoy the variety of lessons and range of students that I get to teach.

I am enjoying the opportunity to work with parents on the School Council.



Cat Marcoolyn (Principal):

I have worked in Education Support since graduating in 1981 and have worked in a range of different settings from Ed. Support Units through to Ed. Support Schools. I taught at Creaney ESC for 11 years before being appointed Principal half way through 2012. I believe Creaney is a fantastic school, blessed with the most supportive of parents and the most skilled of staff. I see the School Council as a vehicle for assisting the school to move forward – to make a great school even better!

Looking forward to seeing lots of parents on Friday 17th June.

Kind Regards,

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