New class
This week started with much excitement as our new class commenced operation. Mr Mac’s group of Room 3 students are now located in C7, leaving space for our fourth Early Childhood class. Courtney Fletcher has relinquished her support role to be the full time teacher in Room 3. She will be very ably supported by Vicky Leahy, Christine Wilson and Judy McDermott. Students moving to Courtney’s class are: Grace, Ronin, Ned, Matthew, Shanae, and Marcus (new to the school).

Welcome Marcus
We are delighted to welcome Marcus to our school. He has settled in to his new class beautifully. Seeing him run around the playground with all his new friends, you would imagine that he had always been here. At the end of Monday, Shanae told us that her favourite part of the day had been playing with her ‘new friend Marcus’!

We also extend a very warm welcome to Marcus’s family. We look forward to getting to know them all better.

Important Dates
Thursday 18th August – Room 2 Assembly (please note change of day!)
Friday 26th August – Excursion to Kings Park Naturescape for selected students
Tuesday 30th August – Combined ESC Sports Carnival at Beldon ESC
Friday 2nd September – PALS Indigenous Studies Incursion (whole school)
Wednesday 7th September – CESC Team performs at Jiggle Jam Exhibition
Friday 9th September – Room 1 Assembly
Friday 16th September (9:00 am)- School Council meeting
Friday 23rd September – Last Day of Term 3
Circus Quirkus
The school has been given 50 free tickets to the 6pm performance of Circus Quirkus at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre on Monday 15th August. Circus Quirkus is an eclectic and entertaining mix of Circus acts from all over the world and is suitable for audiences of all ages. If you are interested, contact Brooke at our front office and let her know how many tickets you would like. It will be a case of ‘first come, first served’ so get in quick before the tickets run out.

Behaviour Zen
Dolly Bhargava, a well-respected Speech Pathologist who specialises in supporting individuals with disabilities, is running several free workshops to introduce Behaviour Zen. Behaviour Zen is a web based app that aims to systematically assess, prevent and manage challenging emotional and behavioural difficulties. It is particularly useful for supporting children with Anxiety Disorder, ASD, Conduct Disorder and Oppositional Defiance Disorder. The free (2 hour) workshops are on the 9th or 16th August at the ACTIV library in Wembley. To register contact qualitycommunication1@gmail.com

Room 3 Assembly
Congratulations to the students in Room C7 for presenting an entertaining and varied assembly last Friday. It was particularly good to get a peek at what goes on during their weekly excursions. Thank you for sharing your Photo Story with us Harrison – your Wednesdays look like a lot of fun!

Brock leads the community singing.

Jasmine receives her honour certificate.

Harry checks the timetable for the next bus.

Anthony enjoys the chips that he has practised ordering and paying for.
Congratulations to Jayme, Brock and Isaia who have been selected as our Senior Mentors for this term. These boys are outstanding citizens and are always willing to assist staff and students. They will be undertaking a range of responsibilities including being excellent role models for the younger students.

Well done boys – we look forward to all the wonderful things you will be doing!

AGOSCI Workshops
Several of our parents are attending two day workshops on Multi-Modal Communication and Learning Strategies for children with multiple disabilities or on the Autism Spectrum. The workshops promise “a fast-paced look at creative and practical strategies to enable children who face severe challenges to overcome these complex barriers to access communication and learning.” To register go to https://aomevents.eventsair.com/agosci-national-tours-2016/agosci16/Site/Register

The Olympics
With the Rio Olympics beginning this weekend, many of our classes have been learning about the Olympics and the host country of Brazil.

Ella, Elijah and Jasmine show off their Brazilian flags and Olympic torch.

Raffle
Huge thanks go to all of our wonderful families for their support with selling the Disabled Children’s Foundation raffle tickets and returning everything by the closing date. We raised more than $2,000 from the raffle. The Playground Committee are planning to spend the funds on a new piece of play equipment for all our students to enjoy.
**Mentors in Training**
The kindy students in Early Intervention were very helpful when they inflated all our new balls. What a wonderful way to help the students generalise different forms of ‘full’ and ‘empty’. Using the little generator pump was very exciting for the boys and not surprisingly, they were all very motivated and attentive to the task.

*Mason inflates his ball while Caleb watches his every move, ready for his turn.*

**Milo in Room 1**
Now that they have ‘spreading’ under control the students in Room 1 have added ‘stirring’ to their repertoire of cooking skills. They were all making Milo the other day when I passed.

*Lara pours.*

**Preston stirs.**

**Sebastian enjoys.**

**School Council Report**
We presented our application for Independent Public School status earlier this week. Thank you to all of the School Council members for their input and feedback during this process but very special thanks to Tab Farrant our School Council Chair. Tab has spent a great deal of time over the last three weeks helping to prepare our submission and did a fantastic job as a co-presenter. The process is very competitive and whilst we don’t expect to be accepted this year, we have made important progress in the first steps along the way.

Kind regards,
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