Wombat Stew
Room 2 treated us to a delightful assembly on Thursday morning. Their rendition of Wombat Stew was very cute – and all the more impressive given that for many of the students it was their first assembly. The confident way they spoke on the microphone would put many adults to shame! Special congratulations to Isaac who was awarded Aussie of the Month at the assembly. I know he will wear his badge with pride.
Message from the Front Office
Thank you to all the parents who have started paying for a number of our upcoming activities. Don’t forget that you are able to make payments online if this is easier than finding the correct amount of cash. Our account details are BSB 016 495 Acc. 198926107. Use your child’s name as a reference.

As teachers are often very busy in the mornings it is extremely helpful if parents send money in an envelope, clearly marked with your child’s name and what activity(ies) the payment is for. Please remember to return the student update form sent home last week. Even if there have been no changes we still require the form to be signed and returned in order for us to keep our records up to date.

Book Week
Several of our classes participated in the Primary School Book Week parade on Wednesday. There were some very impressive costumes and enthusiastic students taking part.

Room 3 take their places on the stage.

Matthew is a wonderful scarecrow – we especially loved the bird perching on his hat!

Ashdale Special Families Event
Ashdale Special Families, a support group for families of children with special needs, in the northern suburbs, is hosting a workshop on Supporting Siblings of Children with Disability. The workshop will take place from 9:30am to 12:30pm on Tuesday 23 August 2016 in the John Maloney Clubrooms, Highclere Boulevard, Marangaroo. The session will explore: challenges for siblings; how concerns show up in behaviour; factors affecting adjustment; what siblings need and the role of parents and service providers. For more information, or to find out about the group, email Dee Clayden at ashdalespecialfamilies@gmail.com or call 0422 703 731.

Parent Network Session
Two of our teachers, Karin Green and Lisa Mettimano, have kindly agreed to present some information sessions for the Parent Network group on the subject of behaviour support. The first of these will be an introduction to Behaviour Support and will outline some of the basic principles and strategies used at Creaney ESC. This session will take place immediately following the Room 1 Assembly on 9th September, starting at 9:45 am. All parents/carers are welcome. Parents are welcome to contact me if they have any special requests for future session topics. If our staff do not have the necessary expertise, we are happy to try and find appropriate speakers.
Welcome Liam
The staff and students in Room 1 were very excited to welcome Liam to their happy little band. Liam comes to us from the Early Intervention Program.

Liam (third from left) joins his new friends James, Seb and Sadie for lunch.

Early Intervention News
The children in the Early Intervention Program have been enjoying lots of special activities lately. There was much excitement on the day a dump truck visited and all the Pre-Primary boys got a chance to sit up high in the cab. You can see just how much they enjoyed that by the size of their grins as they looked down on their teachers.

The boys also join the students from the primary school in lunchtime activities. Playing in the Nature Play area is always a big favourite.

Griffin explores a cubby with his mainstream friends.

William practises his tree-climbing skills!
The Kindy group were also having their share of fun. They were able to join the primary school students on the day a Fire Engine visited.

Caleb was very excited to get a turn on the fire hose. He told me he sprayed up past the trees.

Daniel was amazed by how heavy the fireman’s helmet was – and by the size of his gloves.

**Magnetism**
The C1 students were exploring the phenomenon of magnetism this week. After starting with a selection of items they were soon wandering further afield in search of items that would be ‘attracted by a magnet’.

Elijah carefully sorts some items into Magnetic or Not Magnetic piles.

Jayme finds that he just can’t force the two opposite poles together.

Kind regards,
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