



Creaney

EDUCATION SUPPORT CENTRE

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Newsletter 1

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Welcome!

It was wonderful to see so many happy faces last Wednesday- many of them familiar but some new to our school. We extend a very warm welcome to all of these students and their

families. We feel sure you will feel very included – Creaney families are a fantastically supportive group! By now you will all have had a chance to read the Parent Handbook to find out about our parent networks and some of the ways you can get to know each other. There is also some information later in this newsletter about our School Board and how you can nominate for a position if you are interested.

New Students

After only a few little tears (not only from the children!) all of our students settled beautifully in to their new classrooms. Thank you to all our families for ensuring the children were so well prepared for their first days. It makes such a difference.



The kindy students joining Room 1 are Calvin, Jamyang, Victoria and Carter.

Calvin



Carter



Jamyang



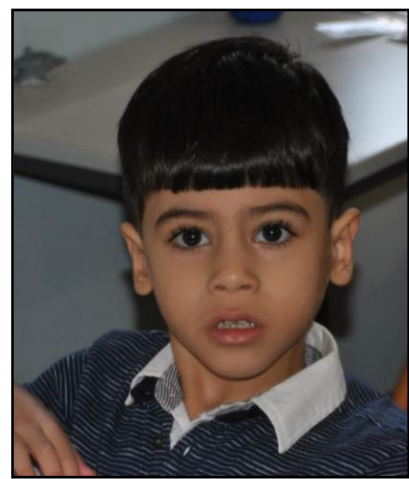
Victoria



London



Charlie



Hassain



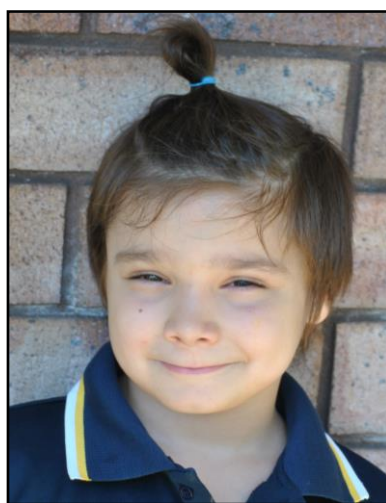
Rosher

London, Charlie, Hassain and Rosher have started their two year program in Early Intervention. It was very impressive to see that they all had their heads down hard at work within an hour of their first day!

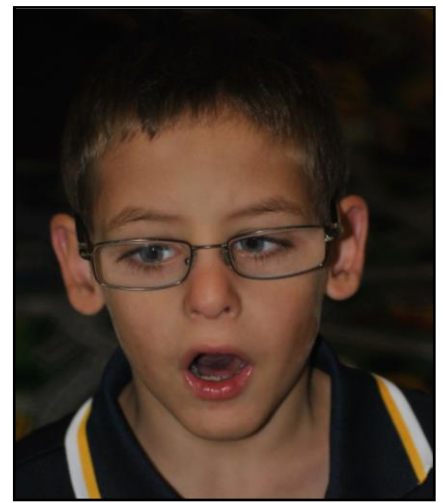
We also have some new students joining us from other schools. We extend a big welcome to Dean in C7, Ethan in C1 and Orlando in Room 3. We hope you will be very happy at our school. It is lovely to see that you have all made some friends already.



Dean



Ethan



Orlando

Money Envelopes

We have instituted a new system for payments which will hopefully make things easier for parents and classroom staff. When you receive a note regarding any activities that require payment, a pre-printed envelope will be attached. This envelope should be returned with either cash (correct amount if possible) enclosed or with notification on the outside that you have paid online. (Banking details are printed on the envelope). Envelopes can then be returned to either your child's class or direct to the front office.

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. As you will understand contamination with even a small amount of nut can have very serious consequences for a child with an allergy.



I.E.P. Meetings

Over the next few weeks, class teachers will be inviting parents to meet with them to discuss goals and priorities for your child to assist with developing their Individual Education Plans. 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.

Student Update Information and Medical Forms

Parents will be receiving student update and medical forms next week. Could you please check the information on these forms, update them as necessary and then sign and return to school as soon as possible. This information is important for your child's safety and without it we may not be able to administer medication or contact you in an emergency. We realise it is a busy time for everyone and appreciate you taking the time to complete the documents.

School Board

Creaney ESC was granted Independent Public School (IPS) status last year. This means that we will be setting up a new School Board. The Board will operate in a more formal fashion and will have some specific responsibilities, which include approving our Delivery and Performance Agreement and being involved in the creation of a three year Business Plan. The Board's responsibilities differ from those of a P&C in that they establish and review the school's general policy directions and verify the financial planning but are not involved in fundraising or the day to day running of the school. The School Board will have the opportunity to undertake training during 2017.

If you are interested in nominating for one of the Parent Representative positions on the School Board, please complete the form at the foot of this newsletter and return to school. If you would like more information on what is involved feel free to contact me on 9409 6344. There is also information available on the Department's website if you follow the link below.

<https://www.education.wa.edu.au/web/our-schools/independent-public-schools/boards-of-independent-public-schools>

Parent Workshops

Dolly Bhargava, a speech pathologist with extensive experience in working with students with Autism, is offering a series of workshops for parents and educators. There are workshops on Supporting Individuals with ASD; Developing Emotional Regulation Skills in Individuals with Anxious, Oppositional and Aggressive Behaviours; and Assessing, Preventing and Managing Challenging Behaviour. For further information or to register visit:

<http://www.dollybhargava.com/index.php/workshops>

Supporting Behaviour Guide

Developmental Disability WA have put together a guide for parents titled "What is your child's Challenging Behaviour trying to tell you?" Hard copies of the resource will be available to members or can be downloaded from the following link. <http://ddc.org.au/rise/>

Important Dates

- 6th March – Labour Day holiday
- 27th March – 7 April –Swimming lessons for PP- Yr 6
- 27th March – Autism Awareness Week.
- Friday 7th April – Last day of Term 1
- 24th April – Pupil Free Day
- 25th April – Anzac Day
- 26th April- Students commence Term 2
- 10th May – School Photos
- 2nd June – Pupil Free Day (Staff at Education Support Conference)
- 5th June – Public Holiday
- 30th June – Term 2 finishes
- 17th July – Pupil Free Day
- 18th July- Students commence Term 3
- 22nd September – Term 3 finishes
- 9th October – Term 4 commences
- 14th September – School finishes for the year.



Cooking

Cooking continues to be a favourite activity in most of our classrooms. As well as teaching our students important independence skills, activities can support learning in a number of curriculum areas including Maths, Science, Language and Health.

Room 3 started the year with very healthy fruit kebabs. They looked and smelled delicious!

Byron carefully threads his choice of fruit on to his kebab stick.

The best part of the activity was eating it as a group.



McCreaney

C7 will be continuing their McCreaney program this year. Students are able to order lunch from C7 each Monday (the day the school canteen does not open). A sausage in a bun is available in Term 1. To order, simply send \$2 in an envelope with your child's name, room number and whether sauce or no sauce is preferred.

Kind regards,

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School Board Nomination

I _____ wish to nominate for a position on the Creaney ESC School Board.

Child's Name: _____

Room No: _____

Signed: _____ Dated: _____