

Important Dates

1 February -	Edu-Dance commences for selected students
5 February -	Soccer clinic commences for selected students
1 March -	Creaney School Disco
4 March -	Labour Day Public Holiday (Monday)
11 March -	Swimming lessons commence. Week 7 and 8 @ 1.30pm
12 March -	School Board Meeting
21 March	HARMONY DAY
21/22 March -	Edu-dance concert @ 2pm (Thursday and Friday Week 8)
28 March -	Students last day of Term 1 (Thursday)
29 March -	Good Friday
15 April -	Staff Development Day (Students do not attend)
16 April -	Students commence Term 2 (Tuesday)

Principals Pen

What a fantastic start to the term and the 2024 school year. It has been such a pleasure standing at the gate each morning and seeing all the happy faces, children, and parents alike. It was a delight to have our new Kindy friends with us on the first Wednesday and they all came in with smiles even though there was a little apprehension from a couple of them, the day couldn't have gone any better. I would like to say a special warm welcome to each of our new families.



Jack



Mason



Oliver



Thomas



Sophia



Max



Zander



Muhammad



Ojus

As well as our new kindy students, we also welcomed 3 new students to other year levels. The transition morning and visits must have worked a treat because they all settled right in as though they have always been a part of the Creaney ESC family.

Please make sure to keep an eye out for the upcoming parent connect group catch up and join the parent Facebook group. We are very lucky to have such a connected and supportive parent community.

We would also like to welcome our new teacher, Kirsten Crockett, who will be working alongside Sarah O'Doherty in C1. We have been lucky enough to have her join us after filling in as a regular casual teacher last year so her face will be familiar to most of you. It is wonderful to have her on board in a more substantive role. We also welcome back Sarah O'Doherty, who did come back during term 4 last year. This year she is back in her happy place in the classroom.



Kirsten Crockett

I look forward to catching up with everyone over the next few weeks. Please remember that I am always happy to be contacted if you ever have any questions or concerns. We value all input and you and your children are very important to us.

Storm

Our start to Term 1

It has been such a wonderful change seeing so many of our students move up into the senior classes and now playing in the senior playground area. Despite the very hot weather, we have made every opportunity to get outside for play times as often as possible and the children have loved the busy and full play areas.



Communication with Teachers

By now you should all have had contact with your child's teacher/s either via email, Seesaw, or in person, and no doubt via a combination of these. It is our goal to ensure communication lines are always open and all these communication avenues will be used throughout the year. You will have noticed that we have moved away from using the communication diaries this year and are just using Seesaw. If there is specific information that you would like to know about your child each day, i.e. regarding eating or toileting, please speak to you child's teacher and they can find the best way to keep you informed of this.

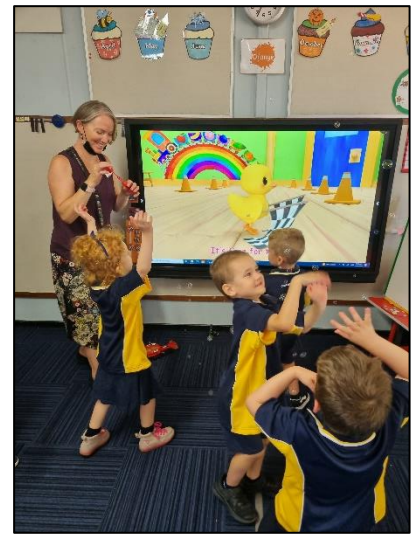
The teachers will endeavour to share some of your child's learning on a regular basis via Seesaw, however, this may not be every day, as teachers are all very busy teaching and ensuring your children are getting all their attention during the school day. Should you need to contact the teacher for whatever reason, please remember that email or Seesaw is the best way.

However, if you need to get a message to the teacher that is time sensitive, i.e. needing to pick your child up early please do not do this via email or Seesaw. The teachers are busy during the day and are not always able to check these during class time. For any time-sensitive information, please call the school office on 9408 2950 and the admin staff will ensure the message is relayed to the classroom teacher.

Room 4

A super big welcome to our new Kindy families!!! We are so happy you have joined us at Creaney ESC. Our Kindy students have settled into Room 4 so well and are having lots of fun engaging in a range of activities. We have enjoyed lots of songs, playing, stories, crafts, sensory exploration and more! It is a big transition starting school and getting to know the new routines, people, and places within the school. Through a visual, structured environment and lots of positive reinforcement, our little cuties are already thriving.

Kind regards,
Lisa



Student Update Information and Medical Forms

On Tuesday a 'Student Update' form and 'Student Health Care' form was sent home for some families to complete.

Parents and carers, could you please make any necessary updates and complete both forms if any changes are necessary or tick the box for no corrections necessary. Return completed forms to school as soon as possible, or at the latest Wednesday 13th February 2024. It is vital that we have the most current information available about your child, so we can communicate and manage the health care needs of all students whilst under the school's supervision.

We thank you for your co-operation in keeping your child's information up to date. Please contact Tracy or Brooke if you have any questions about these forms.

Therapy

Thank you to all the families who followed our therapy application process and got their forms in by the due date. All families will be informed of the outcome of the applications by the end of today to ensure you have time to confirm with your therapists. If for some reason you missed out on submitting the application or something needs to be changed, please contact Kirsten Dunn (Kirsten.dunn@education.wa.edu.au) Therapy is due to start in week 3.

Community School Health Nurse

Welcome to the new school year!

My name is Dominique Steynberg (AKA Nurse Dom) and I am the Community School Health Nurse who visits Creaney ESC.

Community School Health Nurses work in schools to promote healthy development and wellbeing so students may reach their full potential.

If you have concerns about your child's health, development, or wellbeing you can contact me at any time throughout primary school to discuss these concerns.

My role is to serve as a health contact point for children and their families, providing information, assessment, health counselling and referral. The services provided are free and confidential.

Community School Health Nurses are also able to support teachers in health-related curriculum and assisting in the development of health care plans for students with complex and chronic health needs.

If you'd like to get in touch with me, please do so via email: dominique.steynberg@health.wa.gov.au

IEP Meetings

Teachers have begun working on preliminary learning goals for your children but parental input is also very important. Over the next few weeks, class teachers will be inviting parents to meet with them to discuss goals and priorities for your child. 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.

Swimming

By now you should have received all your child's swimming and permission forms (not for kindy). If you have not received them, or if you know your child will not be participating in swimming lessons in week 7 and 8, please let the office or your child's teacher know as soon as possible.

Football Clinic

The C-Block students have been participating in soccer skills sessions on Mondays with 'Mike the Coach' from Soccer West. It has been a great start to each week, and so good to see the students learning and developing new soccer skills.



Bunuru

Bunuru is the season from February to March. It is the second summer and the hottest part of the year in the Noongar people's land. The flowering white gum and the arrival of salmon marks the beginning of Bunuru. This is the time when berries were collected as well as flowers, seeds and roots. Noongar people used bulbs for spices and flowers for food or making drinks. Fish, frogs, tortoises and possums were also eaten.