

**Important Dates**

<b>11 March -</b>	Swimming lessons commence. Week 7 and 8 @ 1.30pm
<b>12 March -</b>	School Board Meeting
<b>21 March</b>	<b>HARMONY DAY (we will celebrate this on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>)</b>
<b>21/22 March -</b>	Edu-dance concert @ 2pm (Thursday and Friday Week 8)
<b>28 March -</b>	Students last day of Term 1 (Thursday)
<b>29 March -</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>
<b>15 April -</b>	Staff Development Day <b>(Students do not attend)</b>
<b>16 April -</b>	Students commence Term 2 (Tuesday)

**Principals Pen**

Who can believe we are over halfway through this term already. It has been a busy and eventful term so far, with lots more to come. Swimming starts next week and that's always a highlight for many but makes for a very busy couple of weeks. Please remember, if you think your child may not attend school the next day because they have become unwell, the earlier we know, the easier it is to juggle staffing, so please do let the classroom teacher know as early as possible, or the night before is even better.

Thank you to all the families who came along and enjoyed our disco with us this week. It was such a wonderful time of being able to connect again and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

**Storm Breen  
Principal**

**Parent Connect Group**

Our wonderful parent connect group are organising a coffee catch up for this term in the staffroom straight after drop off on Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup> of March. Please pop this date in your diary and try to stay and connect with some of our lovely parents. This is a great opportunity to ask questions of each other, share stories and just spend some time together. This is also a wonderful opportunity for our new families to meet the rest of the parents as well. Hope to see you all there.

**Student Mentor Assembly**

On Wednesday morning we had the pleasure of announcing our year 6 student Mentors for 2024. This is an important role for our year 6's to demonstrate the skills of reliability, integrity, leadership, and organisation. They will be responsible for helping with many important jobs and projects around the school this year and we know they will carry out their roles with pride. Congratulations to Carter, Jamyang, London and Jesse.



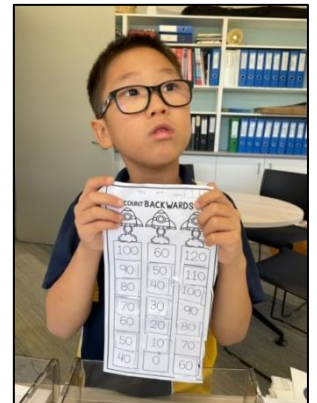
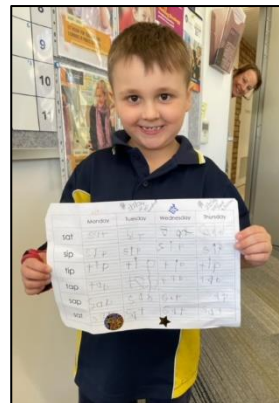
## Room 1

Lots of exciting recipes made in Room 1's weekly cooking lessons this term! From pizzas to fruit kebabs and banana piklets, the students have been exploring their senses with exposure to different foods. Cooking allows us to not only practise self-help skills, but it's a great way to practise communication skills, health and hygiene practices, turn taking and identifying utensils and tools for different cooking needs. Next week's cooking lesson will be sure to hit the spot, with bear toast made from fruit toast, chocolate spread, bananas, and blueberries. Yum!



## Good Workers

Mrs Dunn and Mrs Breen have been thrilled by the steady stream of students coming up to the office to proudly show off their work. Congratulations to Mason and Finley for being such superstars so early in the year! And let's see who can spot Mrs Hicks doing a 'photo bomb'!



## Swimming

A reminder that school swimming starts next week on Monday 11 March and will continue through until the end of the following week, week 8. If you have any questions regarding swimming lessons, please contact your child's teacher. Please remember that staff will take photos of your children swimming, and these will be shared with you. We are asking parents not to attend the lessons as it does cause children to become dysregulated and this can add to the risk management concerns for everyone's safety. If you have any questions around this, please do see Storm or Kirsten to discuss. If you know your child might miss swimming due to illness or an appointment, please let the teacher know as early as possible as this will help immensely with organisation and staffing each day.

## Harmony Day

We come together to celebrate **Harmony Day** on 21 March. Created in 1999 to celebrate unity and diversity, **Harmony Day** was originally an Australian celebration but is now marked worldwide by conscientious citizens. This year due to the Edu-dance concert, we will celebrate a day early on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March. Classes will be doing some fun Harmony Day activities and we encourage you to dress your child in a touch of orange for the day.

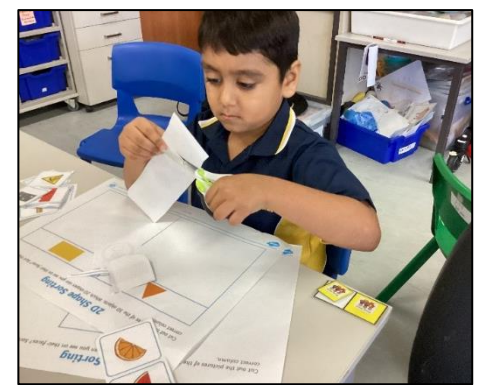
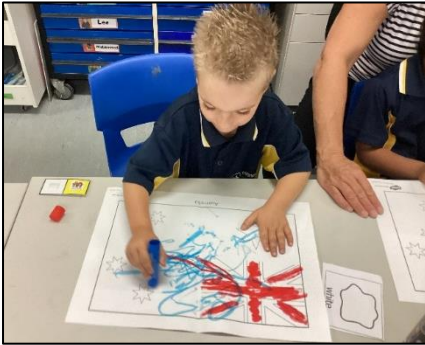




## Room 2

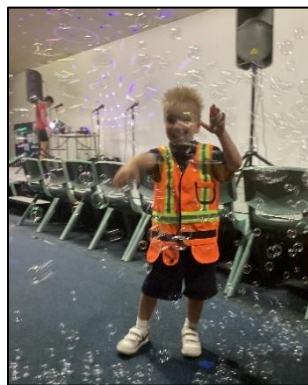
The students have enjoyed exploring shapes and colours in different ways including: mixing paint colours, finding items in a sensory tray (e.g. rice or shaving foam), digital technology games and collage. It's wonderful to see them all participating in their own way and getting to know their interests and favourite activities.

Rocio Zapata and Karin Green  
Room 2 Teachers



## Creaney ESC Disco

Students, staff and parents showed us some groovy moves at the Creaney ESC school disco on Wednesday afternoon! So many happy faces and lots of fun was had by all with the bubble machine being a particular hit. We also realised we have some budding singers with plenty of songs being sung up on stage. The icy poles at the end were a welcome cool treat to end the fun and frivolities.











### Triple P Free Online Workshops

The Triple P and Child and Parent Centre teams are excited to offer a series of free online workshops for families. The Triple P - Positive Parenting Program gives parents and carers ideas and strategies to help their child develop the skills and behaviours they need for a healthy childhood. To join an online workshop, scan the QR code to register and download the Webex app. If you would like to find out more information, or look up more sessions please visit the website:

[www.triplep-parenting.net.au](http://www.triplep-parenting.net.au)

<b>Learning to use the toilet</b> Teaching children to use the toilet independently can be challenging for parents. This workshop will provide tips on when your child may be ready, the skills needed to use the toilet, and some common behavioural issues related to using the toilet. This workshop is suitable for parents of children with neurotypical development and does not address any medical problems related to using the toilet.	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 8pm – 10pm	 <a href="#">Link to join</a>
	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 9.30am - 11.30am (repeat session)	 <a href="#">Link to join</a>
<b>Learning to separate</b> This session will focus on helping your child learn to calmly separate from you, into the care of another trusted adult/caregiver.	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 8pm – 10pm	 <a href="#">Link to join</a>
	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 9.30am - 11.30am (repeat session)	 <a href="#">Link to join</a>

## 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.