

PRINCIPAL'S PEN

Welcome

Welcome back to school for 2018 and a sincere thanks to the whole school community for making me feel so welcome in my first week at Creaney Primary School.

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and got to spend some time with friends and family. A particularly warm welcome to all new students and their families to our school community.

The beginning of the new school year can be exciting for some and can bring up anxiety in others. I urge you to be positive with your children about the new school year, having a new teacher and the possibility of making new friends in new classes. This is a wonderful life-skill.



Our new Principal

So, a little bit about me: I have been an educator for 25 years and during this time, have had over 15 years' experience as a school administrator in a variety of school settings including Kimberley schools and have spent the last nine years as an Associate Principal and Principal at Camboon Primary School in Noranda. I am passionate about primary schools developing children's academic, social and emotional learning and sharing this journey with families. I am very much looking forward to leading Creaney PS in these endeavours.

Parent Information Sessions

Parent information sessions are being held this week, today and tomorrow. These sessions aim to provide parents with general information about class routines, expectations, timetables and communication. Meetings will take place in individual classrooms. **We prefer that children do not attend these sessions if possible.**

The times are as follows:

E1	Wednesday 7 February 2018	5pm
E2	Thursday 8 February 2018	5:30pm
A1	Wednesday 7 February 2018	5:30pm
A2	Wednesday 7 February 2018	5:30pm
A4	Wednesday 7 February 2018	4:45pm
B2	Thursday 8 February 2018	5pm
B3	Thursday 8 February 2018	5pm
B5	Thursday 8 February 2018	4:30pm
B6	Thursday 8 February 2018	4:30pm
C5	Wednesday 7 February 2018	5pm
C6	Wednesday 7 February 2018	5pm

Please note that these meetings are designed for the dissemination of general information, not for discussions about individual students. If you would like to discuss your child's individual needs with their classroom teacher, please make an appointment.

Old Uniform Phase Out

It has been pleasing to see all students begin the school year in full school uniform. This will be the final year for the old Creaney Primary School uniform to be worn. I urge parents who have not purchased the new design uniform to do so by the end of the year. Our current uniform is available through Uniform Concepts in Joondalup. 5/7 Delage Street, Joondalup. 6270 4660.

Voluntary Contributions/P&C Contributions Raffle

To encourage as many families as possible to pay their Voluntary Contributions of \$60 per child and P&C Contribution of \$30 per family, we will be holding a prize draw for families who pay these by 30 April, 2018. The prize will be a \$100 voucher from Uniform Concepts and a \$50 canteen voucher. One entry permitted per family.

Meet and Greet

There will be a morning tea held in our school staff room immediately after the assembly on Friday 23 February for parents new and old. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to welcome new people to our school community, including myself. I look forward to seeing as many parents as possible on this day.

P&C AGM

Thank you to the P&C fundraising committee for their organisation for the year. There will be many wonderful whole school fundraising opportunities throughout the year including discos, free dress days, a Scitech night, Mother's Day and Father's Day stalls, a colour run and of course, our movie and market stall night coming up this term on Saturday 24 March. I encourage all families to get behind these events. The P&C AGM will be held next Tuesday 13 February at 7:30pm in our school Conference Room (opposite the Reception door). Please note the date change due to Valentine's Day. I hope to see lots of parents there on the night.

Murdoch University classes

Murdoch University offers preparatory classes in Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics for Primary and Middle School students aged 10 years and above. If you are interested, please see Mrs Anderson in C6 for further details.

Vale Murray Ellison

I sadly share with you the passing of the former school gardener Murray Ellison. As you know from newsletters, Murray left Creaney Primary during Term 4 last year as he was unwell. He passed away during the school holidays. We are all thinking of his family and remember him for the fantastic work he did at our school.

Please refer to the P&C section of our newsletter for information on a fundraiser in honour of Murray.

Ms Rachel Monamy
Principal

DEPUTY'S DIALOGUE

Mathletics

Creaney will once again be using the Mathletics online program to support the class teaching of Mathematics for your child. Structured to complement the school-based curriculum, these targeted and adaptive activities cover every area of maths and include animated support tutorials for each concept. Mathletics live is another component of the program. It is a way to improve mathematical fluency, speed of recall and accuracy – all in an incredibly fun way. Students love it – learning becomes, quite literally, a game! An excellent warm- up or reward for hard work. Mathletics levels and activities are overseen by class teachers. Usernames and passwords for students Year 1- 6 will be coming home soon, with Pre-primary's to follow at a later date.

Attendance

If your child is going to be absent from school, please notify the front office via phone **9309 1588** or text on **0437 156 748** with the following information: Student's name, class, date of absence and the reason child will be absent. If your child is absent from school and we have not had notification before 10am of that day, you will receive an SMS requesting the reason for the absence. As we have regulated break times during the course of the academic year, we ask families to consider taking children out of the educational program very carefully. If you are planning a family holiday requiring your children to be out of school during term time, please address a letter to the Principal advising of this. If your child is sick, this is understandable and unavoidable and we appreciate you keeping them home to recuperate without spreading sickness to others.

Hats

Please ensure all students have the correct school hats with their names on them.

Ms Harrison
Deputy Principal Yr 3-6

Early Years

I am very excited to be coordinating the K-2 Early Years programs again this year, assisted by Miss Erin Sansalone our Early Years Leader. Together with the K-2 team, we are planning some very exciting learning experiences and events for our K-2 students throughout the year and we hope you will get involved and enjoy the fun.

Nature Play Committee

This year we would like to focus on improving the Kindergarten outdoor environment. We are looking for some wonderful parent volunteers to get involved in planning an upgrade of the area. We would like three to four parents who would be interested in joining us in fortnightly Nature Play Committee meetings before or after school to develop a forward-thinking plan and to oversee works. We will begin with very small projects such as weeding, cleaning and sorting out the shed and repainting the bike path and then we can see where our imaginations lead us. I'd also like some input from students as to what they would like to see in the area. Please let me (or your child's teacher) know if you would be interested in helping out and your availability to attend meetings.

Great Start to Kindergarten

All children have settled in extremely well and are quickly learning transitions and routines, as well as developing self-confidence and making new friends. The Kindergarten year is such an exciting time of growth - socially, emotionally, physically and intellectually. We are very excited to welcome Mrs Stanforth as our Wednesday teacher for both Kindy Yellow and Blue groups. Mrs Stanforth is a very experienced early years teacher.

Mrs Hanson
Deputy Principal K-2

LIBRARY BLURB

Welcome back to the Creaney community, I hope you enjoyed a restful break. As it is the start of a new year, I am looking for some parent help in the library covering and shelving books. Commencing Friday's at 8:40am-9:30am (excluding assembly days). Please leave your name and contact phone number on the sheet provided outside the library and a roster will then be drawn up and placed on the noticeboard outside the library.

Mrs Sutton
Librarian

MUSIC NEWS

Welcome back to another wonderful year at Creaney – I can't wait to see what marvellous things happen in our Music program this year.

- CHOIR will be starting in Week 3. Rehearsals will run on a Tuesday morning from 8:00am. All students in Years 4-6 are welcome – there will be no audition process. A choir is a terrific way of joining with our friends, singing in harmony, and having a great deal of fun in the process. The choir will also be used to represent Creaney PS with performances in the wider community. After a few trial weeks, I will be asking interested students to make the commitment of attending every rehearsal for the year. This will ensure we can participate in events such as One Big Voice, which was a huge success for Creaney in 2017.
- Instrumental lessons will commence in Week 2. For our beginning students, this will be a chance to meet with your teacher and organise instruments. For our continuing Year 6 students, you will be straight back into routine and learning songs from the first lesson. We welcome back our tutors Mrs Muller (Flute), Mr Mullane (Trumpet/Trombone) and we welcome Mr Benfall (Clarinet) to Creaney this year.
- All invoices for the Instrumental Program have now been posted home - Just a reminder to families/students new to the program this year, that **instruments will not be sent home until the invoice for the program is paid in full.**

Please remember to direct any queries in regards to the Music and/or Instrumental Program to myself, either via email laura.barker@education.wa.edu.au or by sending a message directly to me on Class Dojo.

Mrs Barker
Music Teacher

NIHONGO NEWS

I am so excited to share my other teaching passion with the students of Creaney this year – Japanese! Year 3 students will learn Japanese on a weekly basis – in our first lesson we learnt how to write our names in Katakana characters, how to introduce ourselves to others, and all about the Setsubun Festival celebrated on February 3rd.

We are also privileged enough to welcome Ms Horiuchi as our Japanese Language Assistant. Ms Horiuchi arrived from Japan earlier this year and will be an absolute wealth of knowledge about Japan and its culture, as well as an invaluable asset when developing our listening and speaking skills.

Each week at Muster, I will be introducing the whole school to a new Japanese phrase, with the challenge for both students and teachers, to use it throughout the week. I encourage students to teach their families these phrases, with the correct meaning and pronunciation. Our first phrases are:

- HAI – meaning “yes”
- IIE – meaning “no”



Barker Sensei (Mrs Barker)
Languages Teacher

SPORTS SPLASH

We are actively seeking volunteers to assist with our Lightning Carnival training for our Year 5 and 6 Netball, AFL, Soccer, and Mod-Crosse teams. Our training sessions will commence every Friday at 1:40pm-2:50pm, starting Term 1 Week 7. These times will continue into Term 2 Week 7, where you will be invited to join the whole day Lightning Carnival event, competing against other schools on 15 May 2018. We are relying on community help, so if you are available for these timeslots to help with training and coaching, please contact Miss Longman via Class Dojo.

Miss Longman
Phys Ed Teacher

CHAPLAIN'S CHAT

Welcome back to school for 2018, and to all our new students, welcome to Creaney.

It doesn't take long for the busyness and stress of daily routines to pick up, so here are 10 tips I found about how to manage stress:

- **Manage your time:** focus on today, and create a flexible schedule for each day. Say aloud each day what you can be grateful for.
- **Prepare for the day:** take 10 minutes each evening to prepare for the next day. Prepare your meals, clothing, arrange catch-ups with positive people.
- **Enjoy the little things:** Slow down, and be in the moment. Enjoy each moment.
- **Move often:** Regular exercise is known to reduce stress. Even a 10 minute walk can be enough.
- **Laugh often:** Laughing releases endorphins which has many benefits for physical and mental health.
- **Enjoy nature and creativity:** Being outdoors is a natural anti-depressant, and take time to enjoy music/art/dance
- **Breathe deeply:** Take 5 minutes to breathe slowly when you feel stress coming on.
- **Meditate daily:** Meditation doesn't have to be what we often picture it to be. It can mean taking time to be silent and still: it could be prayer, mindfulness, listening to gentle music, taking a bath, or even sitting under a tree and listening to nature.
- **Keep a journal:** reflect on your week, including the positives, achievements and what you're grateful for.
- **Sleep well!** If you miss anything else out, don't miss this one!

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Tim Mullen
Chaplain



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P&C NEWS

Welcome to the school year! I hope you all had a wonderful and relaxing school holiday. We, of course, would love to welcome our new Principal, Ms Monamy, to the Creaney family! I know I am excited for the energy and enthusiasm that Ms Monamy brings to the role.

With the return to school, please remember to observe the 40km/h speed limit when driving through the school zones. Unless you have an ACROD parking permit, please do not enter the staff carpark to drop off/pick up your children. The safety of all our children at Creaney Primary is paramount.

Please remember that there is our P&C AGM on Tuesday 13 February 2018, at 7:30pm in the school conference room (opp reception door). In the AGM we will discuss our performance in 2017 and our strategy for 2018. We want your ideas and your enthusiasm! Remember – the P&C events and people are fundamental to the creation of the community we all want at Creaney. You can create that vision into a reality!

Finally, I would like to pass on our sincerest condolences to the family of Murray, our school's beloved gardener, who passed away peacefully earlier this year. He will be remembered as the most wonderful and loving man that gave our kids a big smile whenever they passed and was always a true gentleman.

As a way to honour Murray and the love we all had for him, we would like to ask our families for a gold coin donation toward a remembrance plaque within one of the school gardens. Please place your donation into a marked envelope into the P&C drop-box (outside the school office) and we will endeavour to create a lasting memory of such a wonderful man.

Rest in Peace, Murray.

I look forward to seeing you at the 2018 P&C AGM next week and hope that you all have an awesome and safe 2018!

Pamela Jones
P&C President

CRICKET - YEAR 7 ENROLMENT FOR 2019 SCHOOL YEAR

CHOOSE CRICKET AS A FULL TIME SUBJECT

CRICKET SKILLS TESTING DAY – FRIDAY 6 APRIL 2018

(Applications close Wednesday 4 April 2018)

Send in an application to one of these specialised Cricket Senior High Schools



Belridge
Secondary College



John Forrest
Secondary College



Kent Street
Senior High School

Background

Students from metropolitan and country areas enrol full time in a comprehensive cricket program from Years 7-12. There are four Department of Education and WACA approved schools in the metropolitan area enrolling Year 7 cricketers next year.

Country Students Accommodation

Kent Street Senior High School students can apply for accommodation on site at The Rotary Residential College Tel: 9470 4177.

Course Description

Lower School

At all schools the four hour per week course covers:

- Development of batting, bowling, fielding and mental skills
- History of cricket
- Fitness training
- Match strategies
- Training camps
- Umpiring
- Captaincy
- Scoring
- Modified games/indoor cricket
- Interschool matches
- Interstate and international tours

Upper School

All schools offer Upper School University and TAFE bound courses to meet student needs. This includes the Physical Education Studies Course of Study and Certificate III in Sport.

Parents should contact their school of choice and submit their application forms and materials (please send in copies of any documents/certificates not originals).

Parents and students will be notified whether or not they have been selected into the program shortly following the trial date.

Approved Specialist Program in
CRICKET
Cricket Skills Testing Day

Parents with children in Year 6 are invited to apply for our 2019 Approved Specialist Program in Cricket.

Closing date for applications:
Wednesday 4 April 2018

Testing venue: WACA
Friday 6 April 2018 9.30am

CHOOSE CRICKET AS A FULL-TIME SUBJECT

For more information or to request an application form and trial pack email Scott Ogilvie (Cricket Coordinator) at: scott.ogilvie@education.wa.edu.au

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WK 1 January/ February	29 School Development Day	30 School Development Day	31 Students Commence Kindy Yellow	1 Kindy Blue	2 Kindy Blue
WK 2	5 Kindy Yellow	6 Kindy Yellow	7 Parent Info Session Kindy Blue	8 Parent Info Session Kindy Blue	9 Kindy Blue
WK 3	12 Kindy Yellow	13 P&C AGM Meeting Kindy Yellow	14 Kindy Yellow	15 Kindy Blue	16 Kindy Blue
WK 4	19 School Board Meeting Kindy Yellow	20 Kindy Yellow	21 Kindy Blue	22 Kindy Blue	23 Assembly C5 Kindy Blue
WK 5 March	26 Kindy Yellow	27 School Photos Kindy Yellow – Year 6/Sibling Photos Kindy Yellow	28 Kindy Yellow	1 School Photos Kindy Blue/Sibling Photos Kindy Blue	2 PP/Year 1 Dr Seuss Day Kindy Blue
WK 6	5 Labour Day	6 Kindy Yellow	7 Kindy Blue	8 Kindy Blue	9 Assembly B2 Kindy Blue
WK 7	12 Kindy Yellow	13 Kindy Yellow	14 P&C Meeting Kindy Yellow	15 Kindy Blue	16 Kindy Blue
WK 8	19 School Board Meeting Kindy Yellow	20 Kindy Yellow	21 Harmony Day Kindy Blue	22 Kindy Blue	23 Assembly A2 Market Night on 24/03 Kindy Blue
WK 9	26 Kindy Yellow	27 Kindy Yellow	28 Kindy Yellow	29 Kindy Blue	30 Good Friday
WK 10 April	2 Easter Monday	3 Easter Tuesday	4 Kindy Blue	5 Kindy Blue	6 Kindy Blue
WK 11	9 Kindy Yellow	10 Kindy Yellow	11 Kindy Yellow	12 Kindy Blue	13 Anzac Assembly A1 Last Day for Students Kindy Blue