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CREANEY CHRONICLE



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PRINCIPAL'S PEN

Dear parents/guardians

Thank you all for assisting us to have such a wonderful start to the school year. Our students have taken no time at all to settle into the school year and begin their learning.

WELCOME

I would like to welcome our new students and their families into the school; I am sure you have already managed to meet some new friends.

We have also had some new staff join us this year. Mrs Marcela Roberts is teaching in one of our Year 2 classrooms. Mrs Roberts has many years of teaching experience in the country and city and is already enjoying being at Creaney PS. Mrs Roberts is teaching full-time for Term 1 and then will share her class with Mrs Stocks who is on Long Service Leave this term and then returns to Creaney to teach part-time.

We also welcome Ms Leanne O'Gorman to Creaney PS. Ms O'Gorman is teaching in one of our Pre-primary classes. An experienced early childhood teacher, Ms O'Gorman is spending lots of time getting to know her students in E1.

Mrs Kiki McCormack has joined our team as our Music specialist teacher. We are so lucky to have Mrs McCormack at Creaney PS as she is one of the coordinators and founders of the One Big Voice program. Mrs McCormack is looking forward to beginning choir with our Year 4-6 students and has planned some exciting experiences for our students.

We will welcome Mr Dan Ryan as our Year 2/3 teacher replacing Mrs Batskos when she goes off on maternity leave. Many of you will already know Mr Ryan as he has done a lot of contract work at Creaney in the past. The students were very excited to hear that he will be teaching here for the remainder of the year.

We have also welcomed back Miss Longman who has been teaching in the far North of our state at La Grange Remote Community School. Miss Longman is teaching our Pre-primary and Year 1 students in a variety of subject areas.

Our staff and teaching positions are listed on the following page.

NEW WEBSITE

Ms Leo worked very hard on our new website over the school holidays to have it looking good for the beginning of the year. We have updated much of the information to ensure it is current and relevant to parents, both existing and new. Please have a look at creaneyps.wa.edu.au and give us some feedback if you consider something is missing.





COVID UPDATE

Things can change rapidly at school in relation to the management of COVID mandates, rules, regulations and practices. I will include a regular section into our school newsletters to provide the most up to date information at the time. Please refer to Seesaw for more immediate information.

SCHOOL BOARD

We are seeking up to 3 new School Board members. Should you wish to put your name forward to be on the School Board, please email me at Rachel.Monamy@education.wa.edu.au.

EDUDANCE

Our students have begun their EduDance lessons with great excitement. It is wonderful to see them all enjoying lessons so much. If you have not yet paid the fees for EduDance, please do so through the Qkr app. The cost for lessons is \$32/child for nine lessons. This works out at \$3.50 per lesson. The EduDance concerts will be held at the end of this term during Week 9 on Thursday 31 March; we will keep an eye on COVID information and communicate the times/format closer to this date.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Our school photos will be taken next week on Monday 14 and Wednesday 16 February. Sibling photos will be done on both days. Please refer to Ms Leo's announcement for more information.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

Apologies to parents regarding the cancellation of our parent information sessions and thank you for your understanding. Teachers will send out information via Seesaw to address the subjects they were going to talk about during the meetings. We will also be sending home an information booklet with the youngest child in each family, which were to be handed out during meetings.

If you have any questions regarding the teaching/learning program or operations of the classroom, please speak with your child's classroom teacher.

PARKING

Thank you to those of you who utilise the Kiss & Drive section of our parking; this has been operating very well since the beginning of the year. We aim to have someone supervising this section of the school each afternoon. Please see our school website for more information on using Kiss & Drive.

Rachel Monamy
Principal

Triple P—Positive Parenting Program

The three P's in 'Triple P' stand for Positive Parenting Program. You can even do Triple P online and at home. Follow the link for more information.

<https://www.healthdirect.gov.au/partners/triple-p-positive-parenting-program>

COVID UPDATE

(Please note that this information is relevant at the time of publication and is liable to change)

Creaney Primary School has no known positive cases of COVID-19 in the school at the time of publishing this newsletter.

VISITORS ON THE SCHOOL SITE

Visitors to the school site are required to wear a mask. All visitors should report as normal to the school's front office. Contractors and people working with students on a regular basis will need to sign in using our Passtab system and present their proof of vaccination at the time. Parents do not need to show proof of vaccination to pick up and drop off children.

Parents are required to wear a mask when entering the school grounds and socially distance from others.

LIMITING LARGE GATHERINGS

At the direction of the Chief Health Officer, schools have been advised to limit the number of people gathering in an area of the school. As such, our parent information sessions scheduled for this week have been cancelled. Teachers will communicate the information they were going to provide to you via Seesaw and a hard copy of the information teachers were going to give out at the meeting will be sent home with one child from each family.

At this stage, our first large event, our Student Council assembly, will not go ahead until we can seek further clarification around these sorts of gatherings. It may be that we are able to have our students meet in smaller groups or cohorts but it is unlikely that parents will be invited in the short term.

MASK REQUIREMENTS

Parents continue to be allowed onto school grounds to pick up and drop off their child/ren. Please wear a mask when doing so.

Parents are no longer permitted in classrooms unless a one-on-one parent meeting is taking place after hours. Teachers have been requested to hold phone or online interviews instead.

Unfortunately, parent helpers and volunteers in classrooms will not be permitted.

WHAT HAPPENS IF THERE IS A POSITIVE CASE OF COVID-19

The Department of Education, at the direction of the Chief Health Officer may close the school, a classroom or a cluster of rooms if there is a recorded positive case of COVID-19. Depending on the circumstances, the school may be closed for 7 days whilst contact tracing and isolation occurs.

The Chief Health Officer is the only person who can instruct a school to close and each case will be taken on its merits. The aim of the Department of Education is for schools to remain open to as many students as possible.

HOW WILL MY CHILD LEARN

Our school has a plan should we need to go into a 'learning from home' situation. The main tool of communication for Creaney PS is Seesaw. This platform enables us to communicate with families should we need to keep you updated. A program of work will be provided for your child should we go into a 'lockdown' situation.

Information on preparing for home learning (for parents) is available on our school website.

WHAT IF I WANT TO KEEP MY CHILD OFF SCHOOL BECAUSE I AM CONCERNED?

Teachers are not required to provide work for students in two modes e.g. teach the classroom program for students who are at school and provide work for students at home.

If your child is unwell, they are not expected to complete school work, they should rest and recover. If you are keeping siblings home as a precaution, a work package may be provided for your child. This may not be identical to what is being provided in the classroom.

You can visit the Department of Education's Connected Learning Hub should you wish to provide work for your child.

Please keep your child home if they are unwell.

CLEANING

Our school has extra cleaners employed each day to ensure high-touch surfaces such as desks, drink fountains, toilets and door-knobs are cleaned and sanitised. Should a positive case of COVID-19 be recorded in the school, a 'deep clean' will occur whilst the school is in isolation.

We have hand sanitiser available in every classroom. Students are reminded regularly to wash their hands and sanitise.



STAFFING

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| Principal | Ms Rachel Monamy |
| Deputy Principal | Mrs Emily Palmer |
| Manager Corporate Services | Ms Debra Rhodes |
| School Officer/Enrolment Officer | Ms Lisa Leo |
| School Officer Tues/Wed | Ms Tracy Clarke |
| TEACHERS | |
| Kindergarten Yellow | Mrs Sam McCulloch |
| Kindergarten Blue | Miss Eliza Ackland |
| E1 PP | Mrs Leanne O'Gorman |
| E2 PP | Mrs Kate Burley |
| A3 Year 1 | Miss Tonny Dielesen |
| A4 Year 1 | Mrs Emma Graffin/Mrs Simone Cotterell |
| A1 Year 2 | Miss Georgia Allen |
| A2 Year 2 | Mrs Marcela Roberts |
| B6 Year 2/3 | Mrs Dearn Batskos/Mr Dan Ryan |
| B7 Year 3 | Mr Nathan Spilcker |
| B5 Year 3/4 | Mrs Fiona Clarke |
| B4 Year 4 | Mrs Belinda Russell |
| B3 Year 5 | Mrs Pam Anderson |
| B2 Year 5/6 | Mr Chris Dowding |
| B1 Year 6 | Mrs Tammy Douce |
| DOTT | Miss Tasha Longman |
| SPECIALIST TEACHERS | |
| Music | Ms Kiki McCormack |
| Japanese Year 2-6 | Mrs Amanda Delphin |
| Art | Ms Pam Bartlett |
| Physical Education/Health | Mr Rob Luck |
| SCHOOL SUPPORT STAFF | |
| School Psychologist | Mrs Kristy Mollett |
| Chaplain | Ms Deborah Jones |
| Library Assistant | Mrs Tracey Sutton |
| Special Needs Education Assistant | Mrs Donnelle Huntley |
| Special Needs Education Assistant | Mrs Tina Cochrane |
| Special Needs Education Assistant | Ms Donna Peters |
| Special Needs Education Assistant | Mrs Jill Maher |
| Special Needs Education Assistant | Mrs Jessica Driscoll |
| Special Needs Education Assistant | Ms Caroline Boldra |
| Special Needs Education Assistant | Ms Tess Mak |
| Special Needs Education Assistant | Ms Ella Fraser |
| Education Assistant/Special Needs Education Assistant | Mrs Megan Harwood |
| Education Assistant/Special Needs Education Assistant | Mrs Judy McDermott |
| Education Assistant/Special Needs Education Assistant | Mrs Kristie Sayers |
| Education Assistant | Mrs Jackie Goldberg |
| Education Assistant | Mrs Danielle Gregory |
| Education Assistant | Mrs Marla Dunjey |
| Gardener | Mr Peter Sillem |
| Head Cleaner | Mrs Dianne De Biasi |

QKR

For our new students to Creaney Primary School, the QKR app allows you to pay school fees, incursions and excursions and sign consent forms.

- When you pay for any school incursions or excursions, you can also sign for the parent consent at the same time, alleviating all paperwork, which saves time and finding scrunched up notes in the bottom of school bags.
- It also reduces the need for your child to bring cash to school as we have become a cashless school.
- Qkr is a secure and fast way to pay for these items. You are able to use any credit/debit card.

Please download the app and register your child/ren as any new excursions/incursions/voluntary contributions will be consented and paid through the app.

If you have any queries, please contact 9408 2900.



SCHOOL INFORMATION

CREANEY PHOTOGRAPHY DAYS

Midland Photographers are open for pre-ordering your school photos NOW.

On behalf of Midland Photographers, we would like to say hello and introduce ourselves. Business owner Tom Mucciarone has been photographing for over forty years, he is a standout character who is well known across the eastern areas of Perth for his work with schools, sporting clubs and weddings. Alongside Tom we have Trish Ruck who captures amazing individuals and sibling photos, for over thirty years.

- * Monday 14 February, 2022 – main photography day – Kindy Yellow to Year 6. (Please note sibling photos will be photographed in the library from 7.45am-8.30am ONLY before the commencement of school).

Siblings who will be photographed - siblings who contain a Kindy Yellow child, or your Surname begins from A-K. All other sibling photos will be photographed Wednesday.

- * Wednesday 16 February, 2022 – Kindy Blue and any students that were absent on Monday. (Please note sibling photos will be photographed in the library from 7.45am-8.30am ONLY before the commencement of school).

Siblings who will be photographed - siblings who contain a Kindy Blue child, or your Surname begins from L-Z.

* PLEASE NOTE:

Sibling photos are only available for online pre-ordering before Thursday 10 February 2022. If you miss this cut off date you are still welcome to place an order over the phone (9274 4767) or email: enquiries@midlandphotos.com.au.

Please follow the link to place your order - <https://orders.midlandphotos.com.au/> or use the QR code attached.

If you have any questions, please contact Midland Photographers (9274 4767).

QR CODE



The Information Booklet for 2022 is now available on our website. It is an essential resource for information and how our school operates. Please follow the link to download.

<https://www.creaneyps.wa.edu.au/parent-handbook>

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*A big 'thank you' to our school community from the Salvation Army
for the generous donations for the Christmas appeal 2021*



| | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|-----------------|---|---------|--|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| WK 1 Jan/Feb | 31 Students commence | 1 | 2 Edu-Dance P-6 Kindy Blue | 3 Edu-Dance P-6 | 4 |
| WK 2 | 7 Edu-Dance P-6 | 8 | 9 Kindy Yellow | 10 Edu-Dance P-6 | 11 |
| WK 3 | 14 Edu-Dance P-6 School Photos KY-Year6 Sibling A-K | 15 | 16 School Photos Kindy Blue Sibling L-Z Kindy Blue | 17 Edu-Dance P-6 | 18 |
| WK 4 | 21 Edu-Dance P-6 | 22 | 23 Kindy Yellow | 24 Edu-Dance P-6 | 25 Assembly - Councillors |
| WK 5 Mar | 28 Edu-Dance P-6 | 1 | 2 Kindy Blue | 3 Edu-Dance P-6 | 4 |
| WK 6 | 7 Labour Day Public Holiday | 8 | 9 Kindy Yellow | 10 Edu-Dance P-6 | 11 Assembly – B1 |
| WK 7 | 14 Edu-Dance P-6 | 15 | 16 Kindy Blue | 17 Edu-Dance P-6 | 18 Dads Camp-out |
| WK 8 | 21 Edu-Dance P-6 | 22 | 23 Kindy Yellow | 24 Edu-Dance P-6 | 25 Assembly – B2 |
| WK 9 Mar/Apr | 28 | 29 | 30 Kindy Blue | 31 Edu-Dance P-6 | 1 Edu-Dance Concert |
| WK 10 Apr | 4 | 5 | 6 Kindy Yellow | 7 Students last day | 8 School Development Day |