DEAR PARENTS/CARERS:

Faction Athletics Carnival
The students and teachers have spent many hours this term preparing for our Faction Athletics Carnival on Friday. They are ready to go. We would love to see as many parents as possible there to support and encourage each child to do their best. Once again we have a small, but mighty band of P&C helpers who will be providing sustenance on the day and we are grateful for all their work supporting the school. We would also really appreciate some help packing things away after the carnival.

Nature Play
One of the great joys of childhood is free, unstructured play where a child’s imagination can take over and opportunities for social, physical, emotional and language development abound.

At Craigie Heights we have been planning many new ways to allow robust play in the outdoors and the response from students has been fantastic. Below you can see Shayla’s magical birthday cake, Peter-Ray’s firing mechanism and various faces—all made from a branch that fell in a storm. We could use lots more of these natural blocks.

We also have created a Makerspace behind the Dental Clinic where a range of shelters have been built by students today. The problem solving and cooperation that goes into these activities is a delight to see.

If you have any offcuts of PVC pipe and joiners, plastic crates, lightweight poles, shade cloth pieces, boxes or wooden pallets we could use to provide more of these building opportunities for students, they would be greatly appreciated.

Jen Graffin—Principal

SCHOOL VISION:
To inspire every student to achieve their personal best through learning, living and playing in harmony.

Affirmation: Quiet thoughts mend the body. Chinese Proverb

Newsletter Term 3
Wednesday 31st August 2016
Upcoming Events:

Wed 31st August
2.45pm School Board Meeting

Wed 31st August
Faction Jumps & Throws

Friday 2nd Sept
Faction Athletics Carnival

Thursday 8th Sept
Assembly Room 1

Thursday 8th Sept
1.30pm
Kindy Faction Carnival

Tuesday 13th Sept
Interschools Jumps and Throws

Thursday 15th Sept
Shoeboxes due back

Friday 16th Sept
Interschools Athletics Carnival

Thursday 22nd Sept
Assembly Room 6

Friday 23rd Sept
Last Day of Term 3

% of Voluntary Contributions Paid 54.4%

School banking is held every Monday outside Learning Block 1 between the times of 8.15am and 8.45am.

Ph: 9401 7711 - Fax 9401 7944
SMS Absentee - 0417 995 416
Email: Craigieheights.ps@education.wa.edu.au

Craigie Heights Dental Clinic
Tel: 9401 3731
IN-TERM SWIMMING PP—YEAR 4

Pupils from Pre-primary to Year 4 will take part in swimming lessons during the first two weeks of Term 4.

Please return the permission and medical slips along with payment to the School Office by **Monday 12th September 2016**. If you require replacement forms, these are available in the School Office. The total price for participation is $46.00.

Many thanks for your co-operation.

LIFE ED VAN PAYMENTS

Could we please ask parents who have not yet paid for the Life Ed Incursion that took place last week to please settle your account with the School Office as soon as possible. Many thanks.

SCHOOL PAYMENTS

Payment of Contributions or Incursions / Excursions can be made via internet banking, by cheque, cash or Eftpos. Please finalise payments at the front office between 8.00am and 3.30pm.

Thank you to those parents that have already made payment.

**Payee: Craigie Heights Primary School**  
**BSB: 066 040 Account: 1990 2511**  
**Reference: Child's Name/s and Year or Room #**  
**Description: School Contributions / Incursion or Excursion Name**

A receipt will only be issued for payments over $50 unless requested. If required, you can contact the Manager Corporate Services at :Craigieheights.PS@education.wa.edu.au

CURRICULUM

We teach a number of mental maths strategies and chunking is a great way to add and subtract mentally. Try these strategies with your children at home.

Amanda Robinson—Deputy Principal

![Image of chunking strategies for addition and subtraction](image-url)
BOOK PARADE:

Book Parade Prize Winners:

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BOOK FAIR:

The Book Fair was a great success once again. I would like to thank all the parents that spared some time to come and help out and to the families for making purchases. Commission from the sale of over $6100 worth of books, means over $722 worth of new books for our library. In addition we have $1737 worth of scholastic reward points that will allow us to increase our resources for the school. The plan is to purchase resources for English and the Humanities and Social Sciences learning area.

Amanda Robinson – Deputy Principal
This year the school participated in two cross country events. On the 18th of August we had our interschool cross country located at Heathridge Park and the top runners in Years 3-6 ran, all doing distances suited to their age group. Everyone tried their hardest and Year 3 boys and Year 4 boys got a champion pennant. Overall, we came 3rd and we hope to do better at the Interschool Athletics Carnival!

Thank you to all the parents who came along and helped out with this joyful occasion. We hope students had fun running for our school.

Written by Josie and Delilah—Year 6
It was great to see one of our former Year 6 students call into school for a visit last week. Brandon who now attends Duncraig High School and is part of their Triathlon Program, recently won a silver medal at the National Athletics competition in the Under 14s Cross Country. Brandon has been training very hard and we congratulate him on his achievement!

Amanda Robinson—Deputy Principal

It’s shoebox time! Craigie Heights’ staff, students, parents and friends are invited to participate in packing a shoebox for needy children overseas again this year. OCC brochures have been distributed to the note takers today. This is a voluntary but extremely worthwhile project. You may want to complete a box as a family, join together with some friends or contribute items to a class box. Free empty OCC shoeboxes are available from Mrs Taylor in Room 5. You may also cover your own shoebox (keep the lid separate) with wrapping paper but it should be no larger than an A4 sheet of paper.

Shoeboxes must contain something to love, wear, play with, personal hygiene, something for school and something special. Please read the information sheet for details. No second hand items are allowed. Sample boxes will be on display in the Early Learning wet area on Parents’ Night. Postage is $9 and is a necessity in order for the shoebox to reach its destination in time for Christmas. Boxes are due back at school by Thursday 15th September.

Have fun! Please see Mrs Taylor if you have any questions.

Today I googled Talking to kids about their day at school and 423,000,000 sites came up! Here are a few tips which I thought were helpful.

**Conversation starters**

- Give your child your full attention. Put aside whatever you’re doing and look at her/him when they talk to you.
- Take seriously whatever your child tells you. For example, you can say things like, ‘That’s really interesting. Then what happened?’ or ‘And how do you feel about that?’ Asking questions indicates you are really interested and listening.
- When you talk about the school and teachers with or in front of your child, use respectful language. For example, ‘I can see that’s frustrating, but Mrs Adams is your teacher and you need to speak respectfully to her’, or ‘Yes that seems unfair, but perhaps you don’t know the whole story’.
- Use informal moments to talk with your child about his day at school – for example, car trips, walking together, cooking or watching TV together.
- Use active listening techniques. These can help you pick up on your child’s feelings and work out whether she wants to talk.

In the next newsletter I will include some different questions to ask. Ones that will, hopefully, begin a conversation and give you a few insights into how your kids think and feel about their time at school.

*Jenny Palandri*

P&C Meetings
Thank you to those that were able to attend our P&C meeting this week. Our next meeting is due to be held on Monday, 17 October 2016 (week two of term four).

Fathers Day Stall
Many thanks for the support of our Fathers Day Stall – the volunteers, our teachers and all the students that came and purchased something special. We hope that you enjoy the gifts that our students have selected especially for you! We still have some special gifts available, and will have a table set up on Thursday morning before school.

Faction Sports Carnival – Friday, 2 September
Sausage Sizzle
Forms for the sausage sizzle were due to be placed in the front office drop box by Wednesday morning. All orders will be delivered to the faction bays at the Carnival at lunch time. Sausage sizzles can also be purchased from the P&C Stall on the day.

P&C Stall
The P&C will be holding a stall from 11am until after lunch selling hot dogs, drinks and cakes for our supporters. Forms asking for volunteers were sent home last week, and we would appreciate if you have a half hour to spare, that you could come and help. We will also need a large number of volunteers to help make the hot dogs for the students and will put a call out on the day when this is required.
A coffee van will be on site, and will be available all day of the carnival.

Cake Donations
We would love any cake donations you may be able to provide for our stall. Please bring them to Room 16 (Kindy) in the morning of the Carnival.

Lapathon Prizes
The balance of Lapathon prizes were all sent home this week – we hope you enjoy the rewards for your hard efforts!

Canteen Changes
Changes have been made to our Canteen menu this term, and we are looking to introduce some new lunch items in Term 4. More news to come soon …….

Congratulations
We would like to congratulate our P&C Secretary Melissa, her husband Gavin and new big sister Emily on the birth of your gorgeous son last week.
COMMUNITY NEWS:

Toddler Jam in Craigie!

Craigie Baptist Church recently launched a Toddler Jam program from 9.30am to 11am. Toddler Jam is an inclusive, entertaining, interactive and engaging musical experience for toddlers and young children. Looking to introduce your children to music or simply looking for a community group to join with your Toddler or pre-kindergarten child? Why not check it out!

**When:** Mondays during school term (starting August 1st) from 9.30am to 11am.

**Where:** Craigie Baptist Church

**Cost:** $7.50 for 1 child or $10 for 2 or more. Health Care Card discount available. You don’t pay for a second child until they reach one year of age.

For more information or contact details visit our website Toddler Jam page: [http://craigiebaptist.weebly.com/toddler-jam.html](http://craigiebaptist.weebly.com/toddler-jam.html) or call James on 0417 091 722

FREE, FUN KIDS PROGRAM

Join your next FREE local program at Craigie Leisure Centre!

**DO YOU HAVE KIDS 7-13 YEARS OLD? ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT THEIR WEIGHT?**

The Better Health Program is a fun, interactive 10 week healthy lifestyle program for families. In a supportive and friendly environment, children become fitter, healthier and happier.

**PLACES ARE LIMITED! FIND OUT MORE OR REGISTER NOW FOR TERM 4:**

- **Call us:** 1300 822 953
- **Text us:** 0409 745 645
- **Online:** [www.betterhealthprogram.org](http://www.betterhealthprogram.org)

**Starts:** 10th October 2016

**Days:** Monday & Wednesday

**Time:** 4.00pm – 6.00pm
We can build it

HOLIDAY FUN

WA Craigie Heights Primary School
47 Spinsway Street Craigie WA 6025
0424 596 016 (07:00-18:00)

Monday, 26 September
No Program

Tuesday, 27 September
Amazing Architecture
A journey of marvelous building and discovery awaits. Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed program.

Wednesday, 28 September
Construct a Feast
Building Healthy Habits - We'll be building it up with a measuring cup! Creating loads of tasty treats. And we'll get to take home our own cooking apron.

Thursday, 29 September
Science Squad
The USS (Ultimate Science Squad) is here! Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed program.

Friday, 30 September
Character Building
Performing Puppets - Design and create your own hand puppets and then bring them to life in a breakout performance.

Monday, 03 October
Dream Team
Today we're dreaming BIG and it will be a HUGE delight! Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed program.

Tuesday, 04 October
Design, Build & Play!
Design and Build a Foosball Box Stadium and get a take home key ring and (soft) hard hat. Challengers ready?

Wednesday, 05 October
Assembling Artwork
Artwork has been constructed in amazing ways throughout the Ages. Today we're the curator of what goes into 'The Gallery'. Speak to the onsite Coordinator.

Thursday, 06 October
My Pet Project
At the movies: The Secret Life of Pets (PG). A terrier named Max's quiet life is upended when his owner takes in Duke, a stray, who Max instantly dislikes. Please arrive by 8:45am.

Friday, 07 October
Block Party
Build and take home your own Lego compatible kit - Airt no party like a farm themed building block party!


Daily Requirements: Children must bring their own lunch and refreshments (no nut products please), wet weather gear, art smock, and suitable clothing for active and sunsmart day.