



# SCHOOL TALK

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL, FLAGSTONE CREEK STATE SCHOOL

Website [www.flagcress.eq.edu.au](http://www.flagcress.eq.edu.au)

Monday, 23 November, 2009

## Reporting to Parents



In line with Education Queensland policy, Parent/Teacher Interviews are offered twice each year. Report Cards for Semester 2, 2009, will be sent home with all students on Friday, 4 December. Parent/Teacher Interviews will then be held on Monday, 7 December. Parents wishing to meet with their child's teacher need to complete the attached form and return it to the school office by Wednesday, 2 December. Please phone to arrange another day if 7 December does not suit.

## Caffey Swimming Carnival

The Caffey Small Schools Swimming Carnival for students aged 9 – 13 years will be held at the Gatton Pool this Thursday, 26 November. Children need to be at the pool by 8.45 am. If you have not returned the *Permission Form*, please return it tomorrow. A Program is attached

## 2010 Book List / Bulk Order Packs



The *Book List* and *Bulk Order Packs* form for 2010 were attached to the Newsletter last week. If you still have the *Drought Assistance Funds* credit, please tick the box on the form and forward any outstanding balance. Please return the *Bulk Order*

*Packs* form as soon as possible.

Both forms are also available on the school website under the Documents → Other Documents tabs

## Orientation Days

Two Orientation Days have been planned for students who will begin at Flagstone Creek State School in 2010.

Wednesday, 25 November, 12.00noon to 3.00pm

Wednesday, 2 December, 9.00am to 12.30pm

## Break-Up BBQ & Concert



Please invite family and friends to attend our *Break-Up BBQ and Concert* in the school grounds on Wednesday, 9 December. The BBQ runs from 6.00pm to 7.00pm with the concert following at 7.30pm. You will need to bring a folding chair or rug. Please complete the details on the attached form and return it by Wednesday, 2 December, to assist the P. & C. with catering arrangements.

The BBQ and Concert will move to Stockyard Hall if the weather is inclement.

## Tallebudgera Camp

The Tallebudgera Camp begins next Monday, 30 November. We wish the Year 6 and 7 students attending a happy and safe time.

## Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser

The P. & C. is now able to go ahead with the *Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser* on Sunday 6 December, as the required number of 'offers to help' have been received. All helpers will go into a draw for a \$25.00 gift voucher from Hannas.

## Year 7 Dinner Fundraising

To help raise funds for the 2009 Year 7 Dinner, the students have decided to arrange two activities. The first is a *Bake Sale* which will be held at morning tea tomorrow, Tuesday, 24 November. Prices will range from 50c to \$1.00 per item. Cakes and slices will be on sale.

The second activity will be *Guess the number of jelly beans in the jar*. It will cost 50c per guess and the person who is closest to the correct number will win the jar of jelly beans. Children will be able to guess any day this week and the winner will be announced this Friday, 27 November.

## Return of Library Books

All Library Books need to be returned by this Friday, 27 November, to allow a stocktake to be completed before the end of the school year.



## Maintenance Work Begins

Work under the Federal Government's *National School Pride* program begins this week. The work includes:

- Internal and external painting of Block A
- Recarpeting Block B
- Internal painting of Block C (Library)
- Replacement of some furniture in Block C
- Internal painting of Block D



## Cyber Bullying

Parents are increasingly concerned about the effects of cyber bullying on children. Cyber bullying can occur through emails, internet chat rooms, via instant message or mobile phone text messages.

It is important that parents talk to their children about the dangers of cyber bullying, however it is difficult to know where to start.

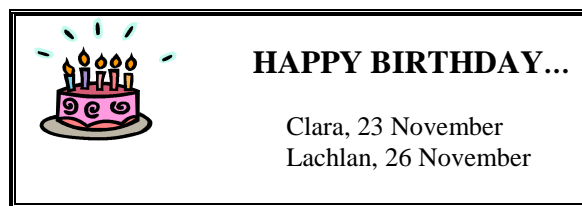
A new campaign, Cyber Bullying Affects Real Lives, aims to educate young internet users about the impact of cyber bullying and ways to prevent it happening to them and their friends. The campaign is part of the Smart Online Safe Online (SOSO) initiative, an interactive and engaging website which encourages children to be smart and safe online.

There are many resources available on the SOSO website to raise awareness of cyber bullying and allow any cyber bullying to be reported.

The website includes a short YouTube video and a cyber bullying checklist.

There is also an interactive online game called Web Warriors where children from across the country take a stand against cyber bullying.

For more information visit the website [www.soso.org.au](http://www.soso.org.au)



## DATES TO REMEMBER



Wednesday	25 November	Orientation Afternoon for Students Beginning in 2010 12.00 noon to 3.00pm
Thursday	26 November	Caffey Swimming Carnival – Gatton Pool
Monday	30 November	Tallebudgera Camp Begins
Wednesday	2 December	Orientation Morning for Students Beginning in 2010 9.00am to 12.30pm
Friday	4 December	Tallebudgera Camp Ends
Sunday	6 December	Bunnings BBQ – P&C Fundraising Activity
Monday	7 December	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Tuesday	8 December	Year 7 Dinner
Wednesday	9 December	Break-Up BBQ @ 6.00pm and Concert @ 7.30pm
Friday	11 December	End Term 4