Athletics/Hip Hop Change of days
Due to a change in availability of Lauren Murray, we have had to change the day when before-school Athletics and Hip Hop occurs. This week, Athletics and Hip Hop will be on the usual day, Friday. However, starting next week, Athletics and Hip Hop will in future be on Mondays. This means that children will have Athletics and Hip Hop this Friday 28 February and also next Monday 03 March.

No Newsletter Last Week
If you think that your newsletter may have gone astray last week, fear not! Unfortunately on Monday of last week, we had a prolonged power outage after which our computer server broke down. It was not until late Wednesday that we got back online, hence no newsletter.

Lockyer Zone Swimming
Congratulations to Nathan G, Ella, Paris and Katie for doing their best at last week’s Lockyer Zone carnival. Special congratulations to Nathan Gaffney who was successful in being chosen to represent Lockyer Zone at the Regional Carnival, Gatton on 05 March for Boys 50m freestyle.

Welcome to David Gordon
This Friday will be my last day at the school as acting Principal in term one. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with your children and a great staff. Although I am leaving for now, I expect to be back later in the year doing relief work as required at the school.

The new acting Principal from next Monday is Mr David Gordon, formerly principal of Toowoomba South State School and currently Deputy Principal at Gabbinbar State School.

Bus Time Table Changes
Due to operational purposes there will be a change to the bus time tables in the mornings effective Monday 3rd March 2014.
- Carpendale Bus Route pick up will be 10 minutes later.
- Stockyard Bus Route pick up will be 7 minutes earlier.
Please adjust the times to suit your bus stop.
Bus times can also vary due to road works, bus breakdowns and delays in loading children.
Queensland Transport recommend parents be at the stops 10 minutes prior to the timetable scheduled time to avoid missing the service and children being left unattended at the stops.
Thank you, Bronwyn Neuendorf

Reminder: Prep Class Photos
The Gatton Lockyer and Brisbane Valley Star will be publishing a 'Prep Class Photos Souvenir Edition' on February 26th. A photograph including names of our Prep students will appear in the newspaper on that day. Only students whose parents have previously given permission on the school’s Media Consent Form will be included.

Reminder: Flagstone Creek Community Playgroup
All families with children aged 0-5 are welcome to come along to the Flagstone Creek Community Playgroup, held at the school during term time, on alternate Tuesdays (9-11am) and Fridays (9-10.30am). It is free for your first visit, after this if you wish to join please contact Playgroup Queensland at www.playgroupqueensland.com.au or 1800 171 882 to become a member. (This is compulsory as it covers all Playgroup members for insurance) Current members, please check that your membership is up to date! There is a weekly contribution of $1 per family. Bring a plate to share and come along for a chance for parents and children to have some fun together. For more information please contact Fran Vayro – 4697 5143/0407 633 361 or Melissa Mahon – 0429 633 611.

Term 1 Playgroup Dates:
- Tuesday (9-11am) 04/02/14, 18/02/14, 04/03/14, 18/03/14, 01/04/14
- Friday (9-10.30am) 14/02/14, 28/02/14, 14/03/14, 28/03/14

P&C Notes
With this newsletter you will receive a P&C Newsletter plus an Application for P&C Membership for 2014.

Thank you to the outgoing P&C executive of 2013 and welcome to the new executive for 2014 whose names are listed in the P&C newsletter.

BUS FARES INELIGIBLE STUDENTS
At last night’s meeting, the P&C decided to continue paying for the ineligible students for term one. This will be reviewed again at the March P&C meeting.
Fire Ant Talk

There will be a Fire Ant presentation at the school on Wednesday 05 March from 9:00 – 9:45 a.m. The talk will be in Mrs Scanlan’s room and parents are invited to attend.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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New bridge and road realignment for Rockmount Road

Construction of a new bridge and road realignment on Rockmount Road, west of Gatton, is set to begin late this month.

The $2.2 million-dollar project will see a 500-metre section of road, which currently runs alongside the southern side of the creek and has been badly affected by a major landslip, closed. A new section of road will be constructed on a new alignment on the northern side of the creek.

The realignment of the road requires an eight-metre, two-lane bridge to be constructed to provide a link across the creek to the new section of road.

Motorists can anticipate periodic road closures throughout the construction period, however Council will do its best to ensure delays are kept to a minimum.

Restoration works are expected to be completed by the end of June 2014, weather permitting.

For more information contact Council on 1300 005 872 or visit Council’s website on www.lockyervalley.qld.gov.au

GERMAN NEWS

ELTF Scholarship

At the end of last year I was fortunate enough to be awarded an Endeavour Language Teachers Scholarship, funded by the Federal Government in conjunction with the University of Adelaide. There were only 13 scholarships awarded for German, so I was very excited to be selected. We left Australia on New Year’s Day and returned on 22nd January. The course was held in Düsseldorf, a city of about 600,000 people. Each morning we had 4 hours of language study, and in the afternoons we were able to explore the city and surrounding areas. We each also had to produce a unit of work to use with our students. The highlight of the trip was a visit to Berlin, as I had never managed to visit it on previous occasions. It was amazing to see the remnants of the Berlin Wall and to visit the Reichstag (the German Parliament). I will now have to make a point of going back to Berlin as there was so much I didn’t have time to see in the 2 days we were there. I certainly got to ‘polish up’ my German, as well as finding lots of new resources and exchanging teaching ideas with the other teachers on the course.

Language Perfect

Language Perfect is a website to help students learn vocabulary in different languages. The children are very enthusiastic about using it and already some have shown an improvement in their German word knowledge. Many children are enjoying the chance to try out other languages as well. We currently have a subscription for the Lockyer schools, but may not be able to cover the cost next year. The site can be accessed both at school and at home if you have internet access, so please ask your child to show you how it works. We would like your thoughts later in the year as to whether you think it is worthwhile, and whether you would be willing to contribute towards the cost of a subscription. There will be a world-wide competition in May, and those students who choose to compete could win iTunes gift vouchers, iPods and more.

Oktoberfest

This year Oktoberfest for Teens will be held at the RNA showgrounds in Brisbane on Thursday, 16th October. This year we will be inviting both Year 6 and Year 7 students to attend. The cost will be about $40 – entrance and bus fare. The entrance cost includes lunch and rides for the students, as well as a traditional gingerbread heart (Lebkuchenherz) to bring home. We will send out a letter with more information closer to the time, but this gives students time to start saving. If they save $2 a week of their pocket money, they will have the $40 plus some spending money to take.

Val Newell

Minutes of Flagstone Creek State School P&C

Date: 19th February 2014

Welcome and opening of meeting: Suzie opened the meeting and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Present: Geoff St Clair, Trena Gaffney, Bob Llewellyn, Fiona Watters, Melissa Mahon, Anthony Baines, Tammy Acworth, Suzie Pancino, Mandy Storey, Melissa Scanlan, Michelle Duncan, Bianca Power, Kylie Nicastro, Mark Vayro, Fran Vayro, David Swygart, Joanne Swygart, Jennifer Hoffmann, Michelle Hoffman and Rob Baines.

Apologies: Jo Woodcock, Rodger Hoffman, Catherine Burton, Robert Gratwick, Don Truss

Minutes of previous meeting: Not available

Business arising from minutes: Nil

Correspondence:

Incoming: Various Fundraising, NRA Special Offer to P&C members, QLD Anzac Centenary Grants
Outgoing: Nil

Treasurer’s report:
Balance - $24059.56
Insurance to be paid - $743.70
Bus bill for last term 2013 - $677.95
Rob explained the bus funds to new parents
Moved-Bob       Second-Anthony Baines

Teacher’s report:

- Geoff presented the Strategic plan 2014-2017, that he and David Prestridge completed. Everyone at the meeting received a copy.
- The school received $9110 from State government to help improve literacy skills in the younger grades. Catherine Burton has been employed to deliver support to help with Naplan preparations and to help students with special needs in literacy.
- No newsletter this week due to computer failure
- Two new staff members have been employed; Ann-Marie Zillmann (teacher) and Joanne Warren (Teacher Aide).
- 3 class rooms are open this year, as the school has 60 enrolled students. The classes are Prep to three (Melissa Scanlan), Four and Five (Carolyn and Ann-Marie), and six to seven (David and Ann-Marie).
- Music, HipHop, and athletics all going well
- The students will be studying geography in term 2.
- Gardening starting this month
- Student free day Monday 20th October
- Geoff St Clair is working at the school for another 2 weeks, and then David Gordon will be working as Principal until the end of term. Hopefully David P will be back for term 2.
Balance – no balance this month due to computer failure
Moved- Geoff St. Clair        Second- Mel Mahon

General Business:

- Trena Gaffney requested that families be made aware of the primary school Cricket Zone. Parents were not notified about this, therefore students missed out.
- The P&C will be holding a chocolate drive and raffle for Easter. Dianne Ruming will be making the chocolates as last year.
- A jumper with hoodie was chosen as the new school jumper, it will be black with the school logo on the front.
- The old uniforms will be sold at discounted cost
- The P&C will make a donation to the Sports Affiliation fees
- School photos – Silver Rose will be used again this year
- Stacey Silver will be tuckshop coordinator again this year, with the help of other parents. A tuckshop roster was requested.
- Parents were asked for ideas concerning the donation to a charity in 2014. The charity will be chosen at the next P&C meeting
- Advertise the battery fundraising. The school receives the funds from batteries sold
- The P&C will continue to support the Bus Run for all ineligible students until the end of term. Another decision will be made at the April P&C meeting. (This will probably be March meeting as April meeting falls during holidays.)
- P&C dinner will be held in term 2
- P&C to purchase 2 more aluminium seats for a price around $1800. This was moved by Fran, seconded by Rob and passed.
- Mark Vayro suggested we hold another Disco for the school. Fran will be asking the pizza people, who the school used last time, if they may be able to help the school again. This will be held in term 2. A sausage sizzle was also suggested.

Close of meeting: 9.15pm
Next meeting will be held on 19th March at 7.30pm.
Signed President Suzie Pancino………………………
Signed Secretary Michelle Hoffman……………………

Book Club

Book Club order forms are attached. If you would like to place an order, payment can be made by:

- Cheque payable to Scholastic Australia OR
- Credit Card – Follow the instructions on the order form. Phone 1800 557 908, make your credit card payment and record the receipt number on the order form.

We are unable to accept cash or cheques made payable to the school. Orders need to be returned to school by Wednesday, 12 March.