**National Tree Day**

As part of National Tree Day celebrations, we had a visit on Monday 21 July by the Lockyer Valley Co-ordinator, Peter O’Brien, who provided the school with 12 new plants for the school garden. Pictured below is Mr O’Brien with year 7 students Sarah Woodcock and Nathan Pancino.

**Instrumental Music Lessons – Wednesday**

*Instrumental Music Lessons* resume on Wednesday, 23 July (Week 2) as follows.

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Cost is $8.00 per lesson. This Term, we welcome Miss Phebe Slager, our new Keyboard and Percussion Teacher.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Jenny Jones who has assisted us with the Instrumental Music Program, teaching keyboard and percussion for the past year.

**No Hip Hop Dance Class This Week**

Please note that there will be no Hip Hop Dance Class this Friday, 25 July.

**Caffey Sports Day**

The 50th annual *Caffey Sports Day* will be held at the Ropehill Community Centre on Thursday, 7 August. All children will travel to Ropehill to take part in a full sports program. The day has been planned to ensure that all children participate in as many events as possible.

Programs will be sent home on Monday, 4 August. Please remember to bring them with you. The following is a guide to the order of events. Times are approximate.

- 8:30 am  Muster at Ropehill
- 8:45 am  Welcome and Opening
- 9:00 am  1. 200m finals Boys/Girls
- 2. Sprints Boys/Girls (Heats)
- 3. Sprints Boys/Girls (Finals)
- 10:45 am  4.** Boys High Jump (9,10,11,12,13 yrs)
- Girls Long Jump (9,10,11,12,13 yrs)
- 5.** Boys Long Jump (9,10,11,12,13 yrs)
- Girls High Jump (9, 10, 11, 12, 13yrs)

**At this time Years P-3 will participate in Tabloid Events on second oval.**

- 1:00 pm  Lunch
- 1:30 pm  Relays Junior 60m / Intermediate 80m / Senior 100m
- 2:30 pm  Presentation

**TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS**— Arrangements for transport to and from the Caffey Sports will remain the same as previous years.

**School buses will depart 40 minutes earlier than usual on Thursday, 7 August.**

We will all meet at the school at 7.50am, and then travel by bus to Ropehill Community Centre. Please complete and return the *Permission Form* below by Friday, 1 August.

**Tuesday Sports Events**

If you have children 9 – 13 years involved in 200m heats, 800m, Discus or Shot Put events at Ropehill Community Centre on Tuesday, 5 August, you should have received a separate letter today. Please complete and return the *Permission Form* as soon as possible.

**Cybersafety and Cyberbullying**

Further to what was mentioned in the previous newsletter, a booklet from the Education Department titled *Cybersafety and Cyberbullying A guide for parents and caregivers*, will be emailed out with this newsletter. Any parents who do not receive the email newsletter may obtain the booklet by contacting the school.

**School Opinion Survey – This Week**

The annual *School Opinion Survey* is being conducted in our school this week. A *Parent/Caregiver* letter is being sent home to families today. It provides instructions for parents to complete the survey online by Sunday, 3 August. Students in Years 4, 5 and 6 will complete their survey online at school and all school staff have been provided with access details to complete their survey online. By completing the survey, you will ensure that your opinion is included in our school report, which we will receive later in the year.
**Discipline Audit**

As part of an initiative to strengthen discipline in Queensland State schools, Discipline Audits are being conducted in every Queensland state school by November 2014. The Flagstone Creek State School Audit will be undertaken on Friday 31 July. The purpose of the Discipline Audits is to provide quality feedback on how the school is ensuring a safe, supportive and disciplined learning environment and to inform school behaviour management planning processes.

During the audit, an independent, experienced school principal will visit the school to collect a range of data and information about school-wide, programs and procedures in the area of discipline.

Interviews will also be conducted with staff, students and parents to gather a range of perspectives on school strategies and practices in relation to behaviour management.

The Discipline Audit will usually take half a day. The school will receive the auditor’s report within 15 days and key findings will be discussed with the principal and school staff.

The report’s Executive Summary and 5 page Profile will be made available to parents and caregivers on the school’s website. The principal will work with the school community to include any recommendations in the school’s forward planning around strengthening discipline.

For further information about Discipline Audits, please contact me or visit the Education Queensland website.

**Ma Ma Creek Exhibition**

The Ma Ma Creek Exhibition and Sports will be held this Saturday, 26 July. This fun sports morning will run from 9.30am to 11.30am. Events include sprints, sack races, potato races, relays and tug-of-war. Attendance is completely voluntary and parents need to make their own transport arrangements.

**Raffle – Withcott Aquatic Centre Gift Vouchers.**

Two gift vouchers ($50 each) have been donated to the P&C and will be used as raffle prizes. Tickets are available from the school office for $1.00. The raffle will be drawn on Friday, 1 August. If you would like to purchase tickets, please call in to the office or send money with your child.

**The Flagstone Creek Playgroup Dates**

The next meeting of the Flagstone Creek Playgroup will be held at the school at 9.00am this Friday, 25 July.

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**Years 7 and 8 in 2015**

Parents of our Year 6 and 7 students will soon make the decision about which high school to send their child to. Next year there will be almost 100,000 students entering high schools across Queensland, so there’ll be plenty of other parents making similar decisions in the next six months. Here are some tips which might help you when thinking about options for your child:

- understand the Junior Secondary model, academic program and student wellbeing support systems being offered by your local high school
- speak to the school directly or attend parent information events prior to enrolling your child to ensure you are comfortable with the academic program offered by your chosen high school and that it suits your child’s specific needs
- when talking to your child about high school, be enthusiastic and talk positively about the upcoming transition
- high school will have a wealth of new experiences for your child to enjoy; take time to listen to any concerns or worries and reinforce the positive aspects your child is looking forward to.

You can always feel free to talk to your child’s current teacher if you have any questions or concerns about the transition to high school. We’re here to help.

**eKindy 2015**

The waiting list for eKindy 2015 is now open. Parents of children who may be eligible for eKindy in 2015 (i.e. 4 by 30 June 2011) can add their child’s name to the eKindy 2015 waiting list. We will contact these families directly when registrations open.

Information about eKindy (including eligibility criteria) and the waiting list form can be found on the eKindy web page - [https://brisbanesde.eq.edu.au/ourschool/ekindy/Pages/ekindy.aspx](https://brisbanesde.eq.edu.au/ourschool/ekindy/Pages/ekindy.aspx)

We have recently added information about ‘eKindy in small schools’ to this page.
Caffey Sports Day – Permission / Transport Arrangements Form

I give permission for my child/children ________________________, ______________________, ______________________, ______________________ to take part in the Caffey Sports Day on Thursday, 7 August. Following the Caffey Sports, my child/children will travel home –

[ ] with parents

[ ] with _______________________________ (Name)

Parent Name: ___________________________  Signature: ___________________________

**Please return by Friday, 1 August**