



SCHOOL TALK

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL, FLAGSTONECREEKSTATESCHOOL

Website www.flagcress.eq.edu.au

Tuesday, 5 May, 2015

Tuckshop – Thursday, 7 May

This Thursday, 7 May, is *Tuckshop Day*.

Pie Drive Due Back Next Monday, 11 May



The P&C is holding a *Pie Drive*. A Deb's Bakery order form was attached to the Newsletter last week. If you need extra forms, please contact the office. **Your order and payment are to be returned to the school by Monday, 11 May.** Pick up will be on Wednesday, 20 May at 3.00pm.

NAPLAN Testing Next Week

Our students in Years 3 and 5 will participate in the annual National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) to assess their skills and understanding in the areas of reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The tests will be conducted in all state and non-state schools across the country next Tuesday 12 May, Wednesday, 13 May and Thursday, 14 May.

An individual NAPLAN report for each child will be sent home later this year. Results provide additional feedback for parents, carers and teachers on how students are progressing in key curriculum areas.

Please contact the school if you have any questions about your child participating in NAPLAN testing. Further information is available on the [ACARA website](http://www.nap.edu.au/). (<http://www.nap.edu.au/>)

Zone Cross Country

Students aged 9 years and older are invited to participate in the Lockyer Zone Cross Country, to be held at Lake Apex, Gatton, on Friday 15 May, beginning at 10.30am. A Permission Form has been sent home. The children need to be at Lake Apex by 10.00 am for track information. The start will be at the main BBQ shed.

Children gaining places will be selected for the Regional Cross Country, which will be held in Toowoomba on Tuesday, 26 May.

A training program for distance running has been provided. **This must be followed.**

Age	Zone	Regional
9 years Boys and Girls	1.0 km	N/A
10 years Boys and Girls	1.5 km	2.0 km
11 – 13 years Boys and Girls	2.0 km	3.0 km

If you would like your child to participate, please complete the form forwarded last week and return with **payment of \$6.00 per child** (Nomination Fee) by **this Thursday, 7 May**. If you are able to assist with transport, leaving the school at 9.30am, please indicate this on the form too.

Some students have returned their Permission Form, but have not paid the \$6.00 nomination fee.

Instrumental Music – Term 2

Term 2 *Instrumental Music Lessons* began last week. Cost is \$8.00 per lesson.

If you would like your child/children to participate, please send them along at the time indicated below.

Instrumental Music Term 2 Begins Wednesday, 29 April	
Mrs Christina Martin 8.00am Flute/Clarinet	Miss Phebe Slager 8.00am Drums
8.30am Guitar, Recorder	8.30am Keyboard/Glockenspiel

Wildlife “Creative Nature” Project

All school families are invited to the viewing of our ‘Creative Nature’ Project at Flagstone Creek State School on Friday, 15 May, commencing at 5.30pm with a sausage sizzle. If you would like to attend, please return the catering form included in last week’s Newsletter by Friday, 8 May.

Sunday, 17 May, is the culmination of our ‘Creative Nature’ Project for all families who wish to participate. This will be held at Stockyard Creek Hall.

The *Land for Wildlife Forum* is an all-day event for Land for Wildlife members aimed to connect, educate and inspire. The LfW Forum will have adult speakers and workshops with children’s activities being run all day. Children 6 and under will require the full supervision of their care giver. Due to Flagstone Creek School’s participation in the LfW Children’s ‘Creative Nature’ project, there are a limited number of places available for the parents and children from the school. Interested parents and children must register their attendance. The ‘Creative Nature’ project will be showcased at the beginning of the Forum. An attached program outlines the activities and how and when to register.

Professional Development This Week

Mrs Melissa Scanlan is attending a two day Regional Mathematics Inservice program, *Improving Numeracy Outcomes*, today and tomorrow.

Mrs Caroline Evans will attend the District Principals' Business Meeting at Highfields this Friday.

Mr Geoff St Clair will take classes when teachers are absent today, tomorrow and Friday.

Book Club

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

1. **Cheque** payable to **Scholastic Australia** OR
2. **Credit Card** – Follow the instructions on the order form. You can phone **1800 557 908**, or pay online at **scholastic.com.au/payments** Record and return your receipt details 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, 13 May.

CCTV Camera on School Bus

Following discussions at recent Flagstone Creek Conveyance Committee and P&C Meetings, in the interest of safety, a CCTV camera is now operating on the school bus.

The CCTV camera will be demonstrated at the next P&C Meeting on Wednesday, 20 May.

Section 3.5.1 of the School Transport Assistance Scheme (STAS) policy provides relevant information.

3.5.1 Surveillance equipment and closed circuit television (CCTV) on school buses

Some bus operators have found that fitting surveillance cameras and recording equipment to school buses is a useful tool in the monitoring of behaviour. The equipment not only acts as a deterrent to unacceptable behaviour, but also provides evidence in identifying those students who are behaving inappropriately.

It is expected that before fitting such equipment, consultation has occurred between the operator, parents/carers of the students, conveyance committee (if applicable) and the schools involved.

The department strongly advises bus operators that surveillance cameras must be in open view and that warning signs advising of the cameras be posted in the bus entrance.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads has issued

Information Bulletins on the installation and use of CCTV in buses. The department strongly recommends that operators of school services who wish to install or have installed CCTV equipment adopt the guidelines recommended in the bulletins as issued from time to time.

*Information bulletins are available at:
www.tmr.qld.gov.au/information_bulletins.*

Next P&C Meeting – 20 May

The next P&C Meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Wednesday, 20 May. All welcome.

Celebrate Family Week

FREE Family MINUTE to WIN IT Night!!

Where - Gatton Library

When – Friday, 15 May – doors open 6.30pm

GET IN IT, TO WIN IT!

The clock is ticking, reserve your seats!

For more information phone Gatton Library – 5466 3434.

DATES TO REMEMBER



Term 2, 2015		
Wednesday	6 May	Instrumental Music Lessons
Thursday	7 May	Athletics Coaching/Hip Hop Dance Class
Thursday	7 May	Tuckshop
Friday	8 May	Term 2 Principals' Business Meeting
Monday	11 May	Pie Drive order forms and payment due
Tuesday	12 May	NAPLAN Language Conventions/Writing
Wednesday	13 May	NAPLAN Reading Book Club Orders Due
Thursday	14 May	NAPLAN Numeracy
Friday	15 May	Lockyer Zone Cross Country
Friday	15 May	Land for Wildlife BBQ & Video Presentation - 5.30pm at the school.
Sunday	17 May	Land for Wildlife Day Stockyard Creek Hall 9.00am - 3.30pm
Wednesday	20 May	Pie Drive Delivery – 3.00pm
Wednesday	20 May	P&C Meeting – 7.00pm
Monday	8 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
Wednesday	17 June	P&C Meeting – 7.00pm
Thursday	18 June	Tuckshop
Friday	26 June	End of Term 2