



# SCHOOL TALK

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL, FLAGSTONECREEKSTATESCHOOL

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Tuesday, 8 December, 2015

## BBQ Help Needed

If you are able to help with setting up before and tidying up after the BBQ from 4.30pm tomorrow, Wednesday, 9 December, your help would be greatly appreciated.

## BBQ & Concert Tomorrow Night

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 5.30pm to 6.10pm, with the Concert following at 6.15pm.



**Please bring folding chairs and/or a blanket.**

## Return of Raffle Tickets

All *Christmas Hamper* raffle ticket butts, unsold tickets and money need to be returned to the school by **tomorrow morning**, Wednesday, 9 December. The raffle will be drawn at the Break-Up Concert.

## Mrs Jan Mitchell Retirement

Our Cleaner, Mrs Jan Mitchell will retire at the end of this week after 33½ years of faithful service to our school. While Mrs Mitchell will be formally farewelled at the BBQ/Concert tomorrow night, a group photo was taken recently to mark the occasion. We thank Mrs Mitchell very much and wish her a long and happy retirement.



Flagstone Creek SS students farewell Mrs Mitchell

## Break-Up Day This Friday

The last day of Term, this Friday, 11 December, will follow the same plan as previous years. Children are

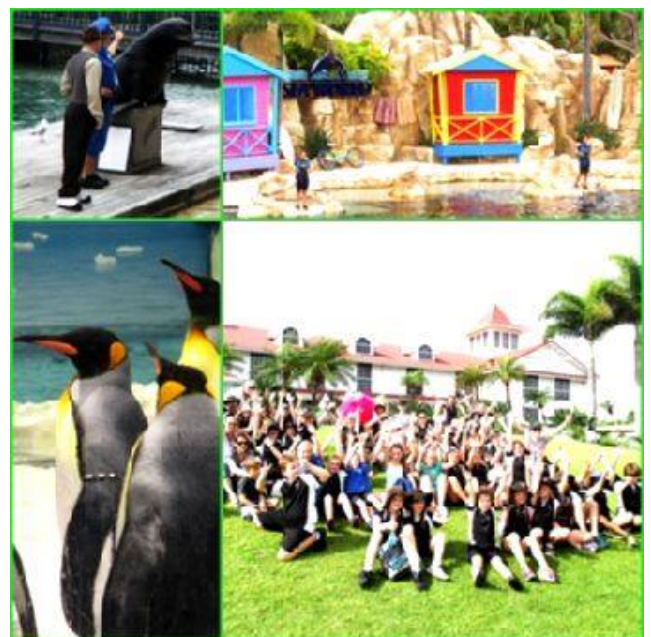
asked to bring morning tea as usual and lunch to share in their class groups. School will finish at 3.00pm.

## Sea World Excursion Report

Last Friday at 7.00am, 42 children, 13 parents and 6 staff excitedly left Flagstone Creek SS on our excursion to Sea World. Upon arrival we were met with drizzling rain, but it sure did not dampen the spirits. Firstly, Susan took us on a tour of the Penguin Encounter. Here all children heard about penguins' unique features and saw them being fed. Ask your child, why did the penguins look like they were shivering? (Answer: They were digesting their food.)

From there we went to see the Sea Lion Show which was an amazing insight into how they connect with their trainers. Up close and personal, seeing and touching stingrays, sea cucumbers and star fish was next on the agenda. The sea cucumbers were so soft and spongy! The giant underwater aquarium with turtles, bullhead whales, beaked coral fish, leopard sharks and blue spotted mask rays was a highlight for many. And just before lunch we saw the amazing, skilful dolphins, whose tricks and agility astounded the audience.

After lunch, there was free time to explore Sea World with rides and other attractions. Thank you to all who helped make the day a wonderful experience for our children!



## 2016 Booklist / Bulk Order Packs

The 2016 Booklist and Bulk Order Pack forms were attached to the Newsletter last week. They are also available on the school website.

## Year 6 Celebrate End of Year

Our four Year 6 girls celebrated the end of primary school last night with dinner at *Sizzlers* followed by ten pin bowling. It was a great night!



## Semester 2 Reporting to Parents

Report Cards for Semester 2, 2015, were sent home with all students last Thursday, 3 December. Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held this Thursday, 10 December.

## Start Term 1, 2016

The school staff will return to work for three Student Free Days, Wednesday, 20 January, Thursday, 21 January and Friday, 22 January. Students will begin Term 1 on Wednesday, 27 January, following the Australia Day holiday on Tuesday, 26 January.

We have had a great response to our Open Days and expect 44 students to start the 2016 school year.

## Chaplaincy Funding Success

The school has been advised that our application to receive funding for a chaplaincy service under the *National School Chaplaincy Programme* (NSCP) in 2016-2018 has been successful. Flagstone Creek State School will receive \$15,000 annually from 2016 to 2018 for the provision of a chaplain.

## Sporting Schools Grant Success

I am very pleased to advise that a *Sporting Schools Program Delivery Grant* application on behalf of Flagstone Creek State School for Term 1 (Athletics and Swimming) and Term 2 (Athletics) has been **successful**.

## Christmas Hamper Donation Thanks

The P&C would like to thank everyone who donated non-perishable items for the *Christmas Hampers* that will be raffled at the Break-Up BBQ and Concert tomorrow night.

## Keep a Watch on our School These Holidays

Parents and students can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after-hours activity to School Watch on 13 17 88.

By keeping an eye out we can work together to create a safer school community and help to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our school.

## DATES TO REMEMBER



Wednesday	9 December	Break-Up BBQ -5.30pm and Concert – 6.15pm
Thursday	10 December	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Friday	11 December	Break-Up Day 9.00am to 3.00pm
<b>2016</b>		
Wednesday	20 January	Student Free Day
Thursday	21 January	Student Free Day
Friday	22 January	Student Free Day
Tuesday	26 January	Australia Day Holiday
Wednesday	27 January	Students Return to School
Wednesday	3 February	Instrumental Music Lessons Commence
Wednesday	3 February	Return Parent Helper Form
Tuesday	9 February	Swimming Lessons Commence – Lockyer Valley Aquatic Centre
Wednesday	17 February	Conveyance Committee Meeting – 6.30pm
Wednesday	17 February	P&C AGM – 7.00pm
Wednesday	16 March	P&C Meeting – 7.20pm
Thursday	24 March	End of Term 1