



# SCHOOL TALK

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL, FLAGSTONECREEKSTATESCHOOL

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## Welcome Back to School

Welcome back to school for 2016. I trust you have had a very enjoyable break. A very special welcome to the 18 new students attending Flagstone Creek State School for the first time today.

We have opened the new school year with an enrolment of 47 students and are looking forward to working with you this year.

During Term 1, Caroline Evans will continue as Acting Principal on Mondays and Fridays and David Prestridge will work on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

The only change to staffing is that Mrs Trena Gaffney will be Acting Cleaner this Term, replacing Mrs Jan Mitchell, who has retired after an amazing 33.5 years' service at Flagstone Creek State School.

Helen Van Luyn will continue to work in the school office on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Friday mornings.

## School Talk – Tuesday

*SCHOOL TALK*, the weekly newsletter, will be sent home, emailed and published on the school website every Tuesday.

## Booklist/Bulk Order Packs

A Booklist and Bulk Order Pack form were forwarded to you before the holidays. Additional copies are available from the Office or from the school website. If you have not already done so, please forward your payment for the *Bulk Order Packs* as soon as possible. Please ensure names are clearly marked on all books, equipment and clothing.

## Cleaner Appointed

I am pleased to advise that Mrs Trena Gaffney has been appointed as cleaner following the retirement of Mrs Jan Mitchell in December 2015. As Trena is a long serving casual employee, the Department of Education and Training has made the appointment without advertising the position. We wish Trena well as she takes on this role.

## Parent Helpers

We are keen for parents to become involved at the school one day each week from 10.00am to 10.30am, if possible.

All teachers would appreciate offers of help. If you are able to assist during Semester 1, please complete the form below and return it as soon as possible so that a roster can be compiled.

## P. & C. Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the P. & C. will be held on Wednesday, 17 February, at 7.00 pm. Please consider being a part of this important group during 2016.

## Student Free Day

Please note there is only one Student Free Day remaining for this year, Monday, 17 October.

## Visiting Teachers/Specialists 2016

The following specialists will visit the school regularly in 2016.

Val Newell – German (Years 5/6) – Monday middle session and Wednesday afternoon.

Kate Kahler - Support Teacher, Literacy and Numeracy - TBA.

Barry Donaldson - Physical Education - Thursday middle session.

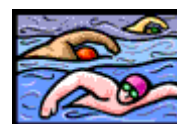
Christina Martin - Music – Wednesday middle and afternoon sessions.

Kimberley Browning - Guidance Officer – On request.

## Religious Instruction

Religious Instruction classes are held each Tuesday from 10.30am to 11.00am. Continuing students will remain in classes based on the information you supplied last year. Parents are able to place their child into a Religious Instruction class or withdraw their child from a Religious Instruction class at any time by forwarding a letter to the Principal.

## Swimming – Lockyer Valley Aquatic Centre



Swimming lessons will begin at the Lockyer Valley Aquatic Centre next Tuesday, 9 February and continue for five weeks.

The school has received a Sporting Schools Grant which will cover the cost of transport, pool entry and two swimming coaches for this Term. The school bus will be used for transport and a car/s, driven by staff members, will also be used if necessary.

A record of lessons attended will be kept by each teacher. Children need to bring togs, sun shirt/ T-shirt, bathing cap, towel and 30+ sunscreen.

If your child is not able to swim due to a medical condition or other reason, please write a short note to the teacher

concerned. Please return the *Permission Form* below by next Thursday, 4 February.

## School Uniforms

School uniform items are available from the school office. Please contact Mrs Helen Van Luyn in the Office on Tuesdays, Thursdays or Friday mornings.

Prices for 2016 are as follows:-

Surf Hat	\$11.00
Library Bag	\$10.00
Shirts (All sizes)	\$21.00
Spray jackets (All sizes)	\$30.00
Sunglasses	\$ 8.00
Adult Shirts	\$22.00
Adult jackets	\$35.00

## Instrumental Music - Term 1, 2016

*Instrumental Music Lessons* will commence next Wednesday, 3 February (Week 2) as follows. Cost is \$8.00 per lesson.

If you would like your child/children to participate, please return the Expression of Interest for 2016 form (below) by this Friday, 29 January.

Instrumental Music Term 1 - Wednesday	
Mrs Christina Martin	Miss Phebe Slager
8.00am Guitar, Recorder	8.00am Keyboard
8.30am Woodwind/Brass	8.30am Percussion

## Free Garden Mulch

A number of trees in the school and residence grounds were trimmed last week. A large amount of **FREE** garden mulch is available near the oval fence. If you can use the mulch, please help yourself as soon as possible.



## DATES TO REMEMBER



Friday	29 January	Return Expression of Interest – Instrumental Music 2016 Form
Wednesday	3 February	Instrumental Music Lessons Commence
Thursday	4 February	Return Parent Helper Form
Thursday	4 February	Return Swimming Permission Form
Tuesday	9 February	Swimming Lessons Commence
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
Friday	25 March	Good Friday



## PARENT HELP OFFER

I would like to help at the school on a regular basis on \_\_\_\_\_ (day) from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ (time).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return by Thursday, 4 February

# Expression of Interest - Instrumental Music 2016

My child/children would like to be involved in the *Instrumental Music Program* in Term 1, 2016 as follows:

Child's Name	Instrument (Brass/Woodwind/Guitar/Keyboard/Percussion)

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return by Friday, 29 January**



## SWIMMING PERMISSION FORM

I give permission for my child/children, \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ , to take part in Swimming Lessons at the Lockyer Valley Aquatic Centre during Term 1, 2016. Students will travel by bus or a car driven by a school staff member. I acknowledge that the Department of Education, Training and the Arts does not have Personal Accident Insurance cover for students.

**Please return by Thursday, 4 February.**      **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_