



SCHOOL TALK

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL, FLAGSTONECREEKSTATESCHOOL

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P&C BBQ & Disco This Friday, 6 May

The P&C would like to invite all school families to a **BBQ & Disco** evening at the school this Friday, 6 May, from 5.30pm. This will be a fun, social event for school families and also our Chaplaincy Week activity for 2016. Chaplain, Don Truss, will attend and have the chance to get to know our school families more. If you would like to attend and have not returned an Order Form, please phone the school tomorrow.

Tuckshop This Friday, 6 May

This **Friday, 6 May**, is *Tuckshop Day*.

NAPLAN Testing 10 – 12 May

A flyer with information about the **2016 NAPLAN Tests** was forwarded to parents of children in Years 3 and 5 last Thursday. The flyer is being emailed to all school families today.

Our Years 3 and 5 students 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 from 10 - 12 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/>)

Next Pre-Prep Group – Wed 11 May

We are running a **Pre-Prep Group** for children (and their parents) who will begin Prep at Flagstone Creek State School in 2017.

The group will meet next on Wednesday, 11 May.

Professional Development This Week

Mrs Caroline Evans is attending a two day Regional Literacy Inservice program, *Creating Successful Writers*, on Wednesday and Thursday this week. Mr Geoff St Clair will take classes while Mrs Evans is absent.

Buy A Bale Fundraiser – 20 May

This year, the P&C has chosen to support drought stricken farmers through the **Buy A Bale** initiative. Students are invited to wear **free dress** and bring a **gold coin donation** on Friday, 20 May.

From the **Buy a Bale** website...

In June 2013, after reading the plight of Australian and predominantly Old farmers who were destroying their cattle and some being forced off their land, the team at The Give Back Campaign decided to do something about it. After some brainstorming it was decided the best thing to do was to ask Australians to Buy a Bale of Hay and the feed would be delivered where it was most needed.

In addition diesel is a must out in the bush as are groceries and corporate donations can make a significant difference and so we've asked and been grateful recipients of all.

*After just 2 years the campaign has galvanised tens of thousands of Australian's to donate and climb aboard our quest to **Buy a Bale**.*

Pets and People Education Program

The Australian Veterinary Association will present their **FREE Pets and People Education Program** at our school on Thursday, 12 May at 1.45pm.

Presenter, Rhiannon Park, a Veterinary Nurse from Greencross Vets Eastwood House, will speak on **Caring for your pet's health and the role of a veterinarian** and Daryl Simpson, Senior Local Laws Compliance Officer, Lockyer Valley Regional Council, will speak on **Responsible Pet Ownership**.

Interested parents are welcome to join us.

School Bus Contact Details

If your child is not going to use the school bus any morning, please contact the school bus operators – preferably by text message - **0428 845 417** - **before 7.30am.**

DATES TO REMEMBER



Friday	6 May	Tuckshop Day
Friday	6 May	BBQ & Disco – 5.30pm
Tuesday	10 May	NAPLAN Language Conventions/Writing Tests
Wednesday	11 May	NAPLAN Reading Test
Wednesday	11 May	Pre-Prep Group – 9.00am
Thursday	12 May	NAPLAN Numeracy Test
Thursday	12 May	AVA PetPEP Visit – 1.45pm
Friday	13 May	Zone Cross Country
Wednesday	18 May	P&C Meeting – 7.00pm
Friday	20 May	Buy A Bale Free Dress Day with Gold Coin Donation
Wednesday	25 May	Pre-Prep Group – 9.00am
Wednesday	8 June	Pre-Prep Group – 9.00am
Wednesday	15 June	P&C Meeting – 7.00pm
Friday	17 June	Tuckshop Day
Wednesday	22 June	Pre-Prep Group – 9.00am
Friday	24 June	<i>Ball Games Bonanza</i> at Tent Hill Lower SS
Friday	24 June	End of Term 2