



# SCHOOL TALK

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL, FLAGSTONECREEKSTATESCHOOL

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## Regional Cross Country Success

Mercia and Luke represented the Lockyer Valley Zone at the Darling Downs South West Region Cross Country in Toowoomba this morning.

Mercia finished mid-field and Luke 10<sup>th</sup> from a field of 47. Luke has been selected as a reserve for the State competition. This is an amazing effort and we congratulate Luke and Mercia for their wonderful achievement.

It was also great to see our Athletics Coach, Lauren Murry, supporting our students this morning.



Mercia, Lauren and Luke at the Darling Downs South West Region Cross Country

## Buy A Bale Fundraiser Thanks

Thanks to everyone who supported the *Buy A Bale free dress / gold coin donation* last Friday. An amazing \$128.00 was raised.

## Pre-Prep Group – Tomorrow

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 tomorrow, Wednesday, 25 May.

## Young Writers Competition

Last Friday, Mrs Amanda Lund, Master Teacher, Laidley State School, came to our school to talk to the Year 4 – 6 children about *Lockyer Young Writers Competition*. This year the topic is 'Australia – Story Country'.

Mrs Lund read stories with an Australian theme to the children and encouraged them to take part in the competition. If your child would like to participate, they are able to submit their entry by Tuesday, 16 August. For further details or clarification, please see Mrs Evans.

## Keyboard/Percussion Lessons

Please note that our Keyboard/Percussion Teacher, Phebe Slager, will be attending a Teaching Prac for the last four weeks of this Term. Phebe has made arrangements for Jamie Matthews to replace her during this time. Jamie has already visited the groups in order to prepare for her first lessons on Wednesday, 1 June.

## Student Details for Checking

A copy of your family records held on the *School Management System* is attached. Each year, we check that all details are correct. Mobile phone numbers, emergency contacts or family doctor may have changed since the information was entered.

To ensure our records are up to date, please –

1. Check the information on the sheets carefully.
2. Change anything that is incorrect.
3. Add any new details in the spaces provided.
4. Sign at the bottom of the last page.
5. Return the sheets to the school by this Friday, 27 May.

## Pie Drive



The P&C is holding a *Pie Drive*. A Deb's Bakery order form was attached to the Newsletter last week. If you require extra forms, please contact the office. Orders and payment are to be returned to the school by Thursday, 2 June. Pick up will be on Friday, 10 June at 3.00pm.

## Sing Out! Practice and Tickets

A *Sing Out! Practice* will be held Ma Ma Creek State School on Monday, 6 June, from 8.45am to 11.00am. If you are not able to transport your child/children, please contact David Prestridge.

Please note that parents need to purchase tickets from the Empire Theatre Box Office for Sing Out! (Wednesday, 15 June) **as soon as possible**, as tickets usually sell out quickly. You can phone the Box Office. *Sing Out!* is a wonderful experience for the students and their families. **You do not need to purchase tickets for children who are performing in Sing Out!**

## 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](http://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 Thursday, 2 June.

## P&C Meeting to 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday

A decision was made at the May P&C Meeting to move meetings from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday. There will be no meeting held in June. The next P&C Meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Wednesday, 12 July (Week 1, Term 3).

## Life Education Visit

Following discussion at the P&C Meeting last week, the *Life Education Team and Harold the Giraffe* will visit the school on the morning of Thursday, 9 June. The P&C has chosen the following modules to be presented.

### Prep – Year 2 | Harold's Mystery Tour

The class joins Harold and his friends on a mystery tour where they experience an 'Amazing Body Adventure'. The children explore appropriate remedies when feeling sick, issues of safety and ways to cope when feeling pressured.

### Years 3 to 6 | bCyberwise

The children explore 'netiquette' (Internet etiquette) and cybersafety issues through role play and interactive activities. They explore how to establish positive, respectful relationships and to report negative experiences to a responsible adult.

The cost of the program is \$6.00 per student, which includes a student workbook. You are invited to attend a free Parent Information Session at 8.45am.

A Permission Form will be included in the Newsletter next week.

## QSchools App



If you have a smart phone, you can connect to the school website using the free **QSchools App**. When the school publishes content to the website, the smartphone app is automatically updated, meaning the school community remains up-to-date

with the latest news, events and newsletters. Emergency announcements such as information about natural disasters and school closures can also be published via the app. Please contact David Prestridge if you would like any further information.

## Student Advantage – FREE Microsoft Office 2013

All Queensland State School students from Prep–Year 12 are now able to download multiple **FREE** copies of the Microsoft Office 2013 Suite. The Microsoft Office 2013 Suite can now be downloaded by all students on to their personal devices. The suite of products is only available for download on to personal devices, not devices connected to a school network. Personal devices include those devices in the students' home environment as well as mobile devices. In order for students to take advantage of this offer they will require an their school login and school email account.

Just sign in to Office 365 to download your free copy of the Microsoft Office 2013 Suite at <https://portal.office.com/OLS/MySoftware.aspx> The initial login page requires your child's school email address and password with the following authentication page only requiring School Login ID and password.

## 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



Wednesday	25 May	Pre-Prep Group – 9.00am
Friday	27 May	Return Student Details Checklist
Thursday	2 June	Pie Drive Orders and Money Due
Thursday	2 June	Book Club Orders Due
Monday	6 June	Sing Out Rehearsal Ma Ma Ck SS 8:45am
Wednesday	8 June	Pre-Prep Group – 9.00am
Thursday	9 June	Life Education Van Visit
Friday	10 June	Pie Drive Delivery Day
Wednesday	15 June	Sing Out! Empire Theatre
Thursday	16 June	School Photos
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