



SCHOOL TALK

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL, FLAGSTONECREEKSTATESCHOOL

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Welcome back to Term 3.

School Opinion Survey – This Week

The annual *School Opinion Survey* is being conducted in our school over the next three weeks. A *Parent/Caregiver* letter is attached. It provides instructions for parents to complete the survey **online** by Friday, 29 July. Students in Years 4, 5 and 6 will complete their survey online at school and all school staff have been provided with access details to complete their survey online.

By completing the survey, you will ensure that your opinion is included in our school report, which we will receive later in the year.

Congratulations, Christopher

Congratulations to Christopher, Year 4, who was placed first in this year's Ma Ma Creek Exhibition Poster Competition.

P&C Election Stall Raffle Draw

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Election Stall on Saturday, 2 July.

A book of raffle tickets was sent to each family in the last week of Term 2. All raffle tickets butts, unsold tickets and money need to be returned to the school office by tomorrow, Wednesday, 13 July. The raffle will be drawn at 1.00pm this Thursday, 14 July.

Athletics Coaching (Years 3 – 6) Term 3 - Fridays

Athletics Coaching mornings with Lauren Murry, for children in Years 3 to 6, will be held every **Friday** this Term, beginning this Friday, 15 July. If you would like your child/children to be involved, please send them along at 8.00am.

Jazz/Hip Hop Dance (Prep – Year 3) Term 3 - Fridays

Local Dance Teacher, Shandell Reisenleiter, will run a **Jazz/Hip Hop** group for our Prep to Year 3 students each Friday this Term, beginning this Friday, 15 July. If you would like your child/children to be involved, please send them along at 8.00am.

Sing Out 2016 Certificates

Just before the break, fourteen Flagstone Creek students participated in Sing Out 2016 at the Empire. It was a fantastic concert – our students excelled! Flagstone Creek combined with Mrs M's other schools, Ropeley, Mt Sylvia and Ma Ma Creek State Schools to perform *Beautiful* by Carol King. Thank you to Mrs M for preparing our students so well. The clinician's comments follow:

Seeing you walk on with you shiny bandanas makes me feel very excited to hear you sing! I simply don't believe you've only had one practice. You all moved in perfect unison – the actions are so perfectly suited to the words! It looks as though you've been singing together your whole lives. You sang with high energy and conviction from start to finish. I enjoyed every second of your performance. Thank you! PS. One of my favourite songs ☺

Astrid Jorgensen
Choral Clinician



Proud Flagstone Creek State School students receive their Sing Out 2016 Certificates



Sing Out 2016 Plaque Presented at Empire Theatre

Mrs Evans Long Service Leave

Mrs Caroline Evans is taking Long Service Leave for the first two weeks of this Term. We welcome Mr Geoff St Clair, who will be taking Caroline's place.

Instrumental Music – Term 2

Term 2 *Instrumental Music Lessons* will commence tomorrow, Wednesday, 13 July as follows. Cost is \$8.00 per lesson.

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

Instrumental Music Term 2 - Wednesday	
Mrs Christina Martin	Miss Phebe Slager
8.00am Guitar, Recorder	8.30am Keyboard
8.30am Woodwind/Brass	8.00am Percussion

P&C Meeting Tomorrow Night

The next P&C Meeting will be held at 7.00pm tomorrow, Wednesday, 13 July. A decision was made at the May P&C Meeting to move from the 3rd Wednesday to the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Pre-Prep Group

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, 20 July.

Ma Ma Creek Exhibition – 23 July

The Ma Ma Creek Exhibition and Sports will be held on Saturday, 23 July. This fun sports morning will run from 9.30am to 11.30am. Events could include sprints, sack races, potato races, relays and tug-of-war. Attendance is completely voluntary and parents need to make their own transport arrangements.

A Schedule is attached. Students who would like to place an entry in the School Work section need to have their entry to Mrs Van Luyn by **3.00pm on Tuesday, 19 July**. No entries can be accepted after this time.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)

Collecting data on school students with disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability. According to the broad definition in the Disability Discrimination Act students with a disability may include children with a diagnosis like ASD, ID, PI; some children seeing paediatricians, psychologists, therapists; some migrant children, some children with significant health needs.

All Australian Governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability. All Australian schools participate in this annual data collection.

The data provided to the Australian Government is aggregated data only. Please be reassured that the Department will not provide on to another organisation any data that can identify an individual student. The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:

- number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability;
- level of adjustments we provide for those students; and
- broad category of disability.

Consultation with parents is important not only for the data collection but also to ensure you are aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. Your child's teacher discusses adjustments with you during parent teacher interviews and at other times they meet with you.

While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish your child's details to be included, please let me know. Information and fact sheets are available to help you make a decision from the:

Department's website:

<http://education.qld.gov.au/curriculum/disability-data-collection.html>

Australian Government Department of Education website:

<http://education.gov.au/nationally-consistentcollection-data-school-students-disability>

Alternatively, if you have any queries about the collection or use of this data, I encourage you to contact me directly.

Attention Photographers!

Just a reminder to get your photographs ready for the Ma Ma Creek Exhibition, it is only two

weeks away! The Photography Junior Section (12 years and under) has the following categories:

- Animal or Bird
- Human
- Scene

Entry is 20c per photograph.

There are lots of prizes to be won, for more details, check the Ma Ma Creek Exhibition Facebook page, check the schedule or ask your teacher!

Attention Master Chefs

Just a reminder to get your **SWEETS** ready for the Ma Ma Creek Exhibition, it is only two weeks away!

Section C: Sweets - Junior Section (13 years and under) has the following categories:

- Toffee -plain
- Marshmallows
- Coconut Ice
- Caramels
- Chocolate Fudge
- Plate of Assorted Sweets

You need 6 pieces for each entry – that means you get to eat the rest 😊

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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



Term 3		
Wednesday	13 July	Instrumental Music 8.00am/8.30am
Wednesday	13 July	Return Unsold P&C Raffle Tickets, Butts and Money
Wednesday	13 July	P&C Meeting – 7.00pm
Thursday	14 July	P&C Raffle Draw – 1.00pm
Tuesday	19 July	Ma Ma Creek Exhibition Entries Due
Friday	15 July	Athletics (Yrs 3 to 6)– 8.00am
Friday	15 July	Jazz/Hip Hop (Prep to Yr 6) – 8.00am
Friday	15 July	Years 3/4 ‘Peasant Prince’ Empire Theatre
Wednesday	20 July	Pre-Prep Group at 9.00am
Saturday	23 July	Ma Ma Creek Exhibition
Monday	1 August	Book Fair Begins
Tuesday	9 August	Caffey 200m heats, 800m, shot put, discus
Wednesday	10 August	P&C Meeting – 7.00pm
Thursday	11 August	Caffey Small Schools Sports Day