



SCHOOL TALK

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL, FLAGSTONECREEKSTATESCHOOL

Website www.flagcress.eq.edu.au

Wednesday, 24 January, 2017

Welcome Back to School

Welcome back to school for 2017. I trust you have had a very enjoyable break. A very special welcome to the 10 new students attending Flagstone Creek State School for the first time.

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

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

A special welcome to Mrs Jenni Barkhuizen who has been appointed to our school, working each Friday. Jenni will teach History and Geography across the school.

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

NEW PROCESS - Same Day Notification of Student Absence

The safety and wellbeing of students are the highest priorities for the Department of Education and Training. Parents need to know if their child hasn't arrived at school, and schools need to know when and why a child is absent.

From the beginning of 2017, state schools are required to notify parents on the same day that a student is absent from school without explanation.

Our school is trialling an approach to same day notification which we hope will be convenient and simple for all.

PARENTS: If your child will be absent from school on any day, please notify the school before 9.00am by phoning 46975193. If the Office is unattended, please leave a voice message.

SCHOOL: Class rolls will be marked at 9.00am each day. If your child is absent and we have not been notified, the Admin Officer or a Teacher Aide will contact you by phone.

School Talk – Tuesday

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

Athletics Coaching Begins – Thursday, 9 February

We welcome Kirsten Murry, who will continue our athletics program this year. Athletics coaching, for students in Years 3 to 6, will commence on Thursday, 9 February, from 8:00 - 9:00am. Athletics Coaching is popular with the children and is suitable for both 'sporty' and 'non-sporty' students. The cost of this program is met by a grant from Sporting Schools.

If you would like your child/children to participate, please complete the form below and return it to the school office by Friday, 3 February.

Jazz/Hip Hop Dance Lessons Begin – Thursday, 9 February

Dance Teacher, Shandell Reisenleiter, will also commence lessons at the school on Thursday, 9 February from 8.20 to 9.00am. These classes are for students in Prep to Year 3. The cost for this activity is met by the P&C.

If you would like your child/children to participate in Dance, please complete the form below and return it to the school office by Friday, 3 February.

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.

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, 8 February, at 7.00 pm. Please consider being a part of this important group during 2017.

Student Free Day

Please note there is only one Student Free Day remaining this year, Monday, 16 October.

Visiting Teachers/Specialists 2017

The following specialists will visit the school regularly in 2017.

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

Kate Kahler - Support Teacher, Literacy and Numeracy – Two half days per week - TBA

Jennifer Steel - Support Teacher, Literacy and Numeracy – Thursday - Once per fortnight.

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, 31 January 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. Gatton Bus Service will provide transport.

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 Monday, 30 January.

School Uniforms

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

Prices for 2017 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, 2017

Instrumental Music Lessons will commence on Wednesday, 1 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 2017 form (below) by Monday, 30 January.

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

RELIEF Position – Schools Officer, Grounds

The school is seeking to urgently appoint a suitable person to the position of RELIEF Schools Officer, Grounds. Interested persons should contact the School Office for a Role Description. Written applications close at **3.00pm this Friday, 27 January**.



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SIGN ON DAY

Meet your Coaches over a BBQ from 11am-2pm on 5 Feb 2017 at Cahill Park.

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ALL NEW CLUB PLAYERS WILL RECEIVE A FREE SHIRT & SHORTS

For more info: www.gattonhawks.teamapp.com

Authorised by G.Pavey, 110 Woodlands Road, Gatton QLD 4343

DATES TO REMEMBER



Monday	30 January	Return Expression of Interest – Instrumental Music 2017 Form
Monday	30 January	Return Swimming Permission Form
Tuesday	31 January	Swimming Lessons Commence
Wednesday	1 February	Instrumental Music Lessons Commence
Thursday	2 February	Return Parent Help Offer Form
Wednesday	8 February	Conveyance Committee Meeting – 6.30pm
Wednesday	8 February	P&C AGM – 7.00pm
Wednesday	8 February	P&C Meeting – 7.20pm
Thursday	9 February	Athletics (8.00am) and Hip Hop (8.20am) Begin
Friday	17 February	Lockyer Zone Swimming Carnival
Wednesday	8 March	P&C Meeting – 7.00pm
Friday	31 March	End of Term 1
Friday	14 April	Good Friday
Monday	17 April	Easter Monday
Tuesday	18 April	Term 2 Begins



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, 2017. 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 Monday, 30 January. Signature: _____



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, 2 February



ATHLETICS COACHING

I would like my child/children, _____, _____ to participate in ***Athletics Coaching*** with Kirsten Murry beginning at 8.00am on Thursday 9, February

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Please return by Friday, 3 February



JAZZ/HIP-HOP DANCE LESSONS

I would like my child/children, _____, _____ to participate in dance lessons with Shandelle Resenleiter beginning at 8.20am on Thursday, 9 February.

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Please return by Friday, 3 February

Expression of Interest - Instrumental Music 2017

My child/children would like to be involved in the *Instrumental Music Program* in Term 1, 2017 as follows:

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

Parent Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Signature: _____

Please return by Monday, 30 January