



SCHOOL TALK

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL, FLAGSTONECREEKSTATESCHOOL

Website www.flagcreess.eq.edu.au

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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.

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.

Instrumental Music – Tomorrow!

Instrumental Music Lessons will commence tomorrow morning, Wednesday, 1 February as follows. Cost is \$8.00 per lesson.

If you would like your child/children to participate, please send them along to the group they would like to join.

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

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.

Speech Language Pathologist Visit

Helen Buchanan, Speech Language Pathologist, will visit the school tomorrow morning, Wednesday, 1 February. Please phone the school or call in to see Helen if you have any concerns about your child's speech development.

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.

Conveyance Committee Meeting



If you

- live more than 3.2 km from the school,
- use the school bus, and
- Flagstone Creek State School is your closest school,

you are able to be a member of the Flagstone Creek Conveyance Committee. This committee will hold its Annual General Meeting at 6.30pm on Wednesday, 8 February, before the P. & C. Meeting. The members listed below are invited to attend.

Flagstone Creek Conveyance Committee Eligible Parents:-

M & J Woodcock	S & B Power
P & T Gaffney	R Gratwick & C Burton
M & F Vayro	D & S Silver
A & M Baines	R & R Baines
A & H Turner	L & T Hoare
B & M Mahon	S & T Kluck
J Beikoff	R & S Simpson
G & S Bathgate	A & M Hughes
J McDonald & G West	

Principal Long Service Leave

David Prestridge will be taking Long Service Leave from next Thursday, 9 February until the end of the following week. Thank you to Mrs Jenni Barkhuizen who will take David's class during this absence.

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.

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.

Headlice Notice

Head lice have been detected in the school. **It is extremely important for you to check your child's head for head lice TODAY.** Keep checking **every 2 days** until there are **no head lice found for 10 consecutive days.** If you do find head lice, commence effective treatment immediately and be sure to complete the process of treatment. This will help prevent head lice from spreading.

School Bus Contact Phone Number

If your child is not going to use the school bus any morning, please contact the school bus operators – preferably by text message - **0428 854 417** - **before 7.30am.**

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



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: _____

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