



# SCHOOL TALK

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL, FLAGSTONECREEKSTATESCHOOL

Website [www.flagcreess.eq.edu.au](http://www.flagcreess.eq.edu.au)

Wednesday, 26 April, 2017

## **School Photos – Next Tuesday, 2 May**

School photos will be taken during the morning next Tuesday, 2 May.

Please find the attached Order Form which gives details of the various packs available. You can forward your order and payment before school photo day, if this is more convenient.

Orders and payment must be received by the photographer on Tuesday, 2 May.

## **ANZAC Day Thanks**

Thank you to the many families who attended the ANZAC Day Service at Helidon yesterday. The photo below shows the Flagstone Creek group preparing for the march



## **Reading Helpers Needed Urgently!**

Some of our parents who helped with Reading one morning each week last Term are not able to continue this Term. If you are able to assist, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

## **Tuckshop – Friday, 28 April**

Due to the weather event at the end of last term, there was no tuckshop on 31 March. Pizza Tuckshop will now be held this Friday, 28 April.

## **Our School Review**

Our school is scheduled for a school review on 18 and 19 May. The Department of Education and Training regularly reviews Queensland state schools to ensure they are delivering quality education to students. The reviews are conducted by the department's School Improvement Unit.

The review does not rate or compare schools, but provides teachers and other staff with independent feedback to help them continue to improve learning outcomes for students.

All schools have a review at least every four years. Key findings from the review will be made available to parents and the community on the school website.

The review team would like to hear from our school community and I encourage anyone who is interested to have their say. Your feedback is important and will help us continue to deliver a great education for students.

Feedback can be provided to the review team by phone or in person. All feedback is confidential.

Please contact the school office if you are interested in speaking to a reviewer. Alternatively, you can register your interest by emailing [SIUMB@det.qld.gov.au](mailto:SIUMB@det.qld.gov.au)

More information about the review process is available from the department's website [www.schoolreviews.eq.edu.au](http://www.schoolreviews.eq.edu.au)

## **NAPLAN Tests – 9 to 11 May**

Students in Years 3 and 5 will participate in the annual National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing to assess their skills and understanding in the areas of reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy next week. The tests will be conducted in all state and non-state schools across the country from 9 - 11 May 2017. NAPLAN assesses the skills that students develop over time through the school curriculum, and provides additional feedback for parents, carers and teachers on how students are progressing in the key curriculum areas.

An individual NAPLAN report will be sent home for every child later this year. Further information is available on the [ACARA website](http://www.acara.gov.au). If you have any questions or concerns about your child participating in NAPLAN testing, please contact the school.

## **Zone Cross Country**

Students aged 9 years and older are invited to participate in the Lockyer Zone Cross Country, to be held at Lake Apex, Gatton, on Friday 12 May, beginning at 10.30am. A Permission Form has been sent home. The children need to be at Lake Apex by 10.00 am for track information. The start will be at the main BBQ shed.

Children gaining places will be selected for the Regional Cross Country, which will be held in Toowoomba on Tuesday, 23 May.

Age	Zone	Regional
9 years Boys and Girls	1.0 km	N/A
10 years Boys and Girls	1.5 km	2.0 km
11 – 13 years Boys and Girls	2.0 km	3.0 km

If you would like your child to participate, please complete the form forwarded last week and return with **payment of \$6.00 per child** (Nomination Fee) by **Thursday, 4 May**. If you are able to assist with transport, leaving the school at 9.30am, please indicate this on the form too.

### **Athletics Coaching Begins Tomorrow**

Athletics coaching with Kirsten Murry, for students in Years 3 to 6, will commence tomorrow, Thursday, 27 April, 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 from a Sporting Schools grant.

If you would like your child/children to participate, please complete the form below and return it to the school office by Wednesday, 26 April.

### **Jazz/Hip Hop Dance Lessons Begin Tomorrow**

Dance Teacher, Shandell Reisenleiter, will also commence lessons at the school this Thursday, 27 April 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 Wednesday, 26 April.

### **Same Day Absence Notification**

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

### **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 845 417 - before 7.30am.**

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**



Monday	1 May	Labour Day
Tuesday	2 May	School Photos
Tuesday	9 May	NAPLAN
Wednesday	10 May	NAPLAN
Wednesday	10 May	P&C Meeting – 7.00pm
Thursday	11 May	NAPLAN
Thursday	18 May	School Review
Friday	18 May	School Review
Wednesday	14 June	P&C Meeting – 7.00pm
Friday	23 June	End of Term 2



## **ATHLETICS COACHING**

I would like my child/children, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in **Athletics Coaching** with Kirsten Murry beginning at 8.00am on Thursday 27 April.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return by Thursday, 27 April**



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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return by Thursday, 27 April**