



SCHOOL TALK

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL, FLAGSTONECREEKSTATESCHOOL

Website www.flagcress.eq.edu.au

Tuesday, 9 May, 2017

Tuckshop – Friday, 19 May

If you wish to place a Tuckshop order for **Friday, 19 May**, please write your child's *name, Year level and order* on the paper bag (supplied), place the correct money in the bag and return it to the school by 3.00pm this **Friday, 12 May**. Any orders received after this time will have to be returned to you.

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| Spaghetti Bolognese | \$2.50 |
| Fish Fingers (each) | .50 |
| Ham & Salad Wrap | \$3.00 |
| Chicken & Avocado Salad Wrap | \$3.00 |
| Strawberry Milk | \$1.80 |
| Chocolate Milk | \$1.80 |
| Pineapple & Mango Popper | \$1.50 |
| Packet of Chips | \$1.00 |
| M&M Brownie Slice | \$1.00 |

Congratulations, Luke

Congratulations to Luke, Year 6, who has been selected to compete as a member of the Lockyer Zone Team at the Darling Downs Soccer Trials on Monday, 22 May.

Our School Review Next Week

Our school is scheduled for a school review on Thursday and Friday, 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

More information about the review process is available from the department's website www.schoolreviews.eq.edu.au

NAPLAN Tests This Week

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 this week from 9 - 11 May. 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.

Next P&C Meeting Tomorrow Night

A P&C Meeting will be held at 7.00pm tomorrow, Wednesday, 10 May. All welcome.

P&C Day This Friday

P&C Day is held each year to celebrate the important work undertaken in state schools by our Parents and Citizens Associations. In 2017, P&C Day will be held this Friday 12 May.

On behalf of the staff and students of Flagstone Creek State School, I would like to thank our P&C office bearers and members for the many ways they support our school throughout the year. Your contribution is greatly valued and appreciated.

2017 Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge is an annual state-wide initiative for students up to Year 9.

The Premier's Reading Challenge is not a competition, but a way to encourage students to develop a love of reading for life. Through the challenge students are given an opportunity to develop their appreciation of the English language and are encouraged to explore and enjoy a wide range of literary texts.

Students who complete the challenge have their efforts recognised through the receipt of a Certificate of Achievement signed by the Premier of Queensland.

The reading period for Prep to Year 9 students commences on Monday, 15 May and finishes on Friday, 25 August.

For a student to successfully complete the Premier's Reading Challenge they must read or experience the number of books indicated in the table below. Experiencing a book

can include classroom or at home activities such as shared reading, listening and reading along with a book, or being read to.

| Year level | Number of books |
|---------------|-----------------------------|
| Prep - Year 2 | Read or experience 20 books |
| Years 3 - 4 | 20 books |
| Years 5 - 9 | 15 books |

The requirement for Year 5 to Year 9 students to read 15 books rather than 20 books acknowledges that older students are likely to select longer, more complex books that may take them longer to read.

Students are encouraged to select a range of fiction and non-fiction books suited to their reading ability. While there is no compulsory reading list for the challenge, [booklists](#) are available to help students, teachers, parents and guardians select appropriate reading material.

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, this Friday 12 May, beginning at 10.30am. A Permission Form has already 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 |

Thank you to the parents who have offered to assist with transport to this event.

Open Day – Thursday, 1 June

Please invite family and friends who may be considering Flagstone Creek State School for their child/children to attend an **Open Day** at the school from 9.00am to 3.00pm on Thursday, 1 June. Enrolment packages will be available.

Caution — Netflix TV Series 13 Reasons Why

[headspace School Support](#) is urging school communities and parents to be aware of the risks associated with children and young people watching the newly aired Netflix TV series, *13 Reasons Why*.

Due to the sensitive nature of the show's content and its focus on suicide, there are concerns that the show may trigger high levels of distress including suicidal thoughts or feelings amongst its viewers, particularly children and young people. Parents are encouraged to be aware of the risks associated with their child viewing the series.

For information about ways to support your child should they express concerns around their own mental health, refer to the following:

- [eheadspace \(www.eheadspace.org.au\)](http://www.eheadspace.org.au)
- [Kids Helpline \(www.kidshelp.com.au\)](http://www.kidshelp.com.au)
- [How to talk to young people about suicide \(www.headspace.org.au/assets/School-Support/How-to-talk-about-suicide-with-young-people.pdf\)](http://www.headspace.org.au/assets/School-Support/How-to-talk-about-suicide-with-young-people.pdf)

Grief: how young people may respond to suicide (www.headspace.org.au/assets/Uploads/Corporate/Grief-How-young-people-might-respond-to-a-suicide-web.pdf)

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.**



YEAR 6 to 7 in 2018

ENROLMENT INFORMATION

EVENING

TUESDAY 13TH JUNE 6PM-7:15PM

Centenary Heights State High School Hall

Designed to ease the transition to High School, this event will include the sharing of critical information as well as address individual queries.

DATES TO REMEMBER



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| Wednesday | 10 May | NAPLAN - Reading |
| Wednesday | 10 May | P&C Meeting – 7.00pm |
| Thursday | 11 May | NAPLAN - Numeracy |
| Friday | 12 May | Tuckshop Orders Due |
| Friday | 12 May | Zone Cross Country |
| Friday | 12 May | P&C Day 2017 |
| Thursday | 18 May | School Review Day 1 |
| Friday | 19 May | School Review Day 2 |
| Friday | 19 May | Tuckshop Day |
| Thursday | 1 June | Open Day 9.00am – 3.00pm |
| Wednesday | 14 June | P&C Meeting – 7.00pm |
| Friday | 16 June | Tuckshop Day |
| Friday | 23 June | Ball Games Bonanza |
| Friday | 23 June | End of Term 2 |

2017 Premier's Reading Challenge Registration

Please register my child/children, _____, _____,
_____, for the **2017 Premier's Reading Challenge**.

Parent Name: _____ Parent Signature: _____

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