



SCHOOL TALK

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL, FLAGSTONECREEKSTATESCHOOL

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Flagstone Creek Excels at Lockyer Zone Cross Country

The Lockyer Zone Cross Country was held at Lake Apex, Gatton, last Friday, 12 May. Fourteen Flagstone Creek students competed. It was a super effort from every Flagstone competitor. They all ran exceptionally well and finished their events. All children did the school proud. Our school won the 'Average Trophy'. Congratulations to:

Aiden, 3rd, 9 Year Old Boys
Ruby, 3rd, 10 Year Old Girl
Luke, 1st, 11 Year Old Boy

Ruby and Luke have been selected to compete at the Darling Downs South West Regional Cross Country in Toowoomba next Tuesday, 23 May.

Our other competitors all finished midfield in their respective groups. Thank you to the many parents who attended and provided transport.



Cross Country Success- Aiden, 3rd, 9 Year Old Boy | Ruby, 3rd, 10 Year Old Girl | Luke, 1st, 11 Year Old Boy



Flagstone Creek Cross Country Competitors



Average Trophy won by Flagstone Creek SS

Day for Dalby State School

On ANZAC Day Dalby State School lost buildings and resources as the result of a fire. On Wednesday, 24 May students and staff at Flagstone Creek State School are invited to come to school wearing blue in support of our friends from Dalby State School. Please bring a gold coin donation.

Pie Drive



The P&C is holding a *Pie Drive*. A Deb's Bakery order form is attached. If you need extra forms, please contact the office. Your order and payment are to be returned to the school by Thursday, 1 June. Pick up will be on Friday, 9 June at 3.00pm.

Tuckshop – Friday, 19 May

This Friday, 19 May, is Tuckshop Day.

Welcome Back, Sarah

A special welcome back to Flagstone Creek State School to past student Sarah Woodcock who is undertaking work experience with us for two days this week.

School Review this Thursday and Friday

Our School Review will be conducted this 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

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
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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.

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.

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.

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



Thursday	18 May	School Review Day 1
Friday	19 May	School Review Day 2
Friday	19 May	Tuckshop Day
Wednesday	24 May	Blue Day Fundraiser for Dalby State School
Thursday	1 June	Open Day 9.00am – 3.00pm
Thursday	1 June	Pie Drive Orders Due
Friday	9 June	Pie Drive Delivery Day – Pick up at 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: _____