



SCHOOL TALK

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL, FLAGSTONECREEKSTATESCHOOL

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Caffey Swimming Carnival Results

Congratulations to the Flagstone Creek students who were involved in the Caffey Swimming Carnival at the Lockyer Valley Aquatic Centre last Thursday. Another fantastic result for Flagstone Creek State School! We won 'Best Average', 'Runner-Up Aggregate' and the 'Relay' trophies.

Congratulations to our four Age Champions - Jaxon, 9 Year Old Boy Age Champion, Mikayla, 10 Year Old Girl Age Champion, Luke, 11 Year Old Boy Age Champion and Bella, 12 Year Old Girl Age Champion.

Aiden set a new record in 50m Breastroke – 1:00.73 (1:02.55) and Jaxon set a new record in 50m Freestyle – 42.13 (45.16) and 50m Backstroke – 48.89 (51.19)

Two 8 Year Olds also attended for selection to the 2018 Lockyer Zone Swimming Carnival which will be held next February. We congratulate Annalise and Rossi, who have been selected in Freestyle, Breastroke, Backstroke and Butterfly,

We wish to acknowledge the great sportsmanship of the Flagstone Creek students towards their own teammates and participants from other schools. Leaders from two other Caffey small schools specifically came up to congratulate our students for showing such good sportsmanship.

Thanks also to Mrs Evans, Mrs Tracey and the many parents who provided transport and great support on the day.



Flagstone Creek State School Swim Team – 2017



Flagstone Creek State School Relay Teams – 2017



Age Champions – Bella, Jaxon, Luke and Mikayla Michael (centre) with 'Best Average' Trophy

Break-Up BBQ & Concert

Please invite family and friends to attend our *Break-Up BBQ and Concert* in the school grounds on Wednesday, 6 December. The BBQ runs from 6.00pm to 6.40pm, with the Concert following at 6.45pm.



To assist the P&C with catering, please complete and return the response form (attached to the Newsletter and emailed last week) to **Wednesday, 29 November**, indicating your order for family and the guests you have invited to attend.

BBQ Help Needed

If you are able to help with setting up/preparing before the BBQ from 4.30pm on Wednesday, 6 December, your help would be greatly appreciated.

Break-Up Day – Friday, 8 December

The last day of Term, Friday, 8 December, will follow the same plan as previous years. Children are asked to bring morning tea as usual and lunch to share in their class groups. School will finish at 3.00pm.

Semester 2 Reporting to Parents



In line with Education Queensland policy, Parent/Teacher Interviews are offered twice each year. Report Cards for Semester 2, will be sent home with all students on Thursday, 30 November. Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held on

Tuesday, 5 December. A letter and form to complete if you wish to meet with your child's teacher was attached to the Newsletter last week. Another day can be arranged if this day does not suit.

Currumbin Camp Week

Five students from Years 5 and 6 and our Chaplain, Don Truss, leave early tomorrow morning for two nights at Currumbin Community Farm School with students and teachers from Ma Ma Creek, Mt Whitestone and Helidon State Schools. We wish everyone a safe and happy time.

Students attending camp need to be at Helidon State School between 7.00am and 7.15am tomorrow morning. The bus will return to Helidon State School at approximately 3.30pm on Friday.

Ken Mitchell – Retirement Morning Tea – Thursday, 30 November

This Thursday, 30 November, we will have a special Morning Tea to farewell Ken Mitchell, who is retiring after serving as the Flagstone Creek State School Groundsman for 32 years. Parents are welcome to attend. We would like parents to send along a small plate of morning tea to share on Thursday.

Thank You, Jenni Barkhuizen

A special *Thank You* to Jenni Barkhuizen for leading our *Pre-Prep Group* during Semester 2. Jenni has ensured that each child attending has had lots of fun and a great learning experience each week. We look forward to welcoming 4 children into Prep at the beginning of the new school year.

Athletics Next Tuesday

Please note that Athletics training with Lauren Murry will be held at **1.00pm** next Tuesday, 5 December, not 8.00am.

Return of Library Books

All Library Books need to be returned by this **Thursday, 30 November**, to allow a stocktake to be completed before the end of the school year.

Help your child transition from Kindy to Prep

Wondering how to help your child transition from kindy to Prep? Great news, with your consent, kindergartens teachers will now be able to provide your child's *Transition Statement* to their Prep teacher. A *Transition Statement Request Form* has been emailed to each Pre-Prep Family.

The Transition statement is an overview of your child's learning from their kindergarten program, tailored to each individual child, to help them transition smoothly into Prep. Ask your Kindergarten teacher or, for more information, go to the [Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority website](#).

2018 Booklist / Bulk Order Packs

The **2018 Booklist and Bulk Order Pack** forms were attached to the Newsletter last week and have been emailed to families. They are also available on the school website.

Pre-Prep Orientation Afternoon

A **Pre-Prep Orientation Afternoon** will be held this Thursday, 30 November, from 1.00pm to 3.00pm.

Open Afternoon - 30 November

The school will hold an **Open Afternoon** this Thursday, 30 November, from 1.00pm to 3.00pm. Please invite family, friends and neighbours who may enrol their child/children at Flagstone Creek State School in 2018 to attend.

P&C Christmas Hamper Raffle Donations

The P&C invites families to donate non-perishable items for a *Christmas Hamper* which will be raffled at the Break-Up BBQ and Concert. Items can be sent to school from now until Friday, 1 December.

Please find a book of 20 raffle tickets attached for the multi-draw raffle. If you do not wish to participate, please return the tickets to the office. More tickets are available from the office if you require extras. All raffle ticket butts, unsold tickets and money need to be returned to the school by Tuesday, 5 December.

Christmas Carols and BBQ – St Joseph's, Helidon

St Joseph's Parish, Helidon are holding their bi-annual Christmas Carols and BBQ on Sunday, 10 December. The sausage sizzle starts at 6.00pm with the carols commencing at 7.00pm. A children's carol group will lead a hand-full of songs on the evening. All children are welcome to join the group. The next practice is on Saturday, 2 December at 3.00pm at the Helidon church.

Student Advantage – FREE Microsoft Office 2013

All Queensland State School students from Prep–Year 12 are 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.

eKindy 2018

Information about eKindy can be found at <https://brisbanesde.eq.edu.au/Curriculum/ekindy/Pages/ekindy.aspx>

Please pass this information on to friends and/or families who may meet the criteria and be interested in registering for eKindy in 2018.

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



TERM 4

Wednesday	29 November	Year 5/6 Camp Day 1
Thursday	30 November	Ken Mitchell's Retirement Morning Tea
Thursday	30 November	Pre-Prep Orientation Afternoon 1.00pm - 3.00pm
Thursday	30 November	OPEN Afternoon 1.00pm - 3.00pm
Thursday	30 November	Report Cards Sent Home
Thursday	30 November	Year 5/6 Camp Day 2
Friday	1 December	Year 5/6 Camp Day 3
Tuesday	5 December	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Tuesday	5 December	Return Raffle Tickets
Tuesday	5 December	Athletics at 1.00pm
Wednesday	6 December	Pre-Prep Group 9.00am - 11.00am
Wednesday	6 December	Break-up BBQ + Concert
Friday	8 December	End of Term 4

Term 1, 2018

Wednesday	17 January	Student Free Day
Thursday	18 January	Student Free Day
Friday	19 January	Student Free Day
Monday	22 January	Students Begin Term 1
Friday	26 January	Australia Day Holiday

Alternate dates and locations available