



SCHOOL TALK

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL, FLAGSTONECREEKSTATESCHOOL

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Welcome Back to School

Welcome back to the 2019 school year. I trust you have had a very enjoyable break. A very special welcome to the eight new students who attended Flagstone Creek State School for the first time today.

We have opened the new school year with an enrolment of 35 students and are looking forward to working with your family this year.

David Prestridge will continue to work on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays this year with Caroline Evans Acting Principal on Mondays and Fridays.

Helen Van Luyn will continue to work in the school office on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

School Talk – Tuesday

SCHOOL TALK, the weekly newsletter, will be sent home, emailed and published on the school website every Tuesday.

Swimming – Toowoomba Grammar School Aquatic Centre – Term 1



Swimming lessons will be held at the Toowoomba Grammar School Aquatic Centre beginning **next Monday, 4 February** and continue for five weeks.

The lessons will be with a coach in groups of no more than six students. While a Sporting Schools Grant will cover the majority of the cost, **families will pay \$6.50 per lesson, per child.** Payment is required after the five lessons have been completed. You can pay weekly if you prefer.

Children need to bring togs, towel and bathing cap.

If your child is not able to swim due to a medical condition or other reason, please write a short note to the teacher.

Please complete and return the Permission Form below by this Friday, 1 February.

Athletics Coaching Begins Next Tuesday, 5 February

This year we welcome a new Athletics Coach, Miss Amy Parker. Athletics coaching, for students in Years 3 to 6, will commence next Tuesday, 5 February, from 8:00 - 9:00am. The cost of this program is being 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 Monday, 4 February.

Booklist/Bulk Order Packs

A Booklist and Bulk Order Pack form were forwarded to you before the holidays and have been emailed to you again today. 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.

Parent Helpers

We are keen for parents to help in the classroom one morning each week, 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 by Monday, 4 February, so that a roster can be compiled.

P. & C. Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the P. & C. will be held on Wednesday, 13 February, at 7.00 pm. Please consider being a part of this important group during 2019.

Visiting Teachers/Specialists 2019

The following specialists will visit the school regularly in 2019.

Val Newell – German (Years 5/6) – Wednesday afternoon and Thursday afternoon.

Jennifer Steel - Support Teacher, Literacy and Numeracy – Tuesday.

Barry Donaldson - Physical Education - Thursday middle session.

Christina Martin - Music – Wednesday middle and afternoon sessions.

Kimberley Browning - Guidance Officer – On request.

Message From Our School Chaplain, Don Truss



Hello and welcome to 2019. It is a New Year with new adventures and things to learn as well as challenges and obstacles to overcome and character building moments to journey through.

My name is Don Truss I am the school chaplain here at Flagstone Creek State School

and I have been here since 2012. It is a wonderful school community to be a part of. I am married to my wife Miriam and I have four children, Lyla, Caleb, Sophia and William.

As a School Chaplain I work in a supportive/ caring role in the school with Teachers, Students and Families. I work to encourage students in their day to day school life, school work, social and friendship skills and I am available for pastoral care and help when it is needed within the school and wider community.

I also provide classroom support as well as a variety of activities during the lunch breaks such as games and drawing. I am looking forward to continuing the mural artwork with students throughout the year and continue the Model Building groups after school as the year progresses.

I am always a listening ear and a helping hand to support where there are needs within our school community. I will be here each Monday. You can contact me through the school or please feel free to come and see me, especially if there is anything you would like support with concerning your student or family.

I am looking forward to a great year ahead.

Chappy Don

Religious Instruction

Religious Instruction classes are held each Tuesday from 10.30am to 11.00am. Continuing students will remain in classes based on the information you supplied last year. Parents are able to place their child into a Religious Instruction class or withdraw their child from a Religious Instruction class at any time by forwarding a letter to the Principal.

School Uniforms

School uniform items are available from the school office. Please contact Mrs Helen Van Luyn on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Surf Hat	\$11.00
Library Bag	\$10.00
Shirts (All sizes)	\$21.00
Spray jackets (All sizes)	\$30.00
Swim Cap	\$12.00
Hoodie	\$30.00
Sunglasses	\$ 8.00
Adult Shirts	\$22.00
Adult jackets	\$35.00

Instrumental Music - Term 1, 2019

Instrumental Music Lessons will commence on Wednesday, 6 February (Week 2) as follows. Cost is \$8.00 per lesson.

If you would like your child/children to participate, please return the Expression of Interest for 2019 form (below) by Tuesday, 5 February.

Instrumental Music Term 1 - Wednesday	
Mrs Christina Martin	Miss Niamh Stevens
8.00am Guitar	8.00am Keyboard, Strings
8.30am Woodwind/Brass	8.30am Percussion

Staff Long Service Leave Term 1

School staff will be taking Long Service Leave during the remainder of Term 1 as follows:

Name	Start	Until	Replacement
C. Evans	4 February	8 February	TBA
L Tracey	6 February	14 March	F Watters T Gaffney
C. Martin	27 March	5 April	TBA

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



Friday	1 February	Return Swimming Permission Form
Monday	4 February	Swimming Lessons Commence (Week 1)
Monday	4 February	Return Parent Help Offer Form and Athletics Permission
Tuesday	5 February	Return Expression of Interest – Instrumental Music 2019 Form
Tuesday	5 February	Athletics Coaching – 8.00am
Wednesday	6 February	Instrumental Music Lessons Commence
Monday	11 February	Swimming Week 2
Wednesday	13 February	P&C AGM – 7.00pm
Wednesday	13 February	P&C Meeting – 7.20pm
Monday	18 February	Swimming Week 3
Monday	25 February	Swimming Week 4
Monday	4 March	Swimming Week 5
Friday	5 April	End of Term 1
Monday	22 April	Easter Monday
Tuesday	23 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 Monday, 4 February



SWIMMING PERMISSION FORM

I give permission for my child/children, _____, _____, _____, to take part in Swimming Lessons at the Toowoomba Grammar School Aquatic Centre during Term 1, 2019. Students will travel by bus (Gatton Bus Service). I acknowledge that the Department of Education and Training does not have Personal Accident Insurance cover for students.

Parent Name: _____ Signature: _____

* Please return by Friday, 1 February *



ATHLETICS COACHING

I would like my child/children, _____, _____ to participate in **Athletics Coaching** with Amy Parker beginning at 8.00am on Tuesday, 5 February.

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Please return by Monday, 4 February

Expression of Interest - Instrumental Music 2019

My child/children would like to be involved in the *Instrumental Music Program* in Term 1, 2019 as follows:

Child's Name	Instrument (Strings/Brass/Woodwind/Guitar/Keyboard/Percussion)

Parent Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Signature: _____

Please return by Tuesday, 5 February