



SCHOOL TALK

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL, FLAGSTONE CREEK STATE SCHOOL

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Tuesday, 16 July, 2019

Pre-Prep Group This Thursday

Our 2019 Pre-Prep Group will run on Thursdays (fortnightly) from 9.00am to 11.00am beginning this Thursday, 18 July. The group will be led by Mrs Jenni Barkhuizen.

Please invite anyone you know to contact the school if they have children who will begin Prep at Flagstone Creek State School in 2020.

Swimming – Toowoomba Grammar School Aquatic Centre – Term 3



The school has received a Sporting Schools Grant for Term 3. As there is no guarantee that a grant will be available in Term 4, we need to move swimming lessons to Term 3. We will use the Toowoomba Grammar School Aquatic Centre facilities which are heated and indoors.

Swimming lessons will be held at the Toowoomba Grammar School Aquatic Centre beginning on **Thursday, 25 July** and continue for five weeks.

The lessons will be with a coach in groups of no more than six students. While the Sporting Schools Grant will cover the majority of the cost, **families will need to 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, 19 July.

Student Details for Checking

A copy of your family records held on the Education Queensland computer system, *OneSchool*, attached in a white envelope, is being sent to you today so that we can check that the information is up-to-date. Mobile phone numbers, emergency contacts or family doctor may have changed since the information was entered into the system.

To ensure our records are up to date, please –

1. Check the information on the sheets carefully.
2. Change anything that is incorrect.
3. Add any new details in the spaces provided.
4. Sign at the bottom.

5. Return the sheets to the school by this Friday, 19 July.

Expressions of Interest for Options Afternoons

We will run an Options Program next Term from 1.45pm to 3.00pm on Friday, 2, 9, 16 and 23 August. The school staff including our Chaplain will take a group each, however, for the program to work effectively, we are looking for parents to take groups of 4 to 6 children for an activity that they feel most comfortable with, or have an interest in.

In the past, we have had parents take groups for floristry, wood work, string art, puppet making, knitting, crocheting, cooking and making a movie using an iPad.

If you are able to help our school, please complete the form below with your name and an activity that you are able to lead.

In the past the children have really enjoyed this afternoon and benefit greatly from learning from the Flagstone Creek Community.

Instrumental Music - Term 3

Instrumental Music Lessons will begin **TOMORROW**, Wednesday, 17 July (Week 1) as follows. Cost is \$8.00 per lesson.

If you would like your child/children to participate, please send them along at the time indicated below.

Instrumental Music Term 3 - Wednesday	
Mrs Christina Martin	Miss Niamh Stevens
8.00am Guitar	8.00am Keyboard
8.30am Woodwind/Brass	8.30am Percussion

Hip Hop Dance – Term 3

Hip Hop Dance with Emily Scanlan will continue this Term at lunchtime on Tuesday.

Tallebudgera Camp – 26-29 August

The 2019 Year 5/6 Camp will be held at the Tallebudgera Beach Outdoor Education School from Monday, 26 August to Thursday, 29 August. Our students will join Helidon State School.

If you would like your child to attend, please forward a non-refundable deposit of \$22.00 by Monday, 29 July to confirm their place. The balance of \$247.50 is due to be paid by Friday, 15 August. An invoice and further information will be sent home on Thursday this week,

Staff Long Service Leave Term 3

School staff will be taking Long Service Leave during Term 3 as follows:

Name	Start	Until	Replacement
C. Evans	15 July	19 July	J. Jensen
C. Martin	24 July	24 July	J. Barkhuizen

Ma Ma Creek Exhibition – Saturday 27 July

The Ma Ma Creek Exhibition and Sports will be held on Saturday, 27 July. This fun sports morning will run from 9.30am to 11.30am. Events could include sprints, sack races, potato races, relays and tug-of-war. The combined small schools choir will perform at 1.00pm (see below).

Attendance is completely voluntary and parents need to make their own transport arrangements.

Ma Ma Creek Exhibition Choir Performance

When: Saturday, 27 July

Time: 1.00pm

Meeting time: 12.50pm near the stage

Attire: Free dress

Schools performing: Ma Ma Creek, Flagstone Creek, Ropeley, Mt Sylvia, Mt Whitestone

Song: TNT

See you there!

Mrs Christina Martin
Music Teacher

Gatton Show Holiday – 12 August

Please note that Monday, 12 August, is the Gatton Show Holiday. The school will be closed on this day.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)

Collecting data on school students with disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability. According to the broad definition in the Disability Discrimination Act students with a disability may include children with a diagnosis like ASD, ID, PI; some children seeing paediatricians, psychologists, therapists; some migrant children, some children with significant health needs.

All Australian Governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability. All Australian schools participate in this annual data collection.

The data provided to the Australian Government is aggregated data only. Please be reassured that the Department will not provide on to another organisation any data that can identify an individual student. The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:

- number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability;
- level of adjustments we provide for those students; and

- broad category of disability.

Consultation with parents is important not only for the data collection but also to ensure you are aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. Your child's teacher discusses adjustments with you during parent teacher interviews and at other times they meet with you.

While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish your child's details to be included, please let me know. Information and fact sheets are available to help you make a decision from the Department's website: <http://education.qld.gov.au/curriculum/disability-data-collection.html>

Next P&C Meeting

The next P&C Meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Wednesday, 14 August. All welcome!

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



Wednesday	17 July	Term 3 Instrumental Music Begins
Thursday	18 July	Pre-Prep Group Begins 9.00am to 11.00am
Friday	19 July	Return Swimming Permission Form
Tuesday	23 July	Hip Hop Dance - 1.00pm
Thursday	25 July	Swimming Lesson 1
Saturday	27 July	Ma Ma Creek Exhibition
Thursday	1 August	Pre-Prep Group Meets 9.00am to 11.00am
Monday	29 July	School Opinion Survey Online Open
Thursday	1 August	Swimming Lesson 2
Thursday	8 August	Swimming Lesson 3
Monday	12 August	Gatton Show Holiday
Wednesday	14 August	Tuckshop Day
Wednesday	14 August	P&C Meeting – 7.00pm
Thursday	15 August	Pre-Prep Group Meets 9.00am to 11.00am
Thursday	15 August	Swimming Lesson 4
Thursday	22 August	Swimming Lesson 5
Friday	23 August	School Opinion Survey Online Close
Monday	26 August	Tallebudgera Camps Begins
Thursday	29 August	Tallebudgera Camps Ends
Thursday	29 August	Pre-Prep Group Meets 9.00am to 11.00am

Thursday	5 September	Year 3-6 Excursion to "The Twits"
Thursday	12 September	Pre-Prep Group Meets 9.00am to 11.00am
Wednesday	18 September	Tuckshop Day

Friday	20 September	End of Term 3

**FLAGSTONE CREEK STATE SCHOOL
OPTIONS PROGRAM OFFER**

I would like to assist with the Options Program from 1.45pm to 3.00pm on Friday, 2, 9, 16 and 23 August.

Chosen Activity: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____



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 3, 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, 19 July *