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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Welcome

I would like to thank you all for the warm and welcoming reception that I have had in this past week at Flagstone State Community College. It serves as yet another affirmation as to the wonderful and engaged community that we have here at the College. We are a community of

learners who are collegial and collaborative, future focused, and committed to ensuring that every student succeeds.

During my first week, I have been excited to meet the Educational and Student Support Services team, who provide a comprehensive wrap around student support services process consisting of Year Co-ordinators, HOD's, Guidance Officer, Chaplain, Youth Support Co-Ordinator, Teacher Aides, CEC, Nurse, School Based Police Officer, learning support staff and the Deputy Principals. Their dedication and commitment to supporting our young person's achieve success and a sense of belonging is driving a culture of respect, tolerance of diversity and support across the college.

This team is supported by some exceptional teachers whose work in the classroom and in the extra-curricular space continues to enable the students of Flagstone State Community College to explore their passions and interests, helping all students see themselves as learners and achieve success. This work, from a state of the art Dance program, to a champion Robotics team highlights the passion and enthusiasm of our teachers and continues to foster a reputation of excellence for the school in our broader community.

As the term continues, I look forward to meeting more of our school community as we forge strong and meaningful partnerships that support the young people in our community to achieve success and live a life of choice not a life of chance.

Clarity – The work of the 'Leading Learning Collaborative'

This week members of the leadership team will have an opportunity to share via a Zoom meeting the important work we have been engaging in to know our learners, connecting with Canadian Educational leader Lyn Sharratt and school leaders from other South East Region Schools. This is an important opportunity for us to gain feedback and insights around this work to help plan our next steps that will accelerate improvement for our students.

Kindly,

Julie Strong
Principal

NEWS FROM THE ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL YEAR 7 AND 8



At Flagstone we are always discussing with students the importance of attending school every day so they have every chance to learn now and into their future. We currently have a 90% attendance goal for all students to meet as attending school every day prepares students for success. Both parents and students have a role to play in making sure their child attends school.

Our Attendance policy reminds students to:

- Attend school every day, attending every lesson on time
- Attend every lesson while at school
- Track their own attendance to ensure they meet the school requirements of 90%
- Complete their attendance diary page, including percentage and attendance goal, during week 5 and week 10 of each term.

Every parent has a responsibility to:

- Ensure your student attends every day of school, on time
- Ensure the school is notified if your student is absent from school for any reason
- Track your student's attendance to ensure they meet the school requirements of 90%
- Ensure, when their student is being collected from school, that the person who collects them is on the OneSchool contact list

Collection of students through school hours:

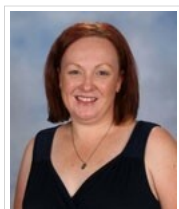
If parents need to collect their child from school through the school day for an appointment, please provide your child with a note explaining the reason for the absence and the period of the day that they will be leaving the school grounds.

Please remind your child to take their note to Education Services before school starts, so a leave pass can be issued at the time requested for the departure from school.

Students have a responsibility to follow this process, so they can present themselves at the correct time to the Administration Office. This process will also assist parents with attending the appointment for their child on time.

Please contact the school, if you are experiencing difficulties with your child attending school.

**Acting Deputy Principal
Year 7 and 8**



In 2022, Flagstone State Community College is excited to have its last year level (current Year 9 students) join our Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) laptop program. This means that it will be mandatory for students in all year levels to bring a suitable device to school each day. Our BYOD program

began in 2019 because:

- Modern teaching processes require the use of a digital platform, such as OneNote
- We are faced with an increasing number of aspects of classroom learning that are becoming computer based, including:
 - communication between students and teachers

- homework and assessments
- educational videos and access to educational resources
- collaborating with other students
- textbooks

- Laptops allow teachers to expand their instructional strategies and personalise learning for students
- Laptops allow for effective engagement. Our Gen Z students are visual, adaptive, flexible and collaborative learners
- Laptops extend student learning beyond the classroom. It allows for seamless movement between school and home
- Most schools in our region have a one-to-one BYOD program

If you don't already have a suitable laptop, parents of students will need to purchase a Windows or Apple Mac laptop device for 2022. Information about the program and the minimum laptop specifications required are listed in the BYOD Information Guide on our website. To keep costs to families at a minimum, we have kept the specifications as simple as possible, while still being functional. NOTE: Please do NOT purchase a Chromebook, Android, Linux device, as they do not work on the Education Queensland network.

It is also important to point out that we are moving to additional electronic textbooks, so your involvement in the program is fundamental to your child's learning. These electronic textbooks will be a resource inclusion to the 2022 Student Resource Scheme.

We will of course provide assistance to families who are experiencing severe financial hardship. Further information on our equity policy is outlined on our website

<https://bit.ly/3aP2WcV>

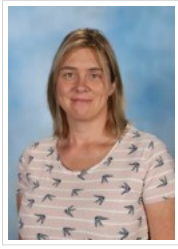
The following additional information is now available on our website:

- Our BYOD Information Guide which includes our BYOD User Agreement and Equity Policy – <https://bit.ly/39gLLtA>
- Minimum hardware requirements & log in details for online purchasing portals (these portals will be updated later in the year for 2022 devices) - <https://bit.ly/3DxJ1gl>
- Software requirements - <https://bit.ly/32ntw9j>
- Frequently Asked Questions - <https://bit.ly/34tnXc2>

If you require any additional information or assistance, please see the BYOD information section on our school website <https://bit.ly/3gNjTZu> or email itsupport@flagstonescc.eq.edu.au.

Kerenza Ortlipp
Head of Department - eLearning

SCIENCE WEEK



Science Week Activities

The theme for Science Week 2021 is Food, Different By Design and all this week our Science technicians and teachers will be running activities looking at the different properties of some foods and the Science behind them,

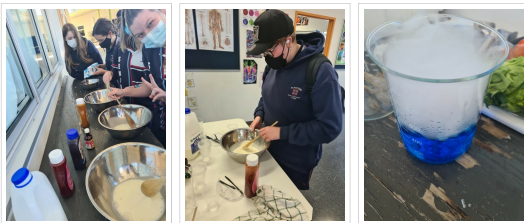
On Monday, Ms Hunter and Ms Chase helped some students make edible "Orbeez" using Cold Oil Spherification. This involved dropping a hot solution of flavoured juices with agar into beakers of cold oil allowing the droplets to solidify and form edible balls. This practice is common in food preparation from making Bubble Tea, fast food drinks and also in gourmet cooking to present sauces on dishes in high end restaurants. The Science behind it is using cold temperatures to change the state of matter of a molecular solution known as a Hydrocolloid.



On Wednesday, Ms Hunter and Mr Poels held an instant ice-cream workshop. Students were able to mix up flavours of ice cream with milk and sauces and have it instantly cooled down to an ice cream consistency with liquid Nitrogen. The liquid nitrogen is -196 degrees Celsius which is around the same temperature of Neptune, the coldest planet in our solar system. It causes the fat and the water particles to stay very small, giving the ice cream its creamy consistency. We even had lactose free!

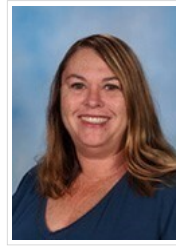
This process is used in vegetable preparation to make sure frozen peas are fresh for longer.

Some students also looked at the properties of dry ice and how something so cold can boil.



Nicola Hunter
Science Laboratory Technician
Environmental & Sustainable Projects Mentor

SEP NEWS



It's once again been a busy term. In other years we would have been looking forward to spending a day learning about agriculture at the Beaudesert Show. Unfortunately, this year the show has been cancelled but hopefully will go ahead next year. Our students have been extremely busy in their classes, preparing for assessment and the

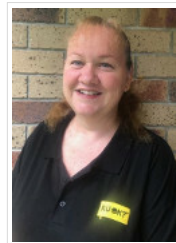
end of another term. Our year tens are completing their subject selection for senior and trying to decide what pathway they would like to take.

Mrs Brown has been working with students in the Rock and Water program and students are gaining confidence and resilience being part of this process. Our students in traineeships have been using their time well to complete the theory side of the programs and have had the benefit of trainers being allowed to come back in to schools to work with them.

Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help with your child's education. Our case managers are always happy to answer any questions they can and to support your child as they navigate their high school years.

Cathy Selby
HOSSES

NEWS FROM THE YOUTH SUPPORT CO-ORDINATOR



News from the S.W.A.G Hub
(Student Wellbeing & Academic Growth) Hub

MINDFUL MONDAYS (Year 10, 11 & 12)
WELCOME!!!

Mindful Monday's is a new program we are offering from our S.W.A.G Hub

Time : Monday mornings
Location: S.W.A.G Hub – Ed Services building
Participants: Senior School – Years 10, 11 & 12 students



This is a quiet space Come listen to the sounds of the ocean, the birds and wildlife or the rain on the roof as we **STOP, RELAX** and **BREATHE!!!**

We also have a Mindful colouring table inside with Mandala colouring and Mindfulness Information – check-lists, kind ideas, wellness journal, quotes and feel good cards and information.

After the program.....

Students are welcome to stay back and chat to myself, Youth Support Co-ordinator, or make an appointment at their own convenience to see one of our Ed services staff.

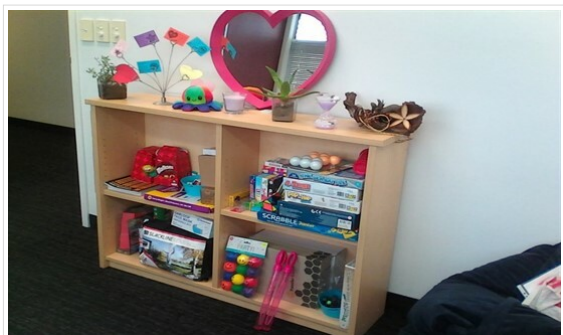
We can also offer a “Mindful Monday” Yoga class during 2nd break if we have enough interest expressed – so please let us know if you are interested in this class.

FLAGGY FRIENDS (Year 7, 8 & 9) WELCOME !!!

Time : 11.30am – 12.10pm - First Break Monday's & Thursday's
Location: S.W.A.G Hub – Ed Services building
Participants: Junior School – Years 7, 8 & 9 students

Our Flaggy Friends activity group is designed to help build confidence, establish friendships, participate in group games and activities and to have fun!!

Please remember to bring signed consent forms from parents / carer's (they can be collected from Sharyn in Ed services).



R U OK DAY

Happy Mental Health to all our Flagstone staff, students and families.



This year on **Thursday 9th of September 2021** our school will be celebrating our annual R U OK Day.

We will have FUN, FOOD, PRIZES and INFORMATION provided on how to help support individuals and families who might not be OK right now.



We would like to extend this day to include every day of the year.

Every day is a new day and sometimes we might just not be feeling it.

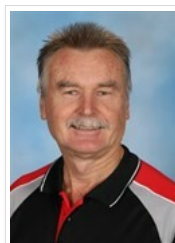
With everyday stresses at home, at school, at work, relationships, friendships, family, sexuality, health, COVID and much more going on, our mental health can vary day to day and even minute to minute.

Never be afraid to ASK FOR HELP!!!!



Sharyn Jones
Youth Support Co-ordinator

FORMULA STUDENT RACE CAR NEARS COMPLETION



The Certificate 2 Engineering Production students have been working hard to complete their car ready for the Track day at Lakeside Raceway on Friday 8 October. There have been many interruptions to the program due to the lockdowns last year and this year. However, the students have stepped up and for most of this term they have dedicated every moment available to production. There would be a couple of students that have been working every lunch break.

Within the next couple of days, the car will be moved off the trolley and set on the floor so that the engine and final panel fitment can be completed. This will then move us to the final testing and checking ready for their day at the race track. They will join approximately twenty or so other school teams in the Formula Program.



We all hope for a successful day without breakdowns at Lakeside on Friday 8 October.

Jeff Ludlow
Technology HOD

PAYMENTS



Shared Resource Scheme & Subject Levies

Review of Shared Resource Scheme & Subject Levies for 2022 – New Date: Tuesday 7th September, 2021

Due to the cancellation of the P&C Meeting due to lockdown, the Shared Resource Scheme and Subject Levies for 2022 will be reviewed at the next P&C Meeting. This will be held on Tuesday 7th September at 6pm in the Administration building. All parents/carers are welcome to attend.

Shared Resource Scheme

Invoices for families participating in the Shared Resource Scheme the 2021 have been issued. If you have opted to pay in instalments, the schedule is as below:

- Term 1 - \$100.00 – Overdue
- Term 2 - \$60.00 – Overdue
- Term 3 - \$60.00 – Overdue

Please ensure you have completed the Participation Agreement Form for each student and returned it to the school. If you returned a form last year, you will not need to complete another one. If you have a new student to the school, please ensure a form is returned. This will assist with students receiving their resources in a timely manner. If you require a form please follow the link below or contact the office.

<https://flagstonescc.eq.edu.au/support-and-resources/payments/student-resource-scheme>

The website contains an extensive list of all items included, by year level. Please take time to peruse this. If you do not wish to participate, please read the Terms & conditions and complete the "SRS Participation Agreement Form" indicating this, and return the form.

Non-Curricular Excursions & Events

For students wishing to attend non-curricular events (e.g. School Formal and Mystery Tour), all school fees must be finalised to be eligible to attend. Please contact the Finance department if you have any queries.

Payment Window Opening Hours

The payment window is open on Fridays at the following times:

For Students: 8.30am to 9.00am & 11.30am to 12noon
For Parents: 8.30am to 12noon

Alternatively, payments can be made using the following options:

8 Point Payment

Refer to Payment Methods at bottom of invoices
(Please allow 3 days for payments to be processed),

or via **Direct Debit**

Flagstone State Community College

BSB: 064 – 184

A/C: 10228778

(Please remember to put as reference **Sumame/ACTIVITY** – e.g. JSMITH SR58 or JSMITH AQUA)

LOST PROPERTY

We have large amounts of lost property - jumpers, caps etc. without names please encourage your student to come to the book room before school and or during break times to look for lost items.

Parents/caregivers please ensure all clothing has your students name, so we can return to the owner ASAP. All lost property not collected will be donated at the end of this term.

CANTEEN NEWS

Save Time... Order Online!

Flexischools is a fast, convenient and secure way to order and pay from home, work or on your mobile.

No more fumbling around for coins in the morning or sending kids to school with excess cash. Online orders are easier and faster giving parents peace of mind that their order is received accurately by the school canteen.

Registration is FREE and only takes a few minutes. Visit the Flexischools website for more information

www.flexischools.com.au



Sandi Hayes
Uniform Shop Convenor

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Payment options

The Uniform Shop accepts a range of payment options including:

- Cash
- EFTPOS
- Lay-by
- Phone Orders welcome



Lay-bys are available on an 8 week term and must be paid in full. A 20% deposit is required.

Opening hours

Monday 8:00 am - 9:30 am
Tuesday CLOSED
Wednesday 8:00 am - 9:30 am
Thursday CLOSED
Friday 8:00 am - 9:30 am

Contact us

Phone: 07 5547 9369

Email: uniformshop@flagstonescc.eq.edu.au

Sandi Hayes
Uniform Shop Convenor

COMMUNITY NEWS

Flagstone Community Centre - September School Holiday Program 2021

Flagstone Community Centre
September School Holiday Program 2021
All details on our website: www.flagstonecommunitycentre.com or ring 0491 711 358

Monday 20 th September	Tuesday 21 st September	Wednesday 22 nd September	Thursday 23 rd September	Friday 24 th September
8am-11am-Grades 3-6 Arts and Craft Workshop \$10 12noon-2pm-Grades 5-8 Arts and Craft Workshop \$10 3pm-4pm-Grades 5-8 Arts and Craft Workshop \$10	8am-11am-Grades Prep-6 Baking Workshop Flagstone Crafter's Hub \$10 12noon-2pm-Grades 5-8 Two sessions will be offered (if enough numbers) 3pm-4pm-Grades 5-8 PowerPoint Gaming #1 Computing Workshop (BYO device) \$10 5pm-6pm-Grades 5-8 Flagstone Crafter's Hub \$10	8am-11am-Grades 3-6 Craft Workshop #1 Flagstone Crafter's Hub \$10 11:30am-1:30pm-Grades 4-6 Baking Workshop Flagstone Crafter's Hub \$10 2pm-4pm-Grades 5-8 Craft Workshop #2 Flagstone Crafter's Hub \$10 5pm-6pm-Grades 5-8 Flagstone Crafter's Hub \$10	8am-11am-Grades Prep-6 Singing Workshop Flagstone Crafter's Hub \$10 11:30am-1:30pm-Grades 4-6 Baking Workshop Flagstone Crafter's Hub \$10 2pm-4pm-Grades 5-8 Singing Workshop Flagstone Crafter's Hub \$10 5pm-6pm-Grades 5-8 Singing Workshop Flagstone Crafter's Hub \$10	8am-11am-Grades Prep-6 Arts and Craft Workshop Flagstone Crafter's Hub \$10 12noon-2pm-Grades 5-8 Arts and Craft Workshop Flagstone Crafter's Hub \$10 3pm-4pm-Grades 5-8 Arts and Craft Workshop Flagstone Crafter's Hub \$10 5pm-6pm-Grades 5-8 Arts and Craft Workshop Flagstone Crafter's Hub \$10
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DATE CLAIMERS

6 September	Dance Night Dress Rehearsal and Performance
7 September	P&C Meeting
13 September	Year 12 – Tourism Excursion
13 September – 14 September	Year 10 – Taster Days for Year 11, 2022
15 September	Charlie & the Chocolate Factory Excursion
15 September – 16 September	Year 11 – Sport & Recreation Aquatic Excursion
17 September	Flagstone's Got Talent Last Day Term 3
4 October	Public Holiday
5 October	First Day Term 4 P & C Meeting
8 October	Year 12 - Formula Student Track Day
14 October	Awards Evening – Junior Awards start 1.30pm Awards Evening – Senior Awards start 4.00pm
15 October	Middle School Undercover Performance
22 October	Induction Senior Leaders 2022 World Teacher's Day
2 November	P & C Meeting