

Term 1
Week 4

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2018

The Freestone Flyer

Newsletter of the Freestone State School



Our school community is working together to ensure that every student is learning and achieving every day.

From the Principal's Desk

Calendar of Events:

Freestone SS P&C Assoc General & AGM Meeting	Friday 16th Feb 3:15pm School Library All welcome
Mobile Women's Health Nurse	Thursday 22 February 9:30-3:00
Bus Meeting 7pm Freestone	Wednesday 28 Feb School Library
Freestone SS Trivia Night	Saturday 17 March
Warwick Show Freestone SS Public Holiday	Friday 23 March
Last Day of Term 1	Thursday 29 March
Good Friday	Friday 30 March

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are nearly at the end of the fourth week and a long one it has been with the relentless heat wave. With the changes in temperature many have succumbed to colds. This has affected attendance however it is important to keep your child at home when they are ill, so they can rest. Please remember to send the school a message if your child is absent and send in an absence note when they return.

Unfortunately our P&C meeting had to be cancelled due to a power outage however this group plans to meet at 3:15pm on Friday. Come along and have your say whilst the kids have a play and are supervised for a few hours. Our P&C are the reason we are able to have swimming lessons, excursions and amazing school camps which are all subsidised.

This year our school focus as well as the regions, is on Reading. Success in reading means success across all other curriculum areas. We want our students to be confident, happy readers who read because they enjoy it. Each morning we have buddy reading for 5 minutes where we either listen to reading or read a story to our buddy. Please take 10 minutes out of your busy day to try and listen to your child read. Even older students need to be able to read out loud with expression and fluency whether it is from a favourite book, a magazine or a newspaper.

I also have another request. Please could families let us know exactly what allergies their child has so we can ensure they are not put at risk by accidentally eating some birthday cake or home bake that contains something they cannot eat. We don't want students to miss out on treats and we will do what we can to accommodate them but we do need to know what those allergies are and the reaction. We will put a summary of these allergies in the newsletter for you to consider when sending in home bake or birthday cakes. Thanks you for your support in this. Finally, just a quick reminder to PLEASE **sign** the diary each night or morning before school and make sure your child brings in their homework books, reading folders and homework bag every day whether work has been completed or not. Try and stay cool and enjoy the rest of your week.

Laura Watson Principal

Freestone State School

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Child sick, early pick up, catching the bus home or running late, TEXT US.



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Happy Birthday

We hope Hannah Iseppi had a wonderful 10th Birthday on Saturday 3rd February.



Random Acts of Kindness Term 1 Week 2&3

Mobile Women's Health Service
Nurse Kathryn Anning will be at the
Killarney & District Aged Care Facility
Thursday 22 February from 9am to 3pm
This is a free Service

After School Help Needed

We have a parent who is in need of after school care for her 2 children from 3pm to 5pm. If you can help in any way, please call Oryana Bravery On 0403231846 for more information.



Buy a book from
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to help build
our classroom
resources

~ Tuckshop Roster ~

Date	Meal Maker	Dessert
16 Feb	Milkshakes only	Carmel
23 Feb	Hot Dogs—Emily Coy	Kristina
02 March	Milkshakes only	Carmel
09 March	TBA—Kristina & Carmel	Jelly cups Emily
16 March	Milkshakes only	Sharon
23 March	Show holiday t'shop Thursday to be confirmed	
29 March	End of Term tuckshop day & options to be confirmed	

Ideas to Enhance Reading Aloud to Children

Choose stories that you have read and enjoyed reading.

Read a variety of books.

Choose a colourful book large enough for the child to see.

Reread favourite books.

Read stories that lend themselves to the child repeating a phrase or filling in a word.

Practice reading aloud if necessary.

Pick an area that is quiet and comfortable.

Sit higher than the child so they can see the pictures and hear you.

Help your child settle before you begin by leading them in a calming game or song.

Hold up the book and call attention to the author and illustrator.

Ask questions that will spark their interest.

Move the book back and forth so that the child can see the illustrations or show each page after it has been read.

Last of all, read with expression and enthusiasm.

By Leah Davies, M.Ed

