

Term 3
Week 5

Thursday
16th August
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

Dear Parents and Guardians

We are now half way through the term and looking forward to our swimming lessons next week. Please remember to add extra food and an extra towel. Make sure all items of clothing are named and please don't forget swimming goggles. We will only be sending school diaries home. No spelling homework next week.

We have a number of students away with colds. Please remember to notify the school via text message or phone call on the morning of your child's absence and pop an absentee note in the diary. There are some very nasty bugs doing the rounds, so if in doubt please keep your little ones home. This will help reduce their recovery time and hopefully the spread of germs.

Students in Years 3-6 had an outing to the Hermitage on Tuesday. It was an interesting day learning about the use of drones in agriculture. As well as dogs which sniff out fire-ants. They also learnt about bees and cross-germination to improve disease and drought resistance in barley. The highlight of the day was the science show where liquid nitrogen, loud bangs and colourful clouds kept everyone on the edge of their seats.

Please encourage all members of our farming community to support the school by popping down to the Freestone hall for the lunch on the 29th August. Our P&C have been asked to do the catering with the support of our rural council. The drought is affecting everyone in our community and whilst a lunch isn't going to change the harsh reality it will show our farmers that we care. It will also let them know how important they are to us each and every day when we reach out to have a snack, drink or meal.

Please extend an invitation to all dads, grandpas and family friends for our Father's Day Bash. We have a number of students who will be happy to lend a hand to help smash out this year's creation. It is guaranteed to be a fun day with delicious food and good company. Our wonderful Sidchrome Raffle will be drawn on the day. Please try and sell the tickets and support the school P&C. We are trying to make our school camp at the end of the year as affordable as possible.

Regards

Laura Watson

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



Calendar of Events:

Next P&C Meeting School Library	Friday 14 September 3:30pm
Freestone Hall BBQ & Hall AGM	Friday 17 August 5:30pm-8:30pm
Southern Downs Jobs Expo 2018	Wednesday 22 August Flyer attached
Learn To Swim Week	Mon 20 Aug to Friday 24 Aug
Book Week @ Warwick SHS	Thursday 23 August
School Opinion Survey	CLOSES Friday 24 August
Rural Minds Farmer's Day	Freestone Hall Wednesday 29 August
Father's Day Sunday 2 Sept	Our Fathers' Day function Friday 31 Aug
Raffle & Book Fair	Friday 31 August
Freestone SS BOOK FAIR	Friday 31 August
Community U8 Day @ Warwick East SS	Friday 14 September



~ Community Information ~

Freestone Memorial Hall

The Freestone Hall will hold its AGM on Friday 17th August from 5:30 to 8:30pm. There will be a BBQ for all with drinks for sale. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

For more information contact John on 46661672.

Dates to keep in mind

7 Sept—Friendly Friday

Contact Graeme on 46661524.

20 Sept—Ladies Morning Tea at Marg Shelley's, 399 Shelley's Rd, 46661524.

12 Oct—Friendly Friday from 5.30

18 Oct—Ladies Morning Tea at Lyn & Mary Noble's, 397 Freestone Creek Rd, 46661558.

26 Oct—Bush Dance, for more info call Ansie on 0481713761

6 Nov—Melbourne Cup Morning Tea at Robyn Kelly, 1345 Freestone Rd, call 0423022826.



Under 8's Week

Warwick East State School is holding a 'Community Under 8's Day' on Friday 14th September from 9am to 11:30am.

There will be lots of activities and a free sausage sizzle. More info closer to the re will day.

STAFFROOM for IMPROVEMENT

Please take the time to look at the attached flyer from the RACQ—Staffroom for Improvement competition.

It is a very easy website to get onto and put in an entry for our school. The prize is a \$20,000 staffroom makeover with 2nd & 3rd prizes of a \$1,000 eftpos gift cards. Get the kids involved, they will enjoy writing a note to their teacher.



SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY

Please remember to complete the School Opinion Survey online. I know it does take a little time but your feedback is appreciated. We feel incredibly proud of our school, our resources and our achievements and we hope this survey will reflect this.

When families are selecting a new school for their children, the opinion survey results are often looked at first. If you have any concerns please come and have a chat as we are always looking at ways to improve and promote enrolments.

RURAL MINDS - *There is such a thing as a free lunch.*

Join us to have a chat about mental health and wellbeing in rural Australia.

The workshop will :-

Improve your awareness and understanding of mental health issues.

Make the connection between mental health and personal safety.

Give you the confidence, strategies and pathways to supports to help you preserve your mental health and that of your family and friends.

12pm to 4pm at the Freestone Hall. RSVP by the 24 Aug to Gwen Jones on 46815521

Happy Birthday



Demonic celebrated his 9th Birthday on Thursday 9th August. Everyone sung a hearty rendition of 'Happy Birthday' before his sister got in the photo with him.

Random Acts of Kindness Term 3 Weeks 3&4

Congratulations to the following STARS of the Freestone State School.

Monty was very helpful to Matthew when she carried his tool kit back to class while Mrs Watson spoke to him.

Amy set up parade for Tyson as he was busy finishing his computer tasks.

Zaiden was fast and chased down some rubbish that blew out of another students lunch box.

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