

FlagstoneFocus

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SUPER CARNIVAL

**1-5PM SATURDAY
21 OCTOBER**

MENTAL HEALTH
AWARENESS
MONTH

**FREE
PT BOOTCAMPS AT
LATITUDE PARK**

**Christmas
Events Galore**



Lots more inside...

Hello Flagstonians!

A message from Troy Thompson
Flagstone Project Director



New Flagstone Master Builders Display Village nears completion

The new Flagstone Master Builders Display Village is nearing completion for the planned opening on 11 November 2023. The village will showcase 14 exceptional homes from some of Queensland's leading builders, some are already open now ahead of schedule.

This new display village will be the second here in Flagstone and follows the very successful inaugural village in the Pioneer release. The new village will feature a range of innovative, beautiful, and technology-filled homes to suit all buyer types.

Visitors able to explore the wide variety of designs and latest trends all in one place to find the right home for them.

Buyers have such diverse tastes, which is why we ensured a wide range of home designs available for visitors to experience. Display villages are a must for those looking to build - you can walk through display

homes, judge the quality of a builders work, see what they are capable of and imagine yourself living in the perfect home for your family.

The new display village is located at the corner of Stellar and Providence Streets, Flagstone and will feature homes from:

- ABC Homes
- Arista Homes
- Dwyer Quality Homes
- Focus Living
- Hudson Homes
- Palladio Homes
- Simonds Homes
- Stroud Homes South Brisbane
- Zoom Constructions



State Government Update

Public Transport planning fundamental for the growth of Flagstone

In late 2019, the first dedicated bus service connecting Flagstone to the TransLink SEQ Bus Network rolled out with the 535 route.

I know many of the original residents of Flagstone told me that they never thought it would happen!

The service began as a Monday to Friday service, 5:30am to 8pm and in 2021, was expanded to a Saturday service as well.

I recently met with TransLink to receive an update on the performance of the 535 service. Encouraging residents to make a change from getting in their car to hopping on a bus is not easy (particularly following COVID-19). The 535 service is seeing good patronage in the early mornings and evenings (predominately workers) and also has a peak around school end times (students).

At this stage, I'm advised there is not enough patronage to further expand the 535 but I will continue to advocate for our local community to have increased and better services in Flagstone, particularly as the community grows.

At the same time, we need to look to the future and the future is passenger rail. The Australian and Queensland Governments are planning for the long-term passenger transport needs between Salisbury and Beaudesert and this includes the Salisbury to Beaudesert (S2B) Rail Line.

A \$20 million business case study is currently underway to confirm the need, timing and land requirements for a future rail line and services to support the population, employment and economic growth of the Greater Flagstone Priority Development Area.

The study is looking at the following:

- Preservation of land for a future rail corridor
- Provision of tracks from Salisbury to Beaudesert to support future passenger services



- Provision of a shared pedestrian and cycle track along much of the corridor, as identified within the South East Queensland Principal Cycle Network
- Provision of stations with associated facilities and car parks, improving accessibility to the passenger transport network
- Provision of maintenance access roads, stabling facilities and associated infrastructure to support activities within the corridor.

This is a massive project - 54kms of a new rail line as well as the anticipated construction of 11 new stations at Acacia Ridge, Algester, Beaudesert, Boronia Heights, Flagstone, Gleneagle, Gleneagle North, Greenbank, Hillcrest, New Beith and Undullah and associated parking facilities.

I am very pleased that both the State and Federal Governments have committed significant funds to progress this important transport project that will be absolutely vital for the future of Flagstone and surrounds. I look forward to sharing more information with our community once the business case has been finalised.

Charis Mullen MP
State Member for Jordan

Logan City Council Update

Council beautify the entry to Flagstone

There is always plenty to do and see in Flagstone and the past few months has been no different.

By now I hope you have all seen the fairy lights recently installed at the Homestead and Bushman roundabout. I was so excited to see them switched on at dusk on Saturday 19th August 2023. To those residents that assisted with the idea and who continued to rally for it over the years, I think we can all agree, it was well worth it! I know it puts a smile on my face when I drive in and out of the area at night time. It will look amazing when the Christmas decorations are installed shortly for the holiday season.

I recently attended the Flagstone State Community College Careers Expo and would like to thank Jenny Krause for organising a great day of information for the students.



Every student had the chance to attend, ask questions, and gather information from career provider stall holders present. The students engaged with me regarding what they wanted to see in their community, providing me with some fantastic feedback that I can work towards.

Good luck to all those Grade 12 students who are about to finish their 13 years of schooling! I wish you the best of luck in your final exams and encourage you to think big, dream big, believe big, and the result will be big!

Keep an eye out on my Facebook page for upcoming mobile offices in the area and come along to discuss any council or community matters with me. We can chat over a coffee, my treat!

Cr Natalie Willcocks
Logan City Council Division 11 Councillor
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Eats and Beats is coming to Flagstone Parklands

Friday November 24th. Drop the date in your calendars because it will be a great night out. On the same night will be the Logan Showdown skate event presented by Rumble! This will bring skaters from across Queensland to compete on the ramps at the skate park. After watching this, you can enjoy the wide variety of cuisine from the food trucks, listen to some free music, and join in the activities for all ages on the night.



Black Dog Institute Partnership and Affiliation with Peet to benefit the Flagstone community.

In 2022, Peet announced a three-year partnership with the Black Dog Institute, an independent not-for-profit medical research institute delivering research to help treat, manage and prevent mental illness.

Peet has a long history of supporting charities and organisations that provide a positive social impact in the community and can make a meaningful difference for our residents and our team. With 1 in 5 Australians experiencing symptoms of mental illness in any given year, the research and programs that Black Dog Institute delivers are vital in understanding, preventing and treating mental illness in the community.

Peet's commitment to Black Dog Institute is through funding its Future Proofing Study, which aims to prevent depression and anxiety in young people. Through workplace education, Peet staff learn how to understand and recognise the triggers of mental health, providing them with the tools to have open conversations and assist with help-seeking resources. This commitment extends to residents living in Peet communities through community education programs.

This partnership reinforces Peet's commitment to creating places that provide a sense of belonging and the role community connection and support can have on an individual's mental health.

Have you meet Kareen Duncan, the Community Development Executive? Her role is to work in supporting and providing programs and activations to support the community in Flagstone. For the month of October, in addition to the amazing upcoming events, Kareen has coordinated a mental health guest speaker and community walks. All residents are welcome to attend.



Breaking Down Depression



Flagstone Community Association and Flagstone Men's Shed will host this FREE session.

19 October - 6:30pm
Flagstone Community Centre
19 Trailblazer Drive, Flagstone

Guest Speaker - Geoff Robins

Geoff Robins has over 25 years of service, across various emergency agencies, in-particular law enforcement and allied health (ambulance).

Throughout Geoff's career, he's been deployed in a variety of operational roles both nationally and

internationally and has provided grass root and strategic peer support for both co-workers and the community in times of crisis, and during natural disasters.

Geoff regularly delivers presentations around mental health, including raising awareness about anxiety and depression, reducing the associated stigma and encouraging people to seek help.

Geoff became a Black Dog Institute speaker due to his personal and lived experience of mental health.

He is extremely passionate about offering support, assistance and hope to others in times of a mental health crisis.

He is also a strong advocate for equity and equality for anyone with mental or physical health conditions.



One Foot Forward - Community Walk

Set up your own fundraiser campaign and raise money for Black Dog Institute as part of the One Foot Forward initiative or just come along for the exercise with like-minded residents.

- **Monday 16 October - 9am**
Meet at the Flagstone Sales Office, cnr Homestead Drive and Branson Street.
- **Tuesday 24 October - 4pm**
Meet at the Flagstone Sports Precinct car park, Flagstonian Drive.

Flagstone Local Tyson Majors Conquers Kokoda

Tyson completed the Kokoda Track and in doing so raised awareness and funds for Type 1 Foundation.

"The trek was an incredible experience. I met so many amazing people and have made friends for life. When we arrived in Papua New Guinea we were greeted by the most friendly and welcoming people you will ever come across. The countryside where the track passes through, is probably the most beautiful I have ever seen. So much so, you get sick of the colour green pretty quickly! The track itself is challenging with some almost vertical climbs. The villages we went through are extremely primitive with no power and water coming from local streams. It was eight days of gruelling hikes but very rewarding. Next August, I will endeavour to go back,

but as a team leader on the trek. I will also be heading over to Nepal on November 24, to once again create awareness and funds for Type 1 diabetes and The Type 1 Foundation. This has been a very rewarding experience and I am thankful for all the opportunities, including becoming an Ambassador for The Type 1 Foundation and Medtronic Diabetes. Finally, I would like to thank the Flagstone and Jimboomba community for all the support".

The combined fundraising effort raised just over \$25,000 for the Type 1 Foundation.



Q&A WITH FLAGSTONE RESIDENTS

Wayne Mathews



Wayne Mathews is a retired Senior Check and Training Flight Engineer who used to train people to operate B747s and DC 10s, then periodically check in on his trainees for continued competency.

Prior to joining the Royal Australian Air Force at sixteen years old, as an engineering apprentice, Wayne used to travel by rural train to his Great Uncle's outback sheep station, Wangaroo during school holidays.

Wayne has recently published a book, "The Roo Shooter's Apprentice", based on his experience the first time he went out to Wangaroo as a fourteen year old.

The book is dedicated to the young men who have not met their mentors yet. It has been published in the hope that school teachers can utilise it to engage with their teenage male students to expand their literary horizons beyond comics.

Wayne chose to buy here in Flagstone because of the area's growth potential. His daughter Elle, has been able to set up her business storage in the huge sheds on their property. Their property is a short distance from Amberley, which is where Elle's brother Merrick works.

1. **What is your favourite book to read?** Whichever one I'm writing at the time.
2. **What was the last movie you went to? What did you think?** Avatar. It was incredible. Thoroughly enjoyed the fantasy.
3. **Who is your favourite sports star? Why?** Tommy Raudonikis - we were apprentices together.
4. **Which leader in the world inspires you? Why?** Queen Elizabeth II inspired me. What she did keeping the Commonwealth of Nations together was, and still is, truly extraordinary...
5. **If you could share a meal with any 4 individuals, living or dead, who would they be?** Queen Elizabeth II, Prince Phillip, Sandra Bullock & Billy Connolly.

Kellee Hodge

Kellee Hodge is a proud mum of two boys. Her eldest son finished high school a couple of years ago and her youngest is currently attending Flagstone State School. Kellee is an active member of the Flagstone State School P&C Executive Committee. Their first home is being built in Flagstone, and they hope to move in in before Christmas to participate in the Christmas light trail.

1. **What is your favourite family holiday?** Perth. Our family adventure around Rottnest Island was probably my favourite. Being a beach girl, the crystal-clear blue waters against the white sandy beaches were magnificent. We stopped to admire all the quokkas; unfortunately, I wasn't allowed to bring any home.
2. **How would your friend best describe you?** A little bit of this and a little bit of that. Most definitely loyal! Always caring for others and always putting them first. A ray of sunshine, a tad extra and a lot of attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder.
3. **What makes you laugh the most?** Although a lot of people don't get my humour, I often make myself laugh. I have a dry, dark sense of humour.

4. **Who is your favourite sports star? Why?** Tia-Clair Toomey, she is amazing! Humble yet the very best. She won a gold medal at the Commonwealth Games Weightlifting Competition in 2018 and has proven to be the fittest woman in the world six years in a row at the Crossfit Games. Through Tia-Clair's work, women and young girls have been able to see themselves differently and embrace their strong physique.



5. **If you could share a meal with any 4 individuals, living or dead, who would they be?** My two brothers who have passed away. I miss them and their voices. As well as with my grandma, who at the young age of 96, is in full-time care. And finally, with Mat Fraser, who is a 5-time Crossfit champion. Mat is inspiring and calculated, with a unique perspective on the world. I would love to pick his brain.

SUPER CARNIVAL

Peet Flagstone is proud to partner once again with the Supercars Championship as a sponsor of the Boost Mobile Gold Coast 500. To celebrate, we're throwing a massive SuperCARNival right here in Flagstone on Saturday, October 21, 2023!

Get up close and personal with a real Gen 3 Supercar, rub shoulders with Supercars series contender, Brodie Kostecki, step onto the winner's podium, and experience the thrill of a Super Lap in the official Supercars Safety Car.

And for all you car enthusiasts, test your speed in our pit stop challenge and car simulator. Plus immerse yourself in the Mondaze Car and Bike 100+ car display!

But that's not all! We've got your appetite covered with our mouthwatering BBQ Feast, the "SuperCarnivore", accompanied by licensed Tiger's Bar.

Join us as former Hi-5 member, Charli Robinson MCs, and DJ Alex Grey brings back the classics!

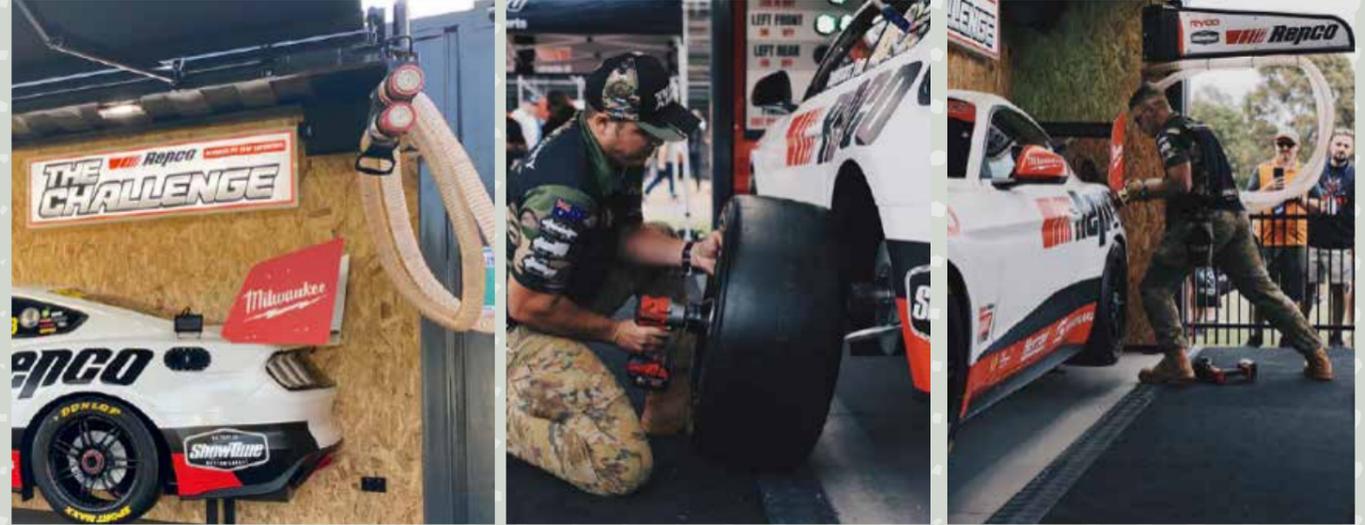
And, if it couldn't get any better - incredible prizes await you! Come down for your chance to win a block of land at Flagstone*! We will also be giving away tickets to the Boost Mobile Gold Coast 500 and exclusive, money-can't-buy experiences on the day. Plus, the B105 Black Thunder street team will be there! How good is that?

Supercharge your weekend at the Flagstone SuperCARNival!

WHEN: Saturday, October 21, 2023

TIME: 1pm to 5pm

WHERE: Flagstone Parklands, Flagstonian Drive



Flagstone Halloween Twilight Markets

28 October 2023 4pm to 8pm

1 Poinciana Drive, Flagstone

Come on down dressed in your best Halloween outfit and stroll around the night markets offering a plethora of stalls, showcasing a mix of beautifully handcrafted designer pieces and artisanal treasures waiting to be discovered. Plus, you can grab a bite to eat from the various food trucks and enjoy the live entertainment.

Don't miss out on all the Halloween fun!

Kids can experience the trick-or-treat pumpkin trail, knocking on 12 doors throughout the markets and posing for a photo or two in the haunted photo booths. They can also win a prize from the door bag draw, best photo booth photo competition or the fancy dress competition.

The market is a free event, however, you must purchase your trick-or-treat pumpkin trail passes for just \$10 per child.



QR Code link to purchase tickets



Eats and Beats Showdown

24 November 2023

5pm to 9pm

Flagstone Parklands, Flagstonian Drive, Flagstone

The city's best pop-up urban festival, Eats and Beats is coming to Flagstone Parklands for a night of fun, live music, delicious food and skateboard showdown. The night will feature 20 food trucks, a great line-up of artists and a skateboard showcase by local talent. It's a great event for the family, friends and a perfect date night!



Flagstone Community Carols and Twilight Markets

2 December 2023 4pm to 8pm

1 Poinciana Drive, Flagstone

Santa Claus is coming to Flagstone at the annual Flagstone Community Carols and Twilight Markets. Enjoy the spirit of Christmas with your family and friends as you listen and sing-along to the Christmas carols. Find that last minute unique homemade gift from the abundance of market stalls or grab a bite with a huge selection of food trucks. Grab a free photo with Santa and finish the evening as we light up the sky with a laser show. Flagstonians are encouraged to bring a chair or blanket and make a night of it.



Flagstone Christmas Lights Spectacular Competition

From 1 December 2023

1 Poinciana Drive, Flagstone

Christmas Lights Spectacular is back for 2023, coordinated by the Flagstone Community Association.

It is time to pull out the lights and get a little creative to bring joy to Flagstone this festive period. The FCA do an amazing job sourcing funding to pay for cash prizes and trophies. So, keep an eye on the Christmas Lights Facebook page for nominations to open.



Flagstone Community Association

Meets on the third Thursday of each month, from 6.30pm, at Flagstone Community Centre, 19 Trailblazer Drive, Flagstone.



Flagstone State Community College P&C Association

Meets on the first Tuesday of each month, from 4.30pm, in the College administration building.



Flagstone State School P&C Association

Meets on the last Thursday of each month, from 1.30pm, in the school hall off Coachwood Drive.



Logan Regional Chamber of Commerce

Meets on a monthly basis. Location moves around affiliated suburbs with details available on our website and Facebook.



Neighbourhood Watch

Meets quarterly from 7pm at Dorrington House, Jimboomba. Flagstone is one of the suburbs represented within this association. Visit their website or Facebook for more information.



Flagstone Men's Shed

Meets on the third Thursday of each month, from 6.30pm at the Flagstone Community Centre, 19 Trailblazer Drive, Flagstone.

Australian Warfighter Coffee

Your local Flagstone brew

Australian Warfighter Coffee is an all-Australian veteran-owned coffee company that supports mental health awareness for veterans and first responders via the sales of coffee and merchandise. They offer a wide range of award-winning coffee blends, each one carefully crafted to provide a unique and unforgettable taste experience. They also sell other products such as clothing, accessories, and snacks that are related to their military theme. Australian Warfighter Coffee is run by a husband-and-wife team here in Flagstone and they service all over Australia.

The founder and director of Australian Warfighter Coffee is a veteran himself. After being medically discharged after 19 years of service, Ian was told that due to his injuries he would not be able to return to a normal workplace. So, he decided to start up a Veteran Coffee line. Ian has chosen to never profit from this coffee initiative and would rather donate the profits and proceeds back to charities and other veteran

organisations that assist those battling mental health injuries.

Ian and his wife also wanted to raise awareness and reduce the stigma around mental health issues among veterans and first responders. "We believe that coffee is not only a delicious beverage, but also a powerful tool for social connection and community building, plus, we wanted to share our passion for quality coffee," said Ian.

Australian Warfighter Coffee's biggest win so far is getting their first RSL Club in Melbourne to make the switch from commercial coffee to using their Veteran coffee. Their coffee has won numerous awards and accolades from industry experts and coffee lovers alike for their exceptional coffee blends, with the most notable award 2019/20 Golden Bean Award. The business has expanded into wholesale, opening up many more opportunities Australia wide.

Ian Rawson | CEO/Founder
www.australianwarfighter.com



Flagstone Business Social Network.

This is an all inclusive community for local business owners to ask questions, offer support and share goals.



Walking Netball in Flagstone

Walking Netball is designed so anyone can play it, regardless of age, gender or fitness level. Flagstonians are encouraged to come along and be part of team environment, whilst reaping the benefits of low intensity activity.

Walking Netball is ideal if you want to start gently and build up gradually, aiming to do just a little more exercise each session. It keeps your bones strong by forcing the lower half of your body to bear your full weight each time you pivot and move.

Come along on a Thursday night for just \$5 pp. Teams are formed with the number of players that turn up on the night. The game has seven on court at anytime, with rolling subs and penalties for running, jogging or jumping.
Scan for game times.



READY TO TRAIN LIKE A NINJA WARRIOR?

Join us for three FREE obstacle boot camps designed to push your fitness and test your ninja skills.

These boot camps will take place over three consecutive weeks, starting on Tuesday, October 24th.

Be sure to mark your calendars! The event is suitable for Ninjas aged 13 - 17 years.
Scan the QR code to sign up!



2024 Prep Transition Program kicks off for another year at Flagstone State School

Once again, Flagstone State School has begun the prep transition program for enrolled students for the 2024 prep catchment. Students have been excited to explore the primary school environment, not only for prep transition sessions, but also for the opportunity to borrow from the school library, play and meet the wonderful prep teachers.

Students attend with their early childhood education providers from local centres, along with their parents and guardians for invited sessions. Extra sessions are provided for students who needed a little more nurturing encouragement to begin their prep journey.

In addition to the students attending the school, prep teachers and Flagstone State School's transition navigator, Krystie Smoothy, attend local centres and observe early educators in action.



Some highlights and benefits of the previous transition program were felt far and wide in the 2023 prep community. On their first day this year, students were very settled, calm and engaged. Teachers and students knew each other by face and name. Parents were happy to wave goodbye to their children, who were excited to get started on their learning journey.

Flagstone State School looks forward to a wonderful year in 2024 with all the proud prep students.

Peet and Flagstone State School plant seeds for the next generation

To mark National Tree Day, Peet kicked off a new initiative to educate the next generation of Flagstonians about the importance of caring for the world around them. Developed in partnership with Flagstone State School and Interface Landscapes, the initiative encourages students to nurture seedlings throughout the year and learn about how they can live more sustainably.

Peet and Interface Landscapes attended a Flagstone State School assembly, presenting each student with a tree sapling to take home and care for over the coming months. The school P&C will use a chart to regularly track the growth of the trees as the students each do their bit to boost foliage in the Flagstone area. At the end of the year, the students with the tallest, healthiest trees will secure a free tuckshop lunch as a reward.

Peet is committed to fostering sustainable communities and the partnership with Flagstone State School is just one example of this. These initiatives encourage students

and residents to come together and actively engage with the environment in empowering ways.

A Planet Ark initiative since 1996, National Schools Tree Day and National Tree Day are celebrated on the last Friday and Sunday of July every year. In 2023, National Schools Tree Day was held on Friday 28th July and National Tree Day was held on Sunday 30th July.



Students Perform Well at Wakakirri 2023

In August, Flagstone State School students from year 5 and 6 had the opportunity to participate in the National Story Dance Competition – Wakakirri.

Wakakirri is a 'nationwide initiative for Australian schools that provides a platform for students to express their thoughts, ideas, and aspirations through the art of storytelling and dance. Inspired by the belief that great stories can inspire change, Wakakirri is designed to promote student engagement and well-being in school, through the creation and performance of captivating Story-Dances' (Wakakirri, 2023).

Each year, there is a story motif that students are required to create a dance around and this year's theme was "Change". We shared the increasingly serious social issue of homelessness and how the power of friendship may not necessarily always be able to solve the problem but can help to ease the burden.

"On the 21st of August, we journeyed to Logan Entertainment Centre and performed our story dance called 'Spare Some Change'. Although we did not get through to the next round, Flagstone State School students had the opportunity to share their hard work and dedication and more importantly learn about, and then share, a powerful message through performing arts" said Roz Clay, School Principal.

Flagstone State School was awarded the 'Storytelling Award for a Great Story' and the 'Best Public Speaking Award'.



Arts Showcase

Flagstone State Community College Arts students amazed the audience at our Arts Showcase evenings. The audience enjoyed an array of dance, drama, music, visual arts and instrumental performances from our dedicated students. They had been working on their performances all year and it was wonderful for them to receive positive feedback and praise on their hard work. The Arts Showcase Shows were truly entertaining evenings and offered a fantastic reminder of the work that students are able to achieve in The Arts programs at FSCC.

FSCC offers an array of Arts Extra-Curricular opportunities for students. From Dance Troupe, Show Choir, Drama and Arts Clubs, and Tech Crew to Instrumental music and MPAC (Multicultural Performing



Arts Crew), students are able to extend their talents and skills in areas of interest. All programs have opportunities to showcase their work throughout the school year and students from all year levels are welcome to get involved.

A snapshot of our community.



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