

Message from the Deputy Principal

A story from Year 2

Hayleigh from 2C was very engaged in her daily independent reading time. When I sat with her she offered to read aloud. Hayleigh was very proud of the way she could alter her voice rhythm and expression to make her characters come to life in the story she read. She was able to talk about how she made decisions about the character's emotions during her reading and altered her voice to show this when reading aloud. When asked how she got to be such a good reader, Hayleigh responded with 'I love reading and read every day'.

Helping your child read: 10 Simple Tips

As parents you are your child's most influential teacher with an important part to play in helping your child to learn to read. Here are some suggestions on how you can help to make this a positive experience.



1. Choose a quiet time – Choose a quiet time with no disruption, 10-15 minutes is usually long enough.

2. Make reading enjoyable - Make reading an enjoyable experience. Sit with your child. If your child loses interest then do something else.

3. Maintain the flow - If your child mispronounces a word do not interrupt immediately. Instead, allow opportunity for self-correction. It is better to tell a child some unknown words to maintain the flow rather than insisting on trying to build them all up from the sounds of the letters. If your child does try to 'sound out' words, encourage the use of letter sounds rather than 'alphabet names'.

4. Be positive - If your child says something nearly right to start with that is fine. Don't say 'No. That's wrong,' but 'Let's read it together' and point to the words as you say them. Boost your child's confidence with constant praise for even the smallest achievement.

5. Success is the key - Until your child has built up his or her confidence, it is better to keep to easier books. Struggling with a book with many unknown words is pointless. Flow is lost, text cannot be understood and children can easily become reluctant readers.

6. Visit the Library - Encourage your child to use the public or school library regularly. Encourage them to try many different types of books or texts on different topics.



7. Regular practice - Try to read with your child on most school days. 'Little and often' is best.

8. Communicate - Try to talk regularly with your child about their reading. Use positive comments and discuss any concerns with his/her teacher. Your child will then know that you are interested in their progress and that you value reading.

9. Talk about the books - There is more to being a good reader than just being able to read the words accurately. Just as important is being able to

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understand what has been read. Always talk to your child about the book; about the pictures, the characters, how they think the story will end, their favourite part. You will then be able to see how well they have understood and you will help them to develop good comprehension skills.

10. Variety is important - Remember children need to experience a variety of reading materials eg. picture books, hard backs, comics, magazines, poems, and information books.

Kellie Stanton

Rewards Day

On the last Day of Term 1 Silkstone held the first Bronze level Rewards Day. The day went well with students involved in a number of activities including a jumping castle, biscuit decorating, craft, swimming, movies and sport. All students who attended the day showed that they were in fact Silkstone Stars by displaying exceptional behaviour throughout the day.



Staff and students enjoying the jumping castle at Rewards Day.

In Term 2, students who achieve Bronze and Silver level this Term will be invited to participate in the corresponding Rewards Day activities held in the final week of term. A reminder of the number of stickers needed to achieve each milestone level is provided below.

Bronze Level - 25 Stickers, Silver Level - 50 Stickers, Gold Level - 75 Stickers, Platinum Level - 100 Stickers.

Prize Draws

Fortnightly prize draws will continue in Term 2 on the following dates:

Stickers required to enter draw	Cut-off date (End of Day)	Draw Date
30 stickers	Friday Week 2	Week 3 break times (due to Public Hol.)
35 stickers	Friday Week 4	Week 5 assembly
40 stickers	Friday Week 6	Week 7 assembly
45 stickers	Friday Week 8	Week 9 assembly
50 stickers (Silver Level) MAJOR PRIZE DRAW	Friday Week 10 (+ Rewards Day Cut-off)	Week 11 assembly

Sam Harvey

Book Club

Book Club order forms are being sent home today. Money and orders need to be returned to the orange box no later than Wednesday 27 April.



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SILKSTONE STATE SCHOOL

Newsletter

14 April 2016

Term 2 Week 1

Mission Statement: We at Silkstone State School, in partnership with the community, aim to create an environment of active learners. We believe all children are capable of reaching their full potential. We commit to building resilient students who strive for excellence and become responsible, respectful citizens.

Principal's Report

A warm welcome back to school is extended to all families, students and staff after the relaxing Easter break. We are now looking forward to a busy and productive Term 2. It seems that, at last, the long, long period of summer heat is coming to an end, which will be a welcome relief to our staff and students.

During the next couple of weeks, many of you will participate in a Parent-Teacher interview to discuss your child's progress during the first term. This is your opportunity to gain a better understanding of what your child's strengths and weaknesses are in learning, and what you may be able to do to develop your child's English and Maths skills at home. The Parent-Teacher interviews will be followed up by written report cards at the end of this term. These will be emailed where possible. If you don't have access to email, printed reports will be made available.

During Term 2, the year 3 and 5 students participate in the annual NAPLAN tests, which assess student performance in Literacy and Numeracy. These occur in week 5. Parents and schools receive the results of these tests a few weeks after the tests take place.

Show your support for students with Autism in April

Do you know that there are more than 12,000 students with autism enrolled in Queensland state schools?

April is Autism Awareness Month and our school is committed to working with families and services to support students with autism and ensure that they get the best possible start in life.

This year the Queensland Government launched Australia's first Autism Hub to provide students with autism, their families and schools across the state with more support.

Located in Brisbane, the \$2 million centre offers expert advice, training and resources to parents, educators and health professionals.

Seven regional autism coaches have also been appointed, ensuring professional support is available statewide.

For more information visit www.education.qld.gov.au/autismhub

Have a great fortnight everyone.
Warm regards
Mike Sawbridge - Principal

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Attendance

Term 1 final attendance rates are listed below. Congratulations to Year 2 who had the best attendance rate with 93.5% attendance across their year level for the term.

Year level	Attendance Rate
Prep	92.8%
Year 1	92.8%
Year 2	93.5%
Year 3	92.8%
Year 4	88.7%
Year 5	90.1%
Year 6	91.9%
Whole School	91.9%

2016 Silkstone State School Attendance Target



Help Silkstone hit our 95% target by sending your child to school EVERY DAY!

Sam Harvey

ANZAC Badges

ANZAC badges will be on sale at the office on Wednesday 20 April (until run out). Ribbons 50cents and Metal Badges \$5.

Music Notes

BRASSS - Monday 8am
Glee - Monday 8am
Senior Band - Tuesday 7.50 - 8.50am
String Ensemble - Wed 7.50 - 8.50am
Harmonies - Wednesday 7.50am
Year 3 Choir - Wednesday 11.00am

ANZAC Day

The Year 6 Harmonies Choir children will have brought home a letter today about singing at the Cameron's Park ANZAC Day Service. This is a planned event for our children each year and I look forward to our choristers participating.

BRASSS Boys

The BRASSS boys will have brought home a letter today regarding 2 alternate practices this term. As 2 of our Mondays are public holidays and we have the eisteddfod coming up, we can't afford to be missing practices!

Ipswich Junior Eisteddfod

Please mark these dates on your calendar for children in the following groups - Harmonies Choir (Wednesday 18 May, morning), Senior Band and String Ensemble (Thursday 19 May, morning), Year 3 Choir (Friday 20 May, morning) and BRASSS Boys' Choir (Friday 20 May, late afternoon). A letter with all the details will come home with the Week 3 newsletter. This is our only musical event during the year where you will need to pay for your child to catch the bus.



Well Played, Senior Band

Our Senior Band kicked off our musical assembly performances at the end of Term 1. They are already sounding like a well rehearsed team. Well done children and keep up the good work!

Community Choir

It's on again! In Term 3 I will be running a 10 week choir for anyone high school age and older. We will rehearse Monday nights in the Music Room and then perform at the school's Variety Concert at the end of term 3.

Our 2013 and 2014 Community Choirs were a lot of fun, and as well as having a great time singing together, many new friendships were made.

Who can be in it? Teachers, other staff members, parents, grandparents, past students, community members, friend of a friend of a friend!

Please find included in the newsletter a flier with further details and, if you are interested, contact me at lweat5@eq.edu.au or see me at school.
Linda Weatherhead
Music Teacher

Step into School

Playgroup returns this Friday 15 April and our first Monday group will start on 18 April. For more information, please contact Melissa on 0456 682 868.



Early Years Health & Wellbeing Program

Term 2 is here. By now children and parents are well settled into the school and classroom routine and have met some new friends along the way. Children's learning journeys are well under way. As with any journey, things may not always run as smoothly as one would like or problems may arise.

I am proud to be involved with such a wonderful school and group of teachers and humbled to work alongside families and professionals to support children's education and development. Rest assured that support and advice is always available; you need only ask.

If you do have any concerns regarding your child's progress, skills, separation, etc discuss your concerns with your child's teacher or visit Early Years staff.

The Early Years Health & Wellbeing program is based within the school to support Prep children and their families. We provide support, advice and group work to all families. If your child is not progressing along with his or her peers or you are concerned about their behaviour or social and emotional wellbeing, support is available. The program is voluntary, confidential and free.

2016 Schedule

Early Years room X Block is open **Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 8:30am – 4:30pm** phone Kim on 0437 228 791 or email knoble@redcross.org.au

Current Groups for 2016

Playgroup: Tuesday 9:00am – 11:00am

Play based activities covering the importance of play, early intervention; signs to look for, parenting, school readiness, social skills, reading, cooking, music and much more. Come in and take a look. Bring your little ones in for a play and enjoy meeting other parents from the school community. Morning tea provided.

Sports Afternoon: Starts Thursday 14 April 3:00 – 4:15

All Children MUST be accompanied by an adult. Children will enjoy a light afternoon tea followed by some fun sports activities and games. Parent supervision and some participation required. FREE. Activities will be aimed at Prep age children. Please SMS if interested in attending.

Parent Volunteers:

I am looking at organising a parent mentor/volunteer program. Please advise if interested in joining. More information soon.
Kim

From the Sports Desk

Don't forget the Ipswich District Cross-Country Carnival for 10 – 12yrs is on Tuesday 19 April (10yrs – 2km, 11yrs & 12yrs – 3km).

Interschool Sport commences tomorrow 15 April with children from Years 4–6 will be competing in Rugby League, Soccer and Netball. The cost is \$67 for the season or \$8 per week. Good luck to all our teams for the coming season.

Years 4–6 will be participating in Physical Education classes out on the oval. To participate all children in these classes will need to bring a hat and appropriate footwear for running. Slip-on or "slipper" type shoes or "Skate shoes" are not acceptable for this activity. Please ensure that all children have hats and appropriate joggers.
Calvin Hegvold - HPE Teacher

P&C Association

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 26 April at 7pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

Sharyn Schulz
Secretary

Parent Group

Next Meeting

Our next Parent Group meeting is on Tuesday 26 April in U Block from 2pm-3pm. New members are always welcome and refreshments are also provided.

Serena Shepherd
Parent Group President

Facts about Sugar

Do you feel like you're on an emotional rollercoaster? Are your kids regularly misbehaving, anxious or sick? Sugar is one of the worst ingredients in the modern diet and reducing your intake could be the answer you are seeking.

Here are SOME facts about sugar:

- * it can cause hyperactivity, anxiety, inability to concentrate, poor impulse control, and crankiness;
- * it increases hormones that control appetite and fat-storage that cause obesity;
- * it can cause insulin resistance which leads to Type 2 diabetes, cardiovascular disease and metabolic syndrome; and
- * it causes tooth decay.

Did you know?

"Sugar" is listed on food labels by many names, including corn syrup, dextrose, fruit juice, glucose, maltodextrin, maltose, and molasses.

How can I reduce our family's sugar intake?

- * Read labels, being on the lookout for sugar in any form;
- * Drink water, not soft drinks or juices. This applies to adults and children;
- * Replace sugar with the natural sweetener, (stevia) in your coffee;
- * Eat mainly fresh, unprocessed foods;
- * Plan ahead and have healthy snacks and water organised; and
- * Know that it's ok to say NO.

Be prepared for your children to nag and whine at first, but keep the big picture in mind: you're trying to give them better health and a better quality of life – for the rest of their life.

Class Photos

Class Photos will be taken on Wednesday 20 April and Thursday 21 April. Prices range from \$24 for a Class Group Only to \$45 for a Deluxe Package. Envelopes are being sent home today. All envelopes will need to be given to the photographer on the day your child will have their photo taken.



Pie Drive



Pie Drive Order Forms are being sent home with the newsletter today. Money and orders need to be returned to school no later than Friday 20 May. Pies will be delivered on Wednesday 1 June.

Coming Events

Friday 15 Apr	Evergreen Incursion (Year 1) Interschool Sports starts Playgroup re-commences
Mon 18	Prep Reef Experience excursion Monday Playgroup commences
Tues 19	District Cross Country
Wed 20–21	School Class Photos
Fri 22	ANZAC Day Ceremony Last day to pay for Competitions (Yr 3-6)
Mon 25	ANZAC Day – Public Holiday
Tues 26	Parent Group Meeting 2-3pm U Block P & C Meeting 7pm Staffroom
Wed 27	Book Club Money & Orders Due
Mon 2 May	Labour Day Public Holiday
Tues 17	Digital Technologies Competition
Wed 18	Harmonies Choir, Junior Eisteddfod
Thurs 19	Senior Band & String Ensemble, Eisteddfod
Fri 20 May	BRASSS, Year 3 Choir, Junior Eisteddfod Pie Orders and Money Due
Wed 25 May	Senior Band & String Ensemble, Fanfare
Tues 31	Science Competition
Wed 1 June	Pie Delivery 11am –1pm
Tues 7	District String Camp at Silkstone SS
Wed 8	District String Camp at Silkstone SS
Fri 10	Last day to pay for Wildlife Incursion (Prep)
Wed 15	Wildlife for Kids (Incursion)
Fri 24	Last day to pay for Little Prince (Prep) Last day Term 2
Mon 11 July	First day Term 3
Mon 25-28	Sports Development Camp
Fri 29	Little Prince Excursion (Prep)
Tues 2 Aug	English Competition
Tues 16	Mathematics Competition
Mon 29 Aug-2 Sept	Year 6 Camp Maroon Dam
Fri 9 Sept	Last day to pay for Pirates Show (Prep)
Wed 14	Extra Curricular Photos Pirates Show Prep excursion
Fri 11 Nov	Last day to pay for Christmas excursion
Wed 16	Christmas Around the World Prep excursion

Money Window

Open Monday to Friday 8am - 11am (only)
EFTPOS is available

Direct Debit Payments

BSB: 064-417 Account Number:00091102
(Include child's name and what payment is for)

Uniform Shop

Terms 1 & 4 Monday 8-10am & Thursday 1.30-3.30pm
Terms 2 & 3 Thursday: 1.30-3.30 pm
(Cash and EFTPOS are accepted)

Assembly Time

Monday 2.30pm (weekly) - Whole School

Accompanying Handouts

- ⇒ Photo envelopes
- ⇒ Pie Drive Order Forms
- ⇒ Book Club Order Forms
- ⇒ Community Choir Flier
- ⇒ Music Letters (Selected children)
- ⇒ District Cross Country Permission Form
- ⇒ Year 1 Phonological Awareness Screening Letter