

## From the Deputy Prep - Year 1

When I travel around Silkstone, it is very encouraging to see so many children approach me to share their stories of home reading. The children are so excited to share the wonderful stories from their books that they are reading with their family. Some of the children get particularly animated, and their faces just shine.

It is important for all students to be reading at home, particularly our students in Prep and Year 1. Home Reading allows children to practise the reading skills and strategies they have been taught at school during reading lessons. The best outcomes for readers are achieved when a strong partnership is formed between home and school. The more children read, the greater the likelihood of reading success.

*My child brings home their home reader; from where else can I borrow books?* Students can borrow books from the school library before school, lunch times and during class borrowing time. Parents can also borrow books with their child each morning between 8:00-8:50 from our school library. You may also like to use the Ipswich Library. The Ipswich Library has an extensive range of books for children and adults.

Any books read at home, or at school, from 15 May to 27 August can be added to your child's Premier's Reading Challenge form. Every student who completes the Challenge will receive a Certificate of Achievement and a chance to win a book prize. There is one book prize per class. All completed Premier's Reading Challenge forms are to be returned to your child's class teacher by 27 August. If your child has misplaced their form, please get another one from the school office.

Happy reading!

Sally-Anne Weise  
Acting Deputy Principal



## From the Deputy Years 5-6

### Writing in Year 5 and Year 6

As a part of our assessing and reporting process, our teachers meet each term to share some work samples from the students in their class and verify the standards for grades. This process is called 'moderation' and improves consistency and alignment across our year levels. I have been fortunate enough to read through some of our Year 5 & 6 work samples from this term and I have been so impressed with the quality that some of our students have produced. Well done!

### Reading in the Holidays

At Silkstone, our students participate in many reading activities and lessons every single day. We have been able to see some great improvements in reading levels as a consequence of this focussed learning and practice. Sometimes over the holidays, students lose some of that momentum and find it can be challenging to get back into the swing of things at the start of the next term. I would like to put a challenge to all of our students to continue to read or be read to every day on the holidays. This may be everyday texts like newspapers, TV guides or even maps. Every little bit helps and some of these texts may also count towards your Premier's Reading Challenge. Let's do it, Silkstone!

### Safe Holidays

As we are rolling into the last part of the semester, I would like to wish all of our families a safe and warm break. We have achieved a lot in Semester One and should be proud. I look forward to working with our great Silkstone community in Semester Two!

Shannyn Taylor  
Deputy Principal

## Report Cards

Report cards will be emailed home next **Friday 23 June**. Please ensure we have your correct email address or you will not receive your child/rens report card.



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# SILKSTONE STATE SCHOOL

## Newsletter

15 June 2017

Term 2 Week 9

**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

For my final newsletter piece this term, I'd like to reflect on what a great semester we have had here at Silkstone. Highlights have been many, and include some great success achieved by our musical groups, and just recently, our Senior Netball Girls won their Grand Final against Immaculate Heart. What a great achievement! The Junior Rugby League Team will also be in action in their Grand Final later this week. We wish them all the best.

It's in the classroom where our work really counts! We have significantly higher numbers of students achieving reading year level targets than ever before! Almost 90% of our Prep students have now achieved a PM benchmark of 1-5, and some are achieving even higher benchmarks. This is fabulous as these children are now so well set up for success in the later years of school. Credit goes to teachers, teacher-aides and all parents who support children in learning to read by reading at home with children regularly. We also have higher numbers of students achieving grades A-C on their report cards! Remember, a C grade means that the student is achieving the expected National standard for his or her year level.

We were also very pleased with the recent outcome of our School Review process that has concluded. The Assistant Regional Director commented that the work taking place at our school is some of the best she has seen. I am very proud of the work that all the staff have done over the last 18 months. Silkstone has a very strong reputation locally and in our Department. We are now in a great position to build on the work that we have done focussing on reading and curriculum. Our end goal is to ensure that all students get the education they need to reach their full potential.

### Principal's Report cont...

Finally, with only a week or so left of school before the Winter break, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all families for your ongoing support.

Have a safe and relaxing break.  
[Mike Sawbridge](#)  
Principal

### From the Deputy Years 2 –3

**Year Two's Excursion:** The Workshops Rail Museum

Last Wednesday students from Year 2 visited The Workshops Rail Museum as part of their History unit. The students had a wonderful time and proudly displayed our school expectations during their excursion. Below are two student reports of the day's events. On Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> of June the Year 2s went on an excursion to the Railway Museum. When we arrived we walked through the Museum, it was cool. Then we went to Nipper's Playground. I rode a bike and had lots of fun and excitement. Next we went on a tour, we learnt a lot of things. Finally we got on the bus and went back to school. **Braydon S 2B**

On Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> of June the Year 2s went on an excursion to the Railway Museum. When we arrived a steam train and every 5 minutes the seam went off. Then we had something to eat that was healthy. Next we got to play at Nipper's Play Area. Finally, we got to school and we went up our stairs to our classroom. **Cooper M 2B**

### Fidget Spinners

Fidget spinners are currently a fad within our community, and have made their way to school. Like all fads over the years, (e.g. beyblades, Pokemon Cards) they too are considered 'toys' and should be left at home rather than become a distraction 'in class' or become an issue if lost or stolen. We appreciate your support in ensuring Fidget Spinners stay at home.

[Kandice Hutson](#)  
Deputy Principal



## Music Notes

BRASS	Monday 8am
Senior Band	Tuesday 7.50 - 8.50am
Girls Choir	Tuesday 11am
Harmonies	Wednesday 7.50am
String Ensemble	Thursday 7.50 - 8.50am

### District String Camp

Many of our String Ensemble children joined forces last Wednesday and Thursday with other string children from Amberley District, Central, Karalee, Deebing Heights, Raceview and Mount Crosby for the annual 2 day workshop. Around 150 children practised very hard over 2 days and presented a wonderful program of string and choral music for their families in the afternoon. Many thanks to all of the teachers who helped run this workshop - Ms Hampson, Mr Chan, Mrs Hemmings, Mrs Pomeranke, Mrs Van Niekark and Mrs Coley for their hard work with the children.

### Community Choir

Don't forget to contact me if you are interested in singing in the school's Term 3 Community Choir. We practise for the 10 Monday nights of Term 3, 7 - 9 pm in the Music Room. 80% attendance is required to be able to sing at the performance at the Pirate Concert on 14 September. The choir will perform along with the school's other choirs. You do not need prior choir experience to join in! Please contact me 3437211 or [lweat5@eg.edu.au](mailto:lweat5@eg.edu.au) if you are interested.

### Year 2 & 3 Parents 2018 Instrumental Program

I am currently talking to the Year 2 and 3 children in music lessons about the school instrumental program and instruments on offer here at school. I am talking to the children this early in the year as, after these holidays, I will be teaching the upper grades. The children understand that this is to simply talk to them about instruments that are taught at school. I will be putting more information in newsletters during Term 3, then in Term 4, Week 1, should you wish your child to be tested for an instrument, you will be able to fill in and return a form which will be sent home with that newsletter.

**Children starting Year 3 in 2018 can be tested for strings (violins and cellos); children starting Year 4 in 2018 can be tested for wind and percussion (flute, clarinet, oboe, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, euphonium, French horn and instruments you hit - e.g. drums/cymbals/etc!)**

### Term 3 Dates for your calendar

- Silkstone Instrumental Eisteddfod - August (date to be confirmed): for String Ensemble and Senior Band

- "All Things Pirate!" Concert - Thursday evening, 14 September: for all choirs.

[Linda Weatherhead](#)  
Music Teacher



## P & C Association

The next P&C General meeting will be held on Tuesday 25 July at 7pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

[Amy Hollier](#)  
President

### Parent Group

A massive thank you to our parent, student and staff helpers during our Ice Cream Day and Disco last week!

A special thanks also goes to Darren at Best Friends Pets, West Ipswich for your generous donations to our Disco! Make sure you pop in and see the team for all your pet care needs at 339 Brisbane Street, West Ipswich (next to Fantastic Furniture).



### 2017 Silkstone State School Spring Fair

We are excited to announce that the Annual Spring Fair has been confirmed for Saturday 14th October 2017! We will be having our exciting rides, stalls, café and performances during the day. Look out for your Spring Fair flyer soon! There will be a Spring Fair meeting on Wednesday June 21st at 1.30pm A Block. All welcome.

We rely on helpers to make our events work, if you are able to help in any way, please don't hesitate to contact us at [sssparentgroup@gmail.com](mailto:sssparentgroup@gmail.com) or Nichole Coad on 0499 974 578.

Our next Parent Group meeting will be on Tuesday 25th July 1.30pm, U Block. All Welcome.

[Nichole Coad](#)  
President 0499 974 578

## Step Up—Playgroup

Next Monday, 19th June is the last day of playgroup for this term. We will return on Friday 14th July where we are having a Super Hero's theme so come dressed as your favourite Hero (or other character). Other events planned for next term include a camping theme, gardening, teddy bears picnic and bear hunt, book week activities, guest speakers and more.

If you have children aged between 0-4yrs you are welcome to attend Playgroup. You will find us in Q Block, we are open 9am-11am on Monday's and Friday's (school terms only). Feel free to tell your family and friends. If you would like more information please contact Melissa on 0456 682 868.



## Payments

A friendly reminder the following payments need to be paid by the due date:

- ◆ Student Resource Scheme-1st and 2nd payments should have now been paid
- ◆ Sports Development Camp Due-Wed 21 June
- ◆ Interschool Sport Fees - Fri 23 June
- ◆ Music fees - Fri 23 June
- ◆ Year 6 Camp \$235 - Fri 14 July
- ◆ Circular Rhythm Performance \$5 - Fri 28 July



## From the Sports Desk

Senior (Years 4-6) Sports Day starts at **9.10am tomorrow Friday 16th June.**



## Lost Property

Lost property is placed in the lost property box at the Office. All lost property is sorted and the named articles are returned to the owners. If you can, come to the office and check for your child's items.

Please mark each of your child's belongings, whether books, lunch boxes, pencils or clothing, clearly with their name: e.g. *Tom Jones*. This not only assists us in returning found items to their rightful owners, but can also avoid disputes over ownership.

Any lost property not collected at the end of each term is taken to a local charity.



## Free Kindergarten Information Session

We are holding an information session to provide families with an overview of our kindergarten program. Join us to hear about:

- Why kindergarten is important
- How you can support your child when commencing kindergarten
- Goodstart's role in preparing your child for school and life beyond

Goodstart Early Learning 8 Stafford Street, Booval on **Tuesday 11th July 5pm** - 6pm  
RSVP by 3rd July on 3282 6552



## Tuckshop

### MUNCH MONITOR IS HERE!

You can now order your child's lunch online 24/7 up to a month in advance.

Go to [www.munchmonitor.com](http://www.munchmonitor.com)

**Username:** silkstone

**Password:** munch4304

Click "sign up" and follow the steps to create your account

\*\*\* NEW CHOC CHIP BISCUIT 50c \*\*\*

More information is available from the Tuckshop.

[Janelle Schloss](#)  
Tuckshop convenor



## Coming Events

Fri 16 <b>June</b>	Senior Sports Day
Mon 19–Wed 21	Honours Band Camp Mt Crosby
Wed 21	\$300 Payment due for Sports Camp
Fri 23	Rewards Day \$67 Payment due for Interschool Sports \$30/\$60 Payment due for Instrumental Music Report Cards emailed home Last Day Term 2
Mon 10 <b>July</b>	First Day Term 3
Mon 10	Full Payment of SRS Fees due
Fri 14	\$235 Payment due for Year 6 Camp
Thur 20	Junior Cross Country (Prep—Year 3)
Fri 21	Senior Cross Country (Year 4—6)
Mon 24 -Thur 27	Sports Development Camp
Fri 28	\$5 Payment due for Circular Rhythm
Wed 2-4 <b>Aug</b>	Year 6 Camp Currimundi
Tue 4	\$18 Payment due for Going on a Bear Hunt
Tue 8	Circular Rhythm (Prep - Year 6)
Mon 14-17	Silkstone Instrumental Eisteddfod
Thur 17	Going on a Bear Hunt (Prep)
Fri 8 <b>Sep</b>	\$7 Payment due for Pirates Show (Prep)
Thur 14	Evening Variety Concert Pirates Show (Prep) Last Day Term 3
Fri 15	
Mon 2 <b>Oct</b>	Queens Birthday Public Holiday
Tue 3	First Day Term 4
Fri 10 <b>Nov</b>	\$7 Payment due for Christmas Around the World Show (Prep)
Thur 16	Christmas Around the World Show (Prep)
Fri 8 <b>Dec</b>	Last Day Term 4

### 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)

### Accompanying Handouts

⇒ Soccer Flyer