

## From the Deputy Prep-1

### READ TO SUCCEED!

Reading is a high priority in our school. Our teachers work closely to provide high quality instruction in reading. Teams of teachers share ideas about student learning and support each other to solve teaching challenges so that our students have the support of the entire school. At the moment, all classrooms from Prep to Year 6 are making sure they have 15 minutes each day dedicated to independent reading. During this time, students take turns reading to their teachers who in turn, give students feedback about how they are reading.

### A LEARNING STORY FROM PREP

Learning to read can be a complex task. Great teachers know that to support students to master this complex task, students need to be enthusiastic, engaged and taught to be persistent. For this reason, teachers spend many hours planning engaging lessons, creating fun resources and demonstrating quality reading strategies to students. Classrooms are set up in ways to support student curiosity, to provide quiet places and talking spaces, to designate areas for teacher led lessons and small group work. It has been wonderful walking into our Prep and Year One classrooms and seeing all of the evidence of this fabulous teaching. Students are excited and happy to share what they are learning in reading.



In Prep E, this picture shows a group of students enjoying an audio book together. The students are using headphones to listen to a story while looking at enlarged, bright illustrations on the interactive screen. Each student has their own copy of the

book and they really loved turning each page and listening to the narrator read the book. In another area of the room, students were quietly enjoying reading their own books and practising their 'reading superhero' powers in a beautifully set up reading corner. Each child had their own 'superhero mask' on making reading time both fun and educational. While this was happening, Mrs Audoss was able to dedicate 15 minutes to teaching a small group how to grow their own reading skills in order to learn how to read independently. Each Prep E student was on task and was engaged in practising something they have learnt in reading, or they were learning new skills to further develop as readers.



### A LEARNING STORY FROM YEAR ONE

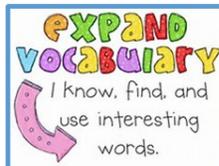


Research shows us that knowledge of vocabulary is one of the best ways to predict success in reading and in life. This research then demonstrates how important it is to teach students a wide range of vocabulary that they can use and understand. In Year One, teachers have been working together in teams to plan interesting and effective lessons to teach vocabulary to students. Students are then encouraged to use these words in their conversations, in their writing and to demonstrate their understanding when they read these words in books/texts. Last week, 1D were showing

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their teacher that they understood the difference between the words 'gobble' and 'nibble'. They were showing actions for these words, acting them out and using them appropriately in sentences. Ask your children to show you what vocabulary they are learning at the moment and challenge them to use it in conversations you have at home.

Kellie Stanton  
Deputy Principal



## From the Deputy Year 2-3

### BULLYING, NO WAY!

**Friday March 17** is National Day of Action where we say no to bullying. Silkstone SS students are encouraged to wear **ORANGE** on Friday to recognise this important event. Students participating in Interschool sports are reminded to bring their school shirt to change into before leaving for sport.

### READ TO SUCCEED

Brock N from Year 2 has made huge improvements in his reading levels this term – going up 3 levels since the start of term. Brock listens carefully in class when the reading strategies are taught and then practices the strategies during daily Independent Reading. Well done, Brock

Deputy Principal  
Kandice Hutson



## From the Deputy Year 5 - 6

### INDEPENDENT READING TIME

Every day our students spend 15 minutes independently reading in their classroom. The purpose of this time is for students to build reading stamina, foster the joy of reading and also for teachers to listen to and assess student reading one-on-one. When I visit classrooms during this time, I see students engrossed in their books and the classrooms have a very quiet, peaceful feel to them. Seeing our students value this time makes us very proud. It might be a nice conversation starter to ask your child about the book they are reading during independent reading time. Well done, Year 5 and Year 6 classes!



### ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

A big shout out to those students who have still got 100% attendance this term! I was talking to a group of students in 5C who showed great pride in the fact that they had been to school every single day this term. What an awesome effort!!

### JUST A REMINDER

Students who are waiting to be picked up from school or catch a bus in Molloy street need to remember that they are still representing our school and are expected to demonstrate safe and respectful behaviours during this time.

Deputy Principal  
Shannyn Taylor



# SILKSTONE STATE SCHOOL

## Newsletter

16 March 2017

Term 1 Week 8

**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

It's week 8 already!

Last week, we had a number of senior staff from our Department visit our school. On two occasions, we received some really positive feedback about the work we are doing. Our Assistant Regional Director wrote, after visiting a number of classroom on Wednesday...

*Your teaching staff is amazing! What I heard from the four teachers we spoke to was:*

- *Very positive teachers who believe in doing their best for the students in their class.*
- *Colourful, organised and welcoming classrooms.*
- *A clear understanding of expectations across the school in Reading, Australian Curriculum, Behaviour and Attendance.*
- *Staff who believe the school is on the right journey – the staff is working very hard but everyone knows they are on the right direction.*
- *Reading and Australian Curriculum planning work is good and is strong.*

Then, on Thursday, our Regional Director commented that the work that is taking place at Silkstone is exceptional. I'd like to say a huge thanks to all the staff here for their continued dedication and commitment to delivering the best education for your children.

This week, on Friday, we celebrate the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. As Principal, I am concerned about the number of assaults and the amount of Domestic Violence that seems to be reported weekly, even daily in the news. At a school level, we need to teach our students from a very early age that this sort of aggression and violence is absolutely not acceptable. As adults, we all have to strong role models and say to our children that hitting others, assaulting others and physical aggression is totally unacceptable, so on Friday, we encourage all members of our community to wear orange and say a loud NO! to Bullying and Violence!



Have a great fortnight everyone.

Mike Sawbridge  
Principal

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## 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.



## Payments

Payments for camps, excursions and school sport are accepted at the Money Window from Monday to Friday between the hours of **8am and 11am**. The Money Window is located at the Student Reception counter.

Part payment options are always available to help families make the necessary payment by the due date. Money will not be accepted after the due date.

Any activities and fundraising organised by the Parent Group requiring payment e.g. Book Club, Pie Drive, Fun Run needs to be directed to the Orange cash box located in the school office foyer. Correct money in a sealed envelope will be required for this collection box. Money will not be accepted after the due date.

Please note that online payments sometimes take 3 days to reach the school so please be sure that your payment will reach the office before the due date.



## Book Club

Book Club is due **tomorrow, Friday 17 March**. Please hand your orders along with payment to the office by close of business.



## 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

### Year 2 Choir

Year 2 children had an opportunity yesterday in first break to come to the Music Room with Mrs Bradshaw and Mrs Brushe to have a 'sing' to see if they would like to join the Year 2 Choir. Interested children will have brought home a letter today. If your child didn't come to get a letter, it's not too late!!!! Feel free to collect a Year 2 Choir letter from the office or the Music Room. Permission forms can be returned to the office or Music Room. Please note, that practices won't begin until the Wednesday Week 1 of Term 2 at 11.00. This week's 'sing' has been to introduce the children to what choir would be like.

Parents, please also note that children must have a good attendance record to be invited to sing at any events.

### BRASS Boys

The boys will have brought home a letter today to let you know of 2 dates where we need to change our practices to a Thursday morning, instead of the Monday mornings. With the Ipswich Junior Eisteddfod looming in Term 2, I don't want to cancel practices if it can be avoided as we will need every week to practice.

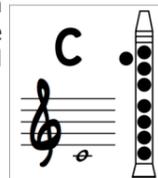
### Text Message Groups

Our wonderful office ladies have made SMS groups for each of our choirs and instrumental groups, so you can be contacted should a practice be cancelled or a reminder needs to be sent out. Two messages were sent out last week and we have had mixed responses about receiving the text. We are doing all we can to ensure the system is working. Can I please also ask that you contact the school office to ensure that your contact details are up to date and current.

### Great work children!!

I would like parents to know what fabulous singing and playing I am hearing in our practices, already giving me goose bumps! The children know I often don't get goose bumps unless the quality of their singing/playing is exceptional. Well done children on the hard work you are already doing by practising at home. It is very evident at school when we rehearse together. Thank you also, parents, for your efforts in having your children here on time. It makes such a large difference when we can all rehearse together for the full amount of time.

Linda Weatherhead  
Music Teacher



## Instrumental Music

### Practice

You can help your child learn their instrument by following these suggestions:

- Help by providing a quite safe area to practice their instrument
- Establish a regular practice time and routine
- Listen to them play and encourage them
- Play their Tutor book CD/DVD so you both know what to expect.

### Care and Maintenance

With the Easter holidays coming now is the perfect opportunity to get your own instrument serviced or give your school instrument mouthpiece a clean. Booval Tone Town, Ellaways, Blow Winds, The Brass Specialists all offer instrumental services on all private instruments.

## Instrumental Music cont.

Tips on cleaning mouthpieces can be found in your tutor book as well as via these links:

### Cleaning a Brass Mouthpiece (Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone, Tuba, etc)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7haTc8IHSMc>

### Cleaning a Woodwind Mouthpiece

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4J9P2rwlj2U>

### Looking for a new instrument?

Re-conditioned instruments with a 1 year warranty and a guaranteed buy-back if you decide to sell

Riviera - flute - \$100

Blessing (USA) flute - \$200

Vito clarinet - \$250

[bobreuben@hotmail.com](mailto:bobreuben@hotmail.com), or 5426 6168, Mob 0412 271 539.



## From the Sports Desk

Interschool Sport commences this Friday 17 March. Children selected in Interschool Sporting teams must return permission forms/medical forms before they are allowed to leave the school to compete. Please be aware that children selected in the Rugby League teams must play with mouthguards unless written approval is given from Parents/Caregivers.

Please also be aware that Parents/Caregivers wishing to collect children from Interschool Sport venues must complete an exit pass from our administration.



Don't forget that 12yrs representative trials for talented athletes in various sports outlined in the last newsletter and at assembly are taking place at present. Please see Mr Hegvold if you require the appropriate permission forms for these trials.

District Cross-Country trials for 10 - 12yrs are on Wednesday 3 May, so all children interested in making our Silkstone team should be doing their own personal training now.

Calvin Hegvold  
HPE Teacher

## Winter is coming

The cold weather is coming, please ensure your child/ren has a warm navy blue jumper labelled with their name ready for Winter. Children sent to School in jumpers other than navy, they will be sent to the office to change.



## P & C Association

The next P&C General meeting will be held on Tuesday 28 March at 7pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

### Parent Group

We are always looking for new members! If you would like to help out please don't hesitate to catch up with Nichole (Under the Year 1 buildings most pick up times or Gail (Tuckshop on Wed).

### DISCO

The Disco is on **today 16 March from 5-7pm** in the Charles Kinne Hall. The disco is a "Go Green" Theme for St Patricks Day. The cost is \$4 per student which includes entry and a lucky door ticket. In order for the disco to run smoothly, we require parents and caregivers over the age of 18 to assist with the supervision for the night. Any volunteers wishing to help can contact Nichole 0499 974 578 or see me on the night. You wont miss me as I will be a leprechaun! Food will be available outside the hall from 3.30pm-4.30pm.



### FREE DRESS DAY

We are having a free dress day on **Tuesday 21 March 2017**. A gold coin donation is appreciated if your child/children wear free dress. We will be collecting money from each classroom from 9am, if you would like to help please contact Nichole.

### PARENT GROUP MEETING

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 28 March 2017 from 2-3pm in U Block. All welcome.

[Nichole Coad - President 0499 974 578](mailto:Nichole.Coad@ipswichschools.qld.edu.au)

## Report Cards

It's almost time for report cards to be sent out, please ensure we have your correct email address as all report cards are emailed home.



## Camps for 2017

Camp letters will be sent home next week. This will give you information on what to take to camp and also the cost of the camp.

## Dentist

Consent forms for Year 3 and 6 will be sent home soon. Please remember that **parents must accompany** children when going to the dentist



## Coming Events

Thurs 16 March	Disco
Fri 17	Interschool Sport commences National Day of Action Against Bullying & Violence
Tue 21	Free Dress Day
Wed 22	\$5 Payment due for Mana Performance
Thur 23	German Day Celebration
Mon 27	Mana Performance (Whole School)
Tue 28	Year 3 Beginner Strings Workshop Parent Group Meeting 2pm P&C Meeting 7pm
Thur 30	Year 1 Easter Hat Parade Bremer Science Experience Day
Fri 31	Last Day of Term 1
Mon 17 April	Easter Monday Public Holiday
Tue 18	1st Day of Term 2
Wed 19	Class Photos taken
Thurs 20	Class Photos taken
Tue 25	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Mon 1 May	Labour Day Public Holiday
Wed 10	\$8.50 Payment due for Old Macdonalds Farm
Fri 19	Ipswich Show Holiday
Mon 29- 31	Year 5 Camp Currumundi
Wed	Ipswich Junior Eisteddfod - Harmonies Choir
Thur	Ipswich Junior Eisteddfod - Band & Ensemble
Fri	Ipswich Junior Eisteddfod - BRASS Boys
Wed 7-8 June	District String Comp - Silkstone SS
Mon 16	2 day Beginner & Continuing Band Comp
Mon 19-Wed 21	Honours Band Comp Mt Crosby
Fri 23	Last Day Term 2
Mon 10 July	First Day Term 3
Mon 24-Thur 27	Sports Development Camp
Fri 28	\$5 Payment due for Circular Rhythm
Wed 2-4 August	Year 6 Camp Currumundi
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)

### 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

Whole School Assembly 20 March 2pm

### Accompanying Handouts

- ⇒ Year 1 Easter Hat Parade
- ⇒ BRASS Letter
- ⇒ Year 2 Choir Letter
- ⇒ Sports Development Guest Speaker Letter