

From Deputy Prep—Year 2

A LEARNING STORY FROM PREP

Prep C students are working hard on building their reading and writing skills. They are working hard to;

- name letters and identify the most common sounds they make,
- practise and learn their sight words
- use strategies to help with reading
- check that their reading and writing makes sense
- try hard each and every day.

Iesha in Prep C was working independently today to read a jumble of words, cut them out and re-order them to create a sentence that makes sense. She was very proud when she created a sentence and read it aloud to her group.



A LEARNING STORY FROM YEAR ONE



Year One students are working hard at using a range of strategies to build their reading skills. Students are taught to monitor their own reading and ask themselves three questions;

- Does it make sense?
- Does it sound right?
- Does it look right?

Students are taught to try another strategy when they answer no to one of the questions so they are in charge of making sure what they are reading does make sense, does sound right and does look right. Konnah in 1B is one of our wonderful Year 1 students who is working hard and is using these strategies to improve his reading. He was able to read a story and monitored his own reading to repair any mistakes he has made. Konnah is a great example of an 'ACTIVE LEARNER' at Silkstone State School.

A LEARNING STORY FROM YEAR TWO

Year Two students are learning about vocabulary as a school wide focus referred to as RVI (Robust Vocabulary Instruction). Today I was lucky enough to visit 2A as they learned about their focus words for the week; forlorn, ditched, squealed and swerving. Children discussed the words, thought about what the words might mean from clues in the text, looked at pictures and learned about the word meanings by hearing it in a range of sentences. Have a conversation with your children about the words they are learning about this week.

Kellie Stanton
Deputy Principal

forlorn

squealed

swerving

Children born between
1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013
are eligible for prep in 2018.



Uniform Shop

CLEARANCE SALE

ALL PREP & SCHOOL POLO SHIRTS to be SOLD OUT at the BARGAIN PRICE of \$16.00 each.
We would like to start the new year selling our new design polos but before we can re-stock our shelves we need to sell our current stock first.

Come and grab a bargain
** ALL POLOS ARE REDUCED TO \$16.00. **
CLEARANCE SALE

From Deputy Principal Years 3 & 4

Day for Daniel – Are you Red, Red, Ready?

Day for Daniel is Australia's largest child safety awareness and education day. The goal is to make Australia a safe place for all children.

This year we will again be involved in Day for Daniel activities. The annual Day for Daniel 2017 will be held on Friday the 27th October. The Day for Daniel is a National Day of Action to raise awareness of child safety, protection and harm prevention. It aims to help empower our children to Recognise, React and Report if they feel something is not right.

Wear Red and Educate is the theme of for Day for Daniel and we encourage all children to wear red next Friday and bring a gold coin donation.

This day will be dedicated to the need for safety both within our school community and during our personal lives. Our students will engage in child safety lessons and complete activities throughout the day. For more information, visit the website: www.danielmorcombe.com.au

FREE DRESS – Students are encouraged to wear a **RED shirt** for Daniel. (Gold Coin Donation)



All money raised through FREE DRESS will be forwarded to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation.

Kandice Hutson
Deputy Principal

Warehouse Shopping Tour

On Saturday 4 November 2017 we are going on a Warehouse Shopping Tour fundraiser. Anyone who has been on one of these before knows that they are a great social day out and also a great way to get some fantastic bargains. Tickets cost \$40 and all monies are due by **Friday 20 October**. Included in this price is the bus fare, morning tea and a smorgasbord lunch. There is no obligation to buy ... but the selection and quality of the bargains are guaranteed to please. Savings can be as much as 70% below retail prices. If you have any particular outlets you would like to see/go to, then please let me know as soon as possible so they can be booked in. Please place your money in a sealed envelope with your name, phone number and 'Shopping Tour' written on the front and then hand it into the office.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Sharyn Schulz
Organiser



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SILKSTONE STATE SCHOOL

Newsletter

19 October 2017

Term 4 Week 3

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

Well, the rain seems to be hanging around doesn't it? Hopefully, the sun will shine again soon and our students will be able to play outside! Thank you everyone for your patience and support when we decided to postpone the Spring Fair. It ended up being quite a pleasant day on Saturday, but Murphy's Law tells us that if we'd gone ahead, it would've poured! Anyway, the new date is set for the 11th November. Given that this is Remembrance Day, I will be proposing that we pause at the appropriate time on the day to remember those who have lost lives in conflict around the world.

On Monday, all of our teaching staff attended the Trauma Aware Schooling Conference in Brisbane. The purpose of this Professional Development day was for all of us to learn more about how the experience of trauma in childhood can affect how our students behave, how they learn and even their long term health outcomes. Trauma is not an actual event, but a response to a stressful experience, and the extent to which children experience trauma depends on the child's coping abilities, levels of resilience and the circumstances surrounding the stressful experience. An adult's response to the stressful experience is also a factor. Our job as educators is to try and understand why children who have experienced trauma display the behaviour they do and then put effective supports in place. We learned on Monday that **Behaviour is Language**. This means that behaviour has a purpose of communicating a need. Whether that need is to avoid something, to get something or as a cry for help, it is critical that we try and understand the behaviour so that we can effectively respond. During the coming days, weeks and months, we will be assessing all the supports and strategies we have in place at school to support all children. We know that effective learning occurs if students feel safe and have good relationships with each other and the adults in school, especially their teachers.

Principal's Report cont'd

Next Friday, Queensland acknowledges and celebrates World Teachers' Day. At Silkstone we will be hosting a special afternoon tea for our teachers on Wednesday afternoon. Our teachers are quite simply exceptional at Silkstone. They all have their strengths, and all make a really positive contribution to the learning and wellbeing of all the children who attend our school. I encourage families and children to 'thank a teacher' next Friday 27th October.

Have a great fortnight everyone!

Mike Sawbridge
Principal

ExtraCurricular Photos

The Extracurricular photos have arrived at the office. To Order the photos as follows:



Paying Online:

To view and order please go to **advancedlife.com.au** on any computer, tablet or smart mobile device and enter **LVG FYY G6H** at the prompt box.

Select **"BROWSE GROUP PHOTOS"** from the menu.

Once you have chosen all groups to order, select the **VIEW SHOPPING CART** option and follow the prompts.

Cheque/Cash/Money Order— Envelopes are available for collection from the office. Envelope orders need to be returned to the School by Thursday 9 November 2017. No discount applies to envelopes based orders.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Credit card payment is only available online. Please select your groups carefully as under no circumstances will a refund or exchange be available on incorrectly ordered photographs.

🎵 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

Spring Fair

The choirs and Instrumental groups will perform at the Spring Fair on 11 November in the same order as on the letter that went home. If your child was not available for last Saturday but is available for 11 November, I would love to have them along to perform. Letters are still available from the Music Room.

Silkstone Eisteddfod

Harmonies Choir and the Musical Theatre group competed today in the Silkstone Eisteddfod. Thank you for your hard work and results will be in the next newsletter.

Instrumental Concert

A reminder that the evening Instrumental Concert is next Tuesday, 24 October at 7.00pm. The concert will go for no more than one hour. Children performing will meet in the Instrumental room around 6.30. It is always a lovely evening, giving our instrumental children the opportunity to be featured. It is a gold coin entry.



2018 Instrumental Program Testing

Year 2 and 3 parents who would like their children tested in Week 4 (next week) will need to return the permission form by next Monday. Ms Lewis will test next Tuesday for wind/percussion and Ms Hampson will test next Thursday for strings. A letter of offer will come home with most children on newsletter day in Week 5. There are limited spaces in the program. The final decision regarding instrument allocation is made by Ms Lewis/Ms Hampson and Mrs Weatherhead.

Christmas Concert

Book in Thursday evening 23 November for the end of year Christmas Concert, at 7.00pm. The children are preparing and practising for our end of year concert.



Linda Weatherhead
 Music Teacher

Requests for Teachers for 2018

If you would like to request a teacher for 2018, please come to the office and collect a form. All requests MUST be in writing and handed to the office no later than Friday 27 October. Please be aware that all requests will be considered and attempts will be made to meet requests. Some requests may not be possible. Silkstone State School places the best educational outcomes for all children as their priority.

P & C Association

The next P&C General meeting is Tuesday 24 October at 7pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

Sharyn Schulz
 President

Parent Group Spring Fair

Spring Fair is coming up on 11 November 2017!



Silkstone State School Car Show is also on at the Spring Fair and we are hoping for a big turnout. If you have a Classic/Vintage or Muscle Car come and enter to win one of 3 prizes! Pre registration is required by emailing sssparentgroup@gmail.com Entry is just \$10 and you receive a goody bag just for entering!

Unlimited ride Arm Bands are now on sale. Tickets are \$27 pre-paid before the event and \$32 on the day for unlimited rides. To purchase Arm Bands log onto Munch Monitor (tuckshop online ordering system) or via cash to the orange box at the office. Please note: Correct change only for cash payments.

This is a very busy term and we have some exciting events coming soon! We are looking for helpers! So if you are able to help, please contact me direct via mobile 0499 974 578 or email sssparentgroup@gmail.com

Next Meeting

Parent Group meeting, Tuesday 24 October at 2.00pm in U Block. All Welcome.

Nichole Coad
 President 0499 974 578

Camp Quality

The Camp Quality puppet show will be visiting our school on October 24th. The show answers all the difficult questions kids have about cancer, dispels common myths and teaches students how to be supportive and understanding of kids living with cancer – all of which prevents bullying and exclusion!

The show is performed by volunteers. Would you like to see the show continue and to raise much need funds for research into Cancer. Your school has agreed to accept gold coin donations on the day. Please bring along and give to your teacher on the day.



Student Resource Scheme 2018

If you have any questions about the show please feel free to contact James from Camp Quality on 3216 0299. For 2018 we are once again offering the Student Resource Scheme for all of your stationery needs. Information regarding this will be sent home with a future newsletter. Cost will be \$120 for the year. **Money can only be paid in 2018.**

Munch Monitors

SIGN UP NOW!!

Go to www.munchmonitor.com

Username: silkstone

Password: munch4304

Click "sign up" and follow the steps to create your account You are able to order your child's lunch online 24/7 and up to a month in advance.

More information is available from the Tuckshop.

[Janelle Schloss](#)

[Tuckshop Convenor](#)

Payments

Just a reminder that money will not be accepted after the cut-off date for excursions/incursions. Our money window is open every day Monday to Friday 8-11am. Anyone paying via Direct Deposit will need to pay at least 3 days before the cut-off so payment is received before the cut off date.

Please be aware that the following payments should have already been paid. If you have not paid please do so as soon as possible.

♦ **Student Resource Scheme-1st, 2nd and 3rd payments**

♦ **Interschool Sport Fees**

♦ **Music fees**

Please see the cut off dates below for excursions/incursions

♦ **Christmas Around the World - Fri 10 Nov by 11am**



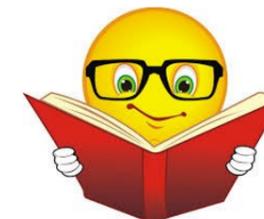
Swim Club

Swim season is nearly here! Come and join us at the pool on Monday nights. We start on the 9 October, gates open at 6:00pm for a 6:30pm start participation is open to all community school age children from any school. Compete against your own times and meet new friends and most of all have fun. There is a charge of \$3 per child to swim. For further information please call Ryan Barram President on 0409723189 or Judy Peck Vice President on 0435442252.



Book Club

Please return your money and order to the office no later than Friday 20 October.



Coming Events

Mon 23 **Oct** Instrumental Testing (2018 intake)
 Tue 24 Instrumental Concert (Evening)
 Tue 24 Camp Quality Puppets
 Thur 26 Principal Morning Tea
 Fri 27 Day for Daniel
 Fri 27 Last Day of Interschool Sport

Thur 2 **Nov** Instrumental Offers go home
 Sat 4 Shopping Warehouse Trip
 Fri 10 \$7 Payment due for Christmas Around the World Show (Prep)

Sat 11 Spring Fair
 Thur 16 Christmas Around the World Show (Prep)
 Thur 16 Compulsory Parent Information Sessions for 2018 Instrumental Program
 Fri 17 Senior Swimming Carnival
 Tue 21 Junior Swimming Carnival
 Thur 23 Christmas Concert
 Thur 30 Principal Morning Tea

Fri 1 **Dec** Academic Awards Ceremony (AM)
 Mon 4 Prep Concert
 Tue 5 Year 6 Graduation & Disco
 Wed 6 Year 6 Wet 'N' Wild Excursion
 Thur 7 Rewards Day
 Fri 8 Reports E-mailed Home
 Fri 8 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

- ⇒ Book Club Orders — Year 5,6 & Prep (due to late supply of flyers)
- ⇒ End of Year 6 Special Events
- ⇒ School Lizard "Spike" - Year 5 & 6
- ⇒ Fitness Club—Swimming — Years 3 — 6
- ⇒ Extra Training in Swimming — Sports Development Classes