

From the Deputy Prep-1

Read to Success

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.



We would like to provide a special invitation to our Prep parents and families to attend our P-3 assembly on **Monday 6 March at 2pm** in the school hall. We have a little presentation for you to enjoy.

A Learning Story from Prep

Teachers in Prep are working hard to support students to learn letters, sounds, sight words, numbers and a whole range of other concepts in literacy and numeracy. We know that students learn these concepts in all different ways and the more opportunities they have to practice this new learning, the better they understand and remember their new knowledge. In Prep the teachers incorporate sound work, word work, vocabulary and number work into their Obstacle Course time. While students practice their gross motor and fine motor skills they also practice and revise their literacy/numeracy instruction. This is Phoenix in Prep B. He very proudly demonstrated how he was able to step and balance on beams while clearly reading the number signs next to the steps. Parents can help students practice and consolidate their learning by doing similar things at home. Here are some simple ideas you could try at home; reading letters on a sign, playing 'Eye Spy', circling words you know in a magazine, counting the stairs as you climb, making rhyming words in the car.



A Learning Story for Year One



When we read, we usually read for a purpose. We might read to be entertained, to relax and enjoy a good story. We might read to learn about something, or we might read to understand the opinions of others. When students read for a purpose, they tend to be more focused, more engaged and comprehend what they are reading more deeply. At times, we have the purpose for reading given to us and other times we need to set our own purpose for reading. Independent reading is a great time for students to select books they like themselves and choose their own purpose for reading. In 1D, Chifley proudly shared his informative text about oceans with me. He had set his own purpose for reading and told me "I want to find out how deep the ocean goes". Chifley was then able to decide which part of the book might best answer his question and was very excited to find a diagram that showed parts of the ocean are believed to be 11 000 metres deep

[Kellie Stanton](#)
Deputy Principal

From the Deputy Year 5-6

Student Leaders

This week we have our student leaders' camp at Maroon outdoor education centre. This will be a chance for our student leaders to work together and build on their leadership skills to help them be great role models for all of our students.

A simple hello

When I am out and about in the playground in the mornings, it is lovely to see so many parents and students happily walking in together. This positive start to the day really sets the tone for students and creates a positive school attitude. But it doesn't need to stop there! I know that a simple hello and smile really lifts my mood and would encourage others to take part also. We may not even realise the positive impact we are having on others, but for some, it could be the highlight of their day.

Just a reminder...

It is an expectation before 8:30am that students who have been dropped off are sitting under A Block and waiting for the first bell to ring. The other option is to visit the library and sit quietly and read. Thank you to those student who are regularly doing this.

[Shannyn Taylor](#)
Deputy Principal

From the Visiting Principal - Year 4

Ostinatos are awesome!

This term in music year 2 are learning all about Ostinatos (repeated musical rhythm) through a variety of instruments and their sounds. At Silkstone SS hands on music is the best way to engage students to enjoy music and sounds. These three year 2 students are drumming up a storm through patterns and rhythms in our music class.



As part of our performing arts at Silkstone SS we also have:

- ⇒ BRASSS (Boys Rock At Silkstone State School) Monday 8 a.m.
- ⇒ Senior Band Tues 7:50 start
- ⇒ Year 2 choir starting next term TUESDAY 11:00 a.m.
- ⇒ Instrumental Club practice- Tuesday after school
- ⇒ Strings ensemble -Thursday 7:50
- ⇒ Harmonies Wed 7:50 start
- ⇒ Year 3-6 Choir

We are so fortunate to have music lessons and choirs as one of our many opportunities for students in our school to grow and develop a passion for the arts. Thanks to the dedicated teachers each week and those mums and dads that drive in early and later to allow their children to appreciate each of these opportunities. Well done Silkstone.

Congrats to Francis S, Patrick McB. and Fraser C. in 4 A for their "Active Learning" acknowledgement this last week. Well done boys - **Academic Achievement is Cool!** Great attendance this term so far in Year 4

[Dan Nielsen](#)
Visiting Principal

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
4A	95.83%	95.83%	94.86%	93.64%	93.32
4B	93.48%	93.24%	93.19%	91.08%	89.94
4C	93.18%	95.65%	93.47%	94.82%	95.61
4D	94.57%	91.67%	93.06%	92.54%	91.54
4S	98.08%	99.36%	99.73%	98.79%	98.72

From the Deputy Year 2-3

Say No to Bullying!

The seventh National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence will be held on **Friday 17 March, 2017**. To acknowledge the importance of this day students are invited to wear free dress clothing.

Parents are asked to ensure that the free dress clothing is sun safe and suitable for school. Parents and other carers have a key role in preventing and responding to bullying. You can:

- Learn what bullying is and what it is not. This is the first step in talking about how to prevent or respond to bullying with your child. 'Bullying' is a word that is used for lots of things that are not actually bullying. These other behaviours may be just as serious, but may require different responses.
- Talk about bullying with your child at home to make it easier for them to tell you if something happens. Make sure they know what bullying is and how they can respond.
- Help prepare your children to prevent online bullying and to know what to do if it happens.
- Start when your child is young to guide them to develop the social and emotional skills they will need to build positive relationships throughout their lives, including problem-solving skills.
- Recognise the warning signs of bullying. Although there may not be an issue, you should talk to your child if you have any concerns. Raise the topic generally if you don't want to ask directly. Learn about how to respond appropriately if your child tells you about bullying. You can reassure your child by remaining calm and being supportive.
- Read about strategies that can help. Practising strategies at home with your child is a good way to prepare them to use them at school.
- Contact the school if bullying has occurred and the school needs to be involved. Read about how you and the school can work together to support your child, whether your child was bullied, bullied others, or witnessed bullying.

[Kandice Hutson](#)
Deputy Principal



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SILKSTONE STATE SCHOOL

Newsletter

2 March 2017

Term 1 Week 6

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 was fabulous last week to host our first Principal's Morning Tea for 2017, to celebrate and acknowledge, with families, the behaviour and attitude of over 70 students who consistently uphold our four school expectations of being safe, being respectful, being responsible and being active learners. It is lovely that so many Grandparents, Parents and family members come along to celebrate with their children and the school community. We look forward to our second Principal's Morning Tea in the final week of this term.

With the midway point of Term 1 (Friday week 5), end of term assessments are on the horizon, and indeed beginning to happen! In the final 2 weeks of this term you will be offered an opportunity to make an appointment with your child's class teacher to discuss his or her progress during Term 1. Letters inviting you to schedule an appointment will be sent home on Friday 10th March (end of next week).

This week, you may notice that I have been away in the second half of the week. Our Department hosts a biennial State-wide Conference and this year, all State School Principals will gather at the Convention Centre on the Gold Coast to hear some key messages from senior employees in the Department. During my absence, Kellie Stanton will act as Principal.

From time to time, parents and families like to give us feedback about how we are doing, and sometimes raise issues or concerns with us. I am always impressed with families who do this in the most respectful ways, either through an email, a phone call or through a meeting. Sometimes we all get frustrated about things that have happened, and during these times it is always important to remember that remaining calm and being respectful will always end up with the best outcome. Sometimes it is best to take a deep breath when we are feeling angry or frustrated and give ourselves time to 'cool down' before tackling an issue or a concern. This is also great role-modelling for our children.

Have a great fortnight everyone.

[Mike Sawbridge](#)
Principal

Contact/Emergency Information

Quite often we need to contact parents in emergency situations. This is not possible if emergency contact details are out of date. Please advise us immediately if:

- ✓ you change your address, telephone numbers or email address
- ✓ there is a change in your preferred emergency contact people
- ✓ any significant changes occur with regard to your child's health
- ✓ you feel we should know of any other factors that relate to your child e.g. custody.

We recently implemented the same day notifications that are sent as a text message. If you have not received a text message recently, please let the office ladies know. A few problems have now been ironed out with this system and it now seems to be working well. Thank you for your understanding.



Every Day Counts

We want students here every day so they are able to learn. We understand that there are circumstances that are beyond our control, but we need to think closely about how much important learning time children miss because of days off school.

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning

🎵 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

Mana: Spirit of Polynesia Prep - Year 6

A reminder to keep bringing in those permission forms and **\$5 payment by Wednesday 22 March** for the whole school performance on Monday 27 March. It's an educational, extremely exciting and amazing performance that you won't want your child to miss. If you have misplaced your letter, you can collect another one from the office. Refunds are not available should your child be away from school that day.

Choir and Instrumental Practices

Our choirs, band and ensemble are all up and running and the children are doing well with their practising, arriving on time and having their equipment/music ready. Thank you parents for the support you give your children, helping them with practice at home and organizing music. We highly value commitment, resilience and hard work as qualities needed to persevere in the Music Program. I am hearing great music coming from the Instrumental Room each Tuesday and Thursday! Keep up the good work!!

Congratulations!

Cassidy, Kaitlyn and Aaliyah who have been accepted into the Metropolitan Choral Honours Program which is being held in Week 10 in Brisbane. Numbers are limited for this program so it's very exciting that the girls were accepted. The girls will rehearse with other children from the greater Brisbane Region over 3 days then perform in a massed choir at the Old Museum building, Gregory Terrace at 6pm Wednesday 29 March.

[Linda Weatherhead](#)
 Music Teacher

MUSIC MATTERS!



From the Sports Desk

Representative trials for the best athletes in Ipswich (12yrs and under) in the following sports are on soon: Boys and Girls Soccer, Boys and Girls Basketball, Netball, AFL, Boys and Girls Hockey and Rugby League. Mr Hegvold has been to the upper school classes with this information, and it has been announced on assembly.

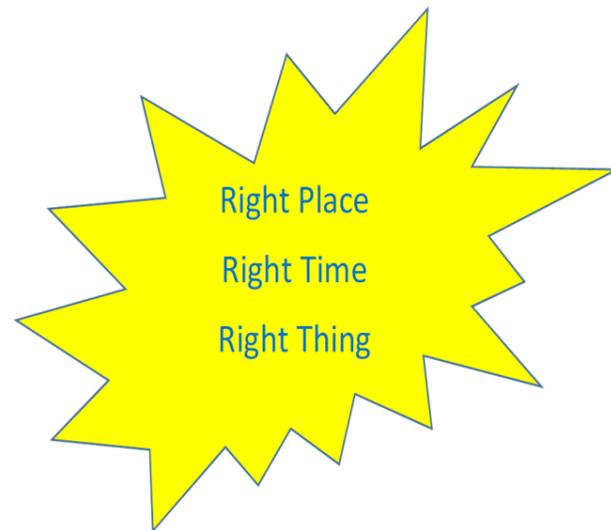
If your child is one of the best in Ipswich at these sports they need to get trial forms from Mr Hegvold; no forms, no trial.



Class swimming is now on. Please ensure that all children have their togs and a swimming cap for their class swimming day. Please contact Mr Hegvold or send a note if your child is unable to swim due to illness or injury.

Interschool Sport commences **Friday 17 March**. Children selected in Interschool Sporting teams should return permission forms/medical forms to their coach as soon as possible. Please be aware that children selected in the Rugby League Team must play with mouthguards unless we have written approval from Parents/Caregivers. Parents/Caregivers wishing to collect children from Interschool Sport venues must complete an exit pass from our administration. Please note that money for Friday afternoon Sport can not be paid until Wednesday 8 March. Payment can be made in full or paid weekly (\$8 each week).

[Calvin Hegvold](#)
 HPE Teacher



P & C Association

On Tuesday 28 February we had our Annual General Meeting and the 2017 P&C Committee was formed.

Executive Committee:

President – Amy Hollier, Vice-President – Rachel Convery
 Vice President – Ian Walker, Treasurer – Melinda Edyvean
 Secretary – Not Filled, Assistant Secretary – Not Filled
 P & C meetings give you a real insight into the way the school operates, why certain decisions are made and most importantly, a say in how monies raised by you as the community, are best spent towards your child's education. Any issues can be raised and everyone is welcome, new faces & old! Please contact us if you have any queries regarding the P&C. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 28 March at 7pm in the staffroom.

Parent Group

Thank you to the outgoing 2016 Parent Group Committee, and congratulations to the new Parent Group Committee for 2017.

President- Nichole Coad, Vice President- TBA
 Secretary- Gail Coan, Assistant Secretary- Georgie Taylor

Thank you ladies for taking these positions and we look forward to supporting you in your fundraising events for 2017.

Disco

The next Disco is on **Thursday 16 March** from 5-7pm in the Charles Kinne Hall. This disco will be a "Go Green" theme for St Patrick's 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 Coad 0499 974 578 or see her on the night.



Food will be available outside the hall from 3.30pm-4.30pm.

Uniform Review

It was discussed at the P&C Meeting that the school uniform as a whole needs to be reviewed. This includes the dresses, shirts etc. We will be holding a Special P&C Meeting on Wednesday 15 March 2017 at 2pm in the Hall to finalise any uniform changes. If you are interested in having a say, please come along on this afternoon. All parents are welcome.

We understand that some parents may be unavailable at this time so to ensure you have your say please email your suggestions to the email address below or complete a feedback form which will be available at the office until Friday 11 March. Your suggestions and feedback are important to us. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting. Email sssparentgroup@gmail.com

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 Coad 0499 974 578.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 28 March 2017 from 2-3pm in U Block.

[Nichole Coad - President 0499 974 578](#)

Coming Events

Wed 15 **March** Uniform Review
 Thurs 16 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
 Mon 27 Mana Performance (Whole School)
 Tue 28 Year 3 Beginner Strings Workshop
 Parent Group Meeting 2pm
 P&C Meeting 7pm

Wed 19 **April** Class Photos taken
 Thurs 20 Class Photos taken

Wed 10 **May** \$8.50 Payment due for Old Macdonalds Farm
 Fri 19 Old Macdonalds Farm (Prep)
 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 28 **July** \$5 Payment due for Circular Rhythm

Tue 4 **August** \$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 **Sep** \$7 Payment due for Pirates Show (Prep)
 Thur 14 Evening Variety Concert
 Thur 14 Pirates Show (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

Prep-Year 3 Assembly 6 March Monday 2pm
 Year 4 - 6 Assembly 13 March 2pm
 Whole School Assembly 20 March 2pm

Accompanying Handouts

⇒ Scholastic Book Club
 ⇒ Circular Rhythm Permission Letter
 ⇒ Sports Permission Forms
 Alphabet