

From the Deputy Prep - Year 1

AGE APPROPRIATE PEDAGOGIES

At Silkstone we are using Age Appropriate Pedagogies (AAP) in Prep. This really means we are working towards constantly improving our teaching techniques to ensure that we are teaching in ways that meet the developmental needs of our students. Age appropriate pedagogies consists of a range of ways to deliver learning opportunities. The Australian curriculum provides schools and teachers with the 'what' we have to teach, and AAP really just gives us multiple different options for 'how' we teach that curriculum. For instance, we know that young learners will do better when they are excited, engaged and having fun with learning so teachers using AAP will teach in playful and language rich ways. We can also give students options to use different materials for 'hands on' learning that supports collaborative, creative, responsive thinking and learning.

A LEARNING STORY FROM PREP

In Prep this term, students will be learning more about reading and writing using the context of 'Robots'. Children find this unit to be fun, engaging and full of opportunity to extend their learning. Each classroom will consider the needs of the children in that class to plan and deliver the teaching around this curriculum in ways that engage those students.



In Prep D, students are spending a lot of time viewing images of robots, talking about robots and writing about robots. Korbin was very excited to read his sentence about a robot he had drawn and could proudly talk about his thinking during writing. He said 'When I was reading, some words did not make sense and when I was thinking I crossed some of those

words out and put in new words to make sense'. This conversation really demonstrates how explicitly Miss Terri is teaching children to be active in their learning, to think about their reading and writing and to have the courage to see mistakes as learning opportunities.

In Prep E, Mrs Audoss is linking the 'Robot' unit of work to student interest in places and geography. Mr R.O.Bot will be visiting student homes where children can write their own entry about what Mr R.O.Bot has learned about their own special place. The level of playfulness, excitement and interest in this learning was out of this world. We cannot wait to see how students respond when it is their turn to take Mr R.O.Bot home for a visit.



A LEARNING STORY FROM YEAR ONE

Research shows us that having a solid foundation in literacy and numeracy has clear links to student success in school and in later life.



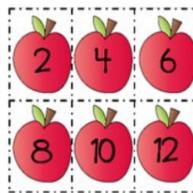
In Year 1, students are really working on growing their numeracy skills and expanding their thinking. One skill all classes are currently working on is that of counting patterns. This is one of those rote learning skills that really benefits from regular practice. Parents can be a wonderful support in this area by helping children to notice number/counting patterns in the world around them and helping children to practice these often.

Some simple ideas or ways to practice counting patterns every day could include;

- Counting five cent coins to count by 5
- Counting \$2 coins to practice counting by 2
- Counting 10cent pieces to practice counting by 10.
- Helping to set the table and counting cutlery in sets of 2
- Making groups of toys (2,5,10) and counting these sets

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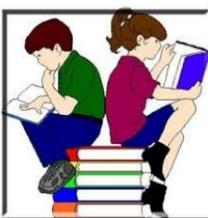
We would appreciate your support if you could practice counting in 2's, 5s and 10s from any number between 1-100 forwards or backwards.



Kellie Stanton
Deputy Principal

From the Deputy Years 5-6

Welcome back to Term 3! This term we have many exciting events happening in the upper primary. We have had students representing our school at Districts, Cross Country coming up, Sports Camp and Year 6 Camp.



I have also had the pleasure of meeting with teachers to discuss the progress that our students have made with their reading last term and their future goals. Our teachers really know their classes and are really proud of their achievements.

Finally, I am in the process of organizing some cyber safety talks for our upper primary students to help them navigate the online world safely. More information to come!

Shannyn Taylor
Deputy Principal

Internet
Safety



Cybersafety



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SILKSTONE STATE SCHOOL

Newsletter

20 July 2017

Term 3 Week 2

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

We have enjoyed a very settled start to term 3, with all students working hard to be in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing. It is always a pleasure to visit classrooms and see children doing their schoolwork in a clam and productive. As always at the start of a new term, we have welcomed a number of new students and families to our school. WE hope you have felt welcome, have made some friends and are enjoying being at Silkstone. We have also welcomed tow new permanent, full-time teachers, Mr Mitchell Firman (5S) and Mrs Bianca Ellison (6B). We know that they will both enjoy the support of their new colleagues and the wider community.

It was pleasing to see an increase in the number of students achieving grades A-C on report cards at the end of Semester 1 from Semester 1, 2016. The increase was about 5%, which equates to about 45 children! If we can sustain this level of improvement each year, it won't be long until we have 90% of our students achieving the expected standard or above the expected standard. We promote the fact that academic achievement is cool and we really want our students, your children, to 'kick some goals' academically at school. The opportunities for learning are here and, with 65 of the finest teachers in Queensland working right here at Silkstone, all students should be reaching their full potential. I look forward to further gains in A-C data at the end of Semester 2.

Congratulations to all the students who have done so well recently in District Sport. We have a very dedicated team of staff here who take great joy in providing opportunities for students to excel in sport, so it is feels really good when all the hard work and training pays off. Well done to our sporting heroes.

During Term 3, every assembly will be a full school assembly, starting at 2.15pm. We often have so much to celebrate and

acknowledge that we have decided that we need to return to full school assemblies each week. We will also be hosting 3 Principal's Morning Teas this term, on Thursday week 3, week 6 and week 9. Students who consistently uphold our 4 school expectations, Be Safe, Respectful, Responsible and an Active Learner will be invited. Look out for an invitation!

Have a great fortnight everyone,
Mike Sawbridge
Principal

Premier's Reading Challenge

2017 Premier's Reading Challenge

Well done to those students who have already submitted their Premier's Reading Challenge form. All completed forms are to be returned to your child's class teacher by 27 August. Any books that your child reads at home, or at school, can be added to their list. 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. If your child has misplaced their form, please get another one from the school office or the library.



Sally-Anne Weise

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

Username: silkstoness

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



🎵 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



Ahoy Choirs – It's a Pirate Concert!

Children in Year 2 Choir, BRASS, Girls' Choir and Harmonies Choir have today brought home a letter with some details about the Term 3 Concert – "All Things Pirate!". **Should children have poor attendance at practices, they will not be invited to sing and parents will be contacted in Week 7.** The letter also gives details about costuming. (Children involved in the Instrumental Program will have their evening concert in Term 4.)

Strings

Welcome to Ms Lisa Kirk who is with us for 5 weeks while Ms Hampson is on Long Service Leave. All lessons and practices will continue as usual.

2018 Instrumental Program—"What instruments are taught?"

Year 3 is the year some children start learning a string instrument – either **violin or cello**. We have a couple of cellos on loan for a child's entire time learning in primary school, and a number of violins for a one year hire only. Parents are then required to purchase a violin for their child to continue in the program.

Other **Year 4** children start learning can start learning **flute, clarinet, saxophone and trumpet** (all one year loans and then parents need to purchase an instrument); **euphonium, French horn, trombone, bass clarinet, tenor saxophone and oboe** (usually on loan until the end of primary school). Children learning **percussion** mostly use the school's instruments (parents do not have to buy a drum kit!!)

You and your child may wish to look at YouTube clips to see and hear what these instruments are like. Always remember – any instrument takes work and practise to learn.

Beginner and String Ensemble

All Beginner and Strings children will have brought home a letter today for the upcoming Silkstone Instrumental Eisteddfod in Week 5. Please complete the attached permission form and return to the Music Room or the office. You will be contacted if your child has not attended enough practices to be invited to perform.

No Band Rehearsal or Lessons Tuesday 25 July

Just a reminder that there are no lessons or band rehearsal next week (Tuesday 25 July) as Ms Lewis is on tour with Bremer SHS.

Practice, Practice, Practice

How much practice should students do each week – famous Australian musician James Morrison says, "How good do you want to be?". The more you practice the better you become – students have a practice diary to complete weekly which highlights 5 practices with a minimum of 3 weekly practice to ensure exercises and concepts are mastered. Help them become the best they can by signing and returning this diary for their instrument lesson each week.

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.

Sharyn Schulz
 Secretary

Parent Group Disco

We will have our regular Disco this term. Look out for the dates and times in future newsletters, on notice boards and via the school's Facebook page.



Father's Day Stall

We will again be having our Father's Day stall this term to celebrate all the wonderful Dads, Grandad's, Poppy's and Pa's. Look out for dates and times in the newsletter, on notice boards and via the school's Facebook page.



Silkstone State School Spring Fair

We are excited to announce that the Annual Spring Fair has been confirmed for Saturday 14 October 2017! We will be having exciting rides, stalls, café and performances during the day. Look out for your Spring Fair



flyer soon!

Next Meeting

Parent group meeting 25 July at 1.30pm U Block. We are starting a little earlier to discuss upcoming Spring Fair. All welcome.

Nichole Coad
 President 0499 974 578



Sports Development Camp

A letter was sent home yesterday with all students attending the Sports Development Camp. The letter gives you information regarding where to meet on Monday 24 July and where to collect students from when they return from camp.



Book Club

Book Club order forms went home last week. All orders and money are due no later than **Friday 28 July**.



From the Sports Desk

Senior Cross Country

Tomorrow, Friday 21 July the Senior Cross Country will be held, starting at 9.15am. The order of races is 9yr old girls, 9yr old boys, followed by 10, 11 then 12/13yrs.



Payments

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 and 2nd payments
- ◆ Interschool Sport Fees
- ◆ Music fees
- ◆ Year 6 Camp



Please see the cut off dates below for excursions/incursions

- ◆ Circular Rhythm - Fri 28 July
- ◆ Going on a Bear Hunt - Tue 4 August
- ◆ Star Lab - 23 August
- ◆ Pirate Show - Fri 8 September

Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers

Stickers will be available to collect between Wednesday 26 July and Tuesday 19 September 2017. Collection boxes will be in the school foyer for you to put your completed sticker sheets or put your stickers in the box and we will put them on a sticker sheet for you.

A Collection Box for Silkstone State School will also be at Woolworths, Booval Fair.

Ask your friends and neighbours to collect the stickers for you also.

Collecting these stickers gives us the opportunity to get some great resources for our school.



Coming Events

Fri 21 July	Senior Cross Country (Year 4 - 6)
Mon 24 -Thur 27	Sports Development Camp
Tue 25	Parent Group Meeting 1.30pm P&C Association Meeting 7pm
Thur 27	Principal's Morning Tea 10.15am
Fri 28	\$5 Payment due for Circular Rhythm
Wed 2-4 Aug	Year 6 Camp Currimundi
Tue 4	\$18 Payment due for Going on a Bear Hunt
Mon 7	Beginner & String Ensemble Eisteddfod
Tue 8	Circular Rhythm (Prep - Year 6)
Fri 11	Interschool Sport Commences
Mon 14-17	Silkstone Instrumental Eisteddfod
Thur 17	Principal's Morning Tea 10.15am
Thur 17	Going on a Bear Hunt (Prep)
Wed 23	Prep Enrolment Information Day (AM)
Mon 28	Star Lab Incursion (Year 1)
Tue 29	Book Week Author Visit & Parade
Tue 5 Sep	Junior Sports Day
Wed 6	Prep Open Day (2018 Students)
Thur 7	Principal's Morning Tea 10.15am
Fri 8	\$7 Payment due for Pirates Show (Prep)
Wed 13	Extra Curricular Photos taken
Thur 14	Evening Variety Concert Pirates Show (Prep)
Fri 15	Last Day Term 3
Mon 2 Oct	Queens Birthday Public Holiday
Tue 3	First Day Term 4
Sat 14	Spring Fair
Fri 10 Nov	\$7 Payment due for Christmas Around the World Show (Prep)
Thur 16	Christmas Around the World Show (Prep)
Fri 8 Dec	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

- ⇒ Letter to all Choir children regarding Costumes
- ⇒ Grasshopper Soccer Forms
- ⇒ Yr 6 Movie Letter
- ⇒ Beginner & String Ensemble Eisteddfod Letter