From Miss Harvey

**Attention**
This week the year levels showed improvement in their attendance. We have continued to see a significant improvement in attendance since classes have been tracking their own individual attendance. In Week 5 and Week 10 of this term, we will hold a pancake breakfast for the year level with the highest attendance.

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**Spotlight on Attendance**
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This is a growth of 0.76% and this reflects the value 1B families have on ensuring their students are at school every day.

Keep up the great work 1B and we look forward to shining the attendance spotlight on the many other classes working hard to improve their attendance in the newsletters over the coming weeks.

Sam Harvey
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**Early Years Health and Wellbeing**

The Early Years Health & Wellbeing programme is based within the school to support Prep children and their families. We provide support, advice and group work to all families. If your child is not progressing along with his or her peers or you are concerned about their behaviour or social and emotional wellbeing support is available. The program is voluntary, confidential and free.

Early Years room is in X Block and open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 8.30am – 4.30pm phone Kim on 0437 228 791 or email knoble@redcross.org.au

**Current Groups**

**Playgroup:**
Tuesday 9:00am – 11:00am

Play based activities covering the importance of play, early intervention; signs to look for, parenting, school readiness, social skills, reading, cooking, music and much more. Come in and take a look, bring your little ones in for a play and enjoy meeting other parents from the school community. Morning tea provided.

**Sports Afternoon:**
Thursday’s 3:00 – 4:15

All Children MUST be accompanied by an adult. Children will enjoy a light afternoon tea followed by some fun sports activities and games. Children participate in group games, races, treasure hunts and much more.

Thank you
Kim

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SILKSTONE STATE SCHOOL

**Newsletter**

20 October 2016

**Term 4 Week 3**

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Consider these ideas to cheer on or encourage your child/ren:

- Ask your child what they have learned today or this week and celebrate their success.
- Let them hear you talk about this with other family members too. For instance, “Nan, you would be so proud of Jim. Today he learnt to count to 20.”
- Attend as many games, performances, school events that you can. Children love knowing they have someone in the audience who feels proud of them.
- Point out what you liked about your child’s performance. The more specific you can be, the better. For example, “I enjoyed hearing your trumpet parts in the band, or “I am so proud of you for blocking that kick.”
- Invite other significant adults in your child’s life to games and performances. Consider occasionally inviting grandparents, aunts, uncles, neighbours and other important adults.
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