

From Miss Harvey

Attendance

This week most 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.

Year level	Attendance Rate Week 1	Attendance Rate Week 2	Movement
Prep	91.45	91.53	Improved by 0.08%
Year 1	92.16	92.24	Improved by 0.08%
Year 2	91.62	91.51	Decreased by 0.11%
Year 3	91.60	91.64	Improved by 0.04%
Year 4	88.99	89.45	Improved by 0.46%
Year 5	90.14	90.1	Decreased by 0.04%
Year 6	91.66	91.33	Decreased by 0.33%
Whole School	90.8%	90.8%	

Spotlight on Attendance

This week we would like to shine the attendance spotlight on 1B. Mrs Chisolm and the 1B classroom currently have the highest attendance rate at Silkstone. 1B have improved their attendance from

94.12% Week 2 Term 3 → **94.88%** Week 2 Term 4

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

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
Deputy Principal

Early Years Health and Wellbeing

The Early Years Health & Wellbeing program 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. Parent supervision and some participation required. FREE. No obligation to attend each week. It's all about movement and fun! Children participate in group games, races, treasure hunts and much more.



Thank you
Kim

Mr Neho's News

This week I have had a chance to talk to the year 4 teachers about the progress they have made in reading in their classrooms. We have shared in many of the successes and some students have moved up 3 PROBE levels within a term. That means they have increased a year and a half in reading ages. Our teachers are great and this is another story that proves it!

Some of our year 6 students care deeply about the school they are in. Three girls in particular Lisa Fuller, Ella Heffernan and Elouise Pound were concerned about the rubbish that had been left around the school. They noticed that in the morning and at lunch time rubbish is being left on the ground. They wanted to make everyone aware that we need to be proud of our school and have also been seen during their own time walking around the school and picking up rubbish. Great work girls!

Rob Neho
Deputy Principal



SILKSTONE STATE SCHOOL

Newsletter

20 October 2016 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

Recently, we hosted a parent information session about applying for Independent Public School Status. At this meeting we also explained what programs and initiatives we would be focussing on in the next 4 years. The ballots to decide whether we become an IPS will be held next week. The parent ballot will take place at the P and C meeting on Tuesday 25th October. The staff at school will be conducting a ballot during next week too. To proceed with the application we need each stakeholder group to have a majority vote in favour of applying.

At the P and C meeting, I will take the opportunity to reiterate the benefits of becoming an IPS to all present. I will also take the opportunity to explain some thinking about the Sports Development Program and Sports Classes to parents. We look forward to a productive meeting.

We have been reflecting on what an extremely settled school we have been enjoying at the start of this term. The standard of learning and behaviour in classes is making us all very proud of the students at the school. During 2016, we have implemented a new way of acknowledging quality behaviour through our Sticker Book Program. While we believe that this is the foundation of a really strong program to celebrate the standard of behaviour displayed by so many Silkstone students. During the year we have received feedback from parents and families about how this can be improved, so our team at school will be working to make it even better next year.

On Saturday this week, I look forward to sharing in the excitement and atmosphere of the 2016 Spring Fair. A big shout out in advance goes to the Parent Group, the P and C and all the helpers and volunteers who have worked so hard to make the day happen. By the time you read this newsletter, you'll probably have 1 day to still buy your unlimited rides wristband! I look forward to seeing our community at school on Saturday. Have a great fortnight everyone

Mike Sawbridge
Principal

From the Deputy Prep - 3

A Story from Year Two

In 2B, students were working on learning sight words together and helping each other practice some words that were tricky for them. They were very respectful and great active learners. At one stage, one student made a mistake reading a word and realised this so became a little frustrated. CJ encouraged him by saying 'Just try again, it's ok.' This encouragement and support from a peer really helped the other student keep trying and continue the activity. Later when CJ got a series of words in a row correct, William then said "Good job CJ." Silkstone State School students are great examples when it comes to behaving in an encouraging and supportive way.



Cheering on our kids: Encouragement all the way!

Our children love to share and celebrate their learning and achievements with us. I often find myself surrounded by little people rushing to tell me what they have learned today or what they finally mastered that used to be tricky for them. What is even more beautiful at Silkstone is our children's community spirit. They are also quick to tell us about a friend or classmate who has achieved something too. As teachers it is important to encourage children to try their best, not give up and celebrate success as often as we can. As parents, our children want us to be their biggest and most important cheerleaders. If your child learns something new at school, competes in sport, performs in a choir, makes new friends, starts at a new school, solves an ongoing problem or challenge themselves to overcome a fear then they need to know we are cheering them on and encouraging them all the way. This makes a difference in how our children feel about themselves, about the adults in their lives and about the activities they are involved in.

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From the Deputy Prep - 3 (Cont'd)

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, say, "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.
- * When you take photos or record your child's game or performance, also remember to put down the camera and cheer! It's important to be fully present in the moment, and one way to do that is to set technology aside so that you can witness firsthand your child's achievements.
- * If your child brings home a piece of work they have completed at school that they are proud of, put it somewhere special. For instance, placing items on the fridge can be a great way for visitors to see and celebrate in the work also.



Kellie Stanton
Deputy Principal

♪ Music Notes ♪

BRASSS Monday 8am
Glee Monday 8am
Senior Band Tuesday 7.50 - 8.50am
String Ensemble Thursday 7.50 - 8.50am
Harmonies Wednesday 7.50am
Year 3 Choir Wednesday 11.00am
Year 2 Choir Tuesday 11.00am

2017 Beginner Instrumental Testing

All Year 2 and 3 children took home a brochure with the last newsletter about the Instrumental Program. I have had many forms returned. Remember, testing will happen in Week 4 (next week) by Ms Lewis on Tuesday and Mrs Hampson on Thursday. Children will only be tested if their form is returned.

2017 Continuing Instrumental Children

Children currently in their first year of learning an instrument will return the school instrument at the end of this year (after the Christmas Concert). Parents, for your child to continue in the program, you will need to purchase an instrument, as stated in the Information Booklet and at the Parent Information Sessions last year. A letter will come home in week 5 with suggestions of stores you can contact who can assist you with this. Children playing cello and trombone will continue using a school instrument until the end of primary school.



Silkstone Eisteddfod

Harmonies Choir and the Musical Theatre Group performed today at the eisteddfod. Results will be in the next newsletter.

Spring Fair

We are looking forward to hearing the Year 2 and 3 Choirs, Band, BRASSS boys, Glee and Harmonies Choir at the Spring Fair. Children brought home their letter last fortnight.

Linda Weatherhead
Music Teacher

Swim Club

Swim season is here! Come and join us at the pool on Monday nights. Participation is open to all community school children. You do not have to be a member of Silkstone State School. Anyone of school age is welcome to come along and enjoy a swim. 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. Nominations open at 6pm for a 6.30pm start.

For further information please call Judy Peck, President on 0435 442 252 or Kelli Egberts on 0401 481 944



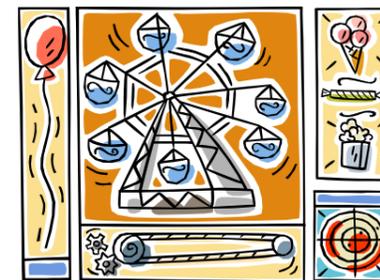
P & C Association

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 25 October at 7pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

Parent Group

Spring Fair 22 October 2016 8am-2pm

Our Spring Fair is being held on Saturday 22 October. We will be having carnival rides which include: The Sizzler, Swing Chairs, Cup and Saucer, A Giant Slide, Jumping Castles, Climbing Tower. If you haven't already purchased your armbands for the rides you still have time. Armbands can be purchased tomorrow office or at the Tuckshop or from the Parent Group in U Block (from 2.30pm) and A Side Show Alley with Show Bags, music performances, community organisations and much more. Armbands are for unlimited rides from 9am- 2pm.



You will be able to collect your presold armbands from the stall near the rides on the morning of the Spring Fair.

If you are interested in volunteering or you need more information please email silkstonespringfair@gmail.com or contact Serena 0434 007 521.

General Parent Group Meeting

There will be a meeting on Tuesday the **25 October from 2-3pm** in U Block. Look forward to seeing you there.

Serena Shepherd
President
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Coming Events

Sat 22	Oct	Spring Fair 8am - 2pm
Tues 25		Parent Group Meeting P&C Meeting
Thurs 27		Principals Morning Tea Instrumental Concert
Fri 28		Jacaranda Festival
Fri 11	Nov	Last payment day Christmas excursion
Tues 15		Instrumental Info Sessions for 2017
Wed 16		Christmas Around the World Prep
excursion		
Tues 22		Junior Swimming Carnival Parent Group Meeting P&C Meeting
Thurs 24		Principals Morning Tea Christmas Concert
Fri 25		Senior Swimming Carnival
Mon 5	Dec	Yr 6 White Water World Excursion
Tues 6		Yr 6 Graduation and Pulse Disco
Wed 7		Rewards Day
Thurs 8		Reports emailed home Class parties
Fri 9		Last Day of 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)

Assembly Time

Monday 2.20pm (Fortnightly) - Whole School

Accompanying Handouts

- ⇒ Kambu Letters to Indigenous Families
- ⇒ Bremer High State School Orientation (Students with Disability only)
- ⇒ Bundamba State Secondary School Orientation (Students with Disability only)
- ⇒ Yr 6 End of Year Events Letter
- ⇒ Sports Development - Monday afternoon Training