

From Deputy Principal Prep - Year 2

Some of our Year 6 classes have been visiting our Preps on a Friday morning to read with them as part of Buddy Reading. This is a lovely opportunity for our Preps to listen to some of our older students read and share in some wonderful stories. The conversations overheard have been delightful and centred around the texts. Over the weeks, the Preps and their buddies have formed some beautiful relationships and each look forward to the experience every week.



Last week, the Year 1's were fortunate to have a visit from the fire department. The students were fascinated by the stories told and were given some very important information for their safety. The firemen explained the importance of working smoke

alarms installed in the home and urged all students to check that they have these in their house. The Year 1 students were also told to get out of the house if there is a fire and not to go back in even for their favourite toy. It was great to see the students so engaged in the session.

It is great to see our Year 2 students learning through hands on Maths activities. In these activities, students are working mathematically and having to collaborate with their peers to solve problems. Some of the rotational activities on offer include puzzles, patterning and addition involving dice. The students are learning and having loads of fun at the same time!

Sally-Anne Weise
Acting Deputy Principal

Premier's Reading Challenge

The 2018 Premier's Reading Challenge is now underway. Prep to Year 2 students need to read or experience 20 books, students in Years 3 and 4 need to read 20 books and students in Years 5 and 6 need to read 15 books. Experiencing books can include shared reading, listening to stories, or reading picture books. Completed Student Reader Record forms are to be handed into your child's class teacher by Friday, 24 August. If your child has misplaced their form, they can obtain another one from the school office.

Every student who completes The Challenge will receive a Certificate of Achievement signed by the Premier. All students who complete The Challenge at Silkstone will go in the draw to receive a book of their choice. There will be one book prize for each class.



Happy Reading!

From the Sports Desk

Congratulations to our Senior Rugby League Team for making the Grand Final with a 38 – 4 semi-final win over Mt Crosby.

Good luck also to our Netball and Soccer teams playing in Grand Finals on Friday.

Cross Country Week 11:

Junior Cross Country – Monday 25/6/18

Senior Cross Country – Tuesday 26/6/18

Students are not allowed to compete in the Cross Country unless a completed permission note has been returned to the class teacher. Students also need to be wearing appropriate footwear.

Sports Development Program Sports Excellence Camp is on 23 – 26 July.

Final payment and permission and medical forms due Friday 22 June.

Calvin Hegvold
HPE teacher

Year 3 writing samples

The students in 3B have been using stimulus photographs and current news events to generate ideas for their writing. The photographs and news events create a lot of discussion and questions that go from general questions to more narrow ones that then assist them to generate specific ideas for their writing.

During a guided writing activity, the following group of students generated ideas for writing about a volcano. They then discussed how their writing needs to be organised by starting with an introduction that "hooks" the reader.

They wrote these introductions to "hook" the reader.

Volcano!

The science fair was coming up soon. Averly was wondering what to make when the news came on. She reached for the remote but a volcano report came on. Averly decided she'd do a volcano. She watched it. It said, "Wow Max, don't we have a story today!" Grace, the reporter smiled. Max said with a grin, "Oh yes, we do folks. A volcano erupted in Fiji!" **Written by Abigail**



The Eruptive Volcano

Hello. My name is Ella. Today, I will be talking to you about the volcano that has just erupted. Families and widows have had to move to other countries. Houses and shops have been destroyed. **Written by Ella**

The Volcano Eruption

Once upon a time, there was a girl named Valerie. She loved learning about volcanos. "Hmm, I think volcanos are at hot places like Fiji". Funny thing, Valerie is a name of a volcano, her favourite volcano. **Written by Kate**

Volcano

Here is some terrible news. Fiji is in flames. A volcano has just erupted. Here are some words from the surviving.

Written by Emily

Volcano

ng, long time ago before everything, there were dinosaurs and a volcano called Rumbull. It erupted. **Written by Alyssa**



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SILKSTONE STATE SCHOOL

Newsletter

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Term 2 Week 10

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

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

We have an action packed week left in our term for students. Our final seven days of term will host the Senior Sports Day, Junior Cross Country, Senior Cross Country, Rewards Day and our final Principal's Morning Tea for the term. We look forward to enjoying these moments with students and their families.

By the end of term you will receive an email with your child's report card. Just a reminder that this report card will show achievement levels for each area of the Australian Curriculum. There will not be a comment for each subject, but there will be an overall comment at the end of the report. If you would like further information concerning your child's performance in a particular subject area, then there will be an opportunity to participate in a parent-teacher interview in Term 3. Additionally, parents are welcome to make an appointment to discuss their child's progress with the classroom teacher at any time in the year. You would have received a sample of what this report card format looks like with a letter that came home with the eldest children last week.

Reminder of Expectations

At Silkstone State School our behaviour expectations are;

Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be an Active learner.

We have also begun the roll out of a social and emotional program in classrooms called *Second Step*. This program aims to support students to further develop their success at improving relationships with peers, building their resilience and empathy, build their competence at self-regulation and help them manage their emotions in respectful ways while solving problems with others in respectful ways. One topic in the program is bullying. The program has lessons to unpack what bullying is; what it is not; how to get help; how to solve problems with others without using physical or verbal aggression.

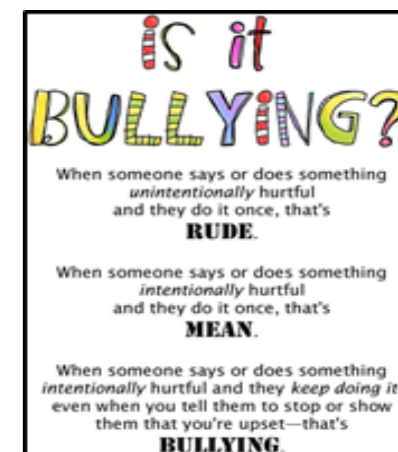
Another resource that has useful information is the *Bullying No Way* website. <https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/WhatIsBullying/DefinitionOfBullying> The *Bullying No Way* website defines bullying as:

The national definition of bullying for Australian schools says:

Bullying is an ongoing misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that causes physical and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power over one or more persons. Bullying can happen in person or online and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert). Bullying of any form for any reason can have long term effects on those involved, including bystanders. Single incidents and conflict or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying.

Behaviours that do not constitute bullying include:

- *Mutual arguments and disagreements (where there is no power imbalance)*
- *Not liking someone or a single act of social rejection*
- *One-off acts of meanness or spite*
- *Isolated incidents of aggression, intimidation or violence*



Preparing for Prep Enrolments in 2019

We are approaching the time of year where we start planning for our newest recruits to school life. Please let family, friends and neighbours know that our enrolments for new Prep students are now open for 2019. Our annual Prep Enrolment Information day will be held in the school hall at 9:30am on the 22 August 2018. We welcome all families who would like to hear about what we can offer at Silkstone State School. Those students who live within our catchment will have an enrolment interview scheduled after this day. Students who live outside our catchment area will be able to sign up to our waiting list. We offer interviews and enrolment to those families first on a 'first come, first served' basis depending on the number of places we have available in Prep. We wish you a safe and happy school break.

Kellie Stanton
Acting Principal

Inclusion News

Writing intensive support group

2x 30 min/week sessions with an inclusion teacher to focus on:

- sentence structure
- punctuation
- describing words and phrases



'The Big Fat Rober'

by Connor O' in Year 3

Feb. 2018 Term 1 – independent 10 min:
The Minyons because bob is.

June 2018 Term 2 – independent 10 min:

The Big Fat Rober

The big fat rober called Lucah stole from every shop in town. that's what made him fat. he also took from banks and he had \$10 000. one day when Lucah got to the mall they installed a new robot called bob.

(Title with capital letters ✓ 4 adjectives ✓ 2 conjunctions ✓ 1 Tier 3 vocabulary word 'installed' ✓ Quality & quantity improving) 😊

Reading intensive support group

3x 30 min/week sessions with an inclusion teacher to focus on:

- sight word recognition
- decoding strategies
- comprehension strategies

Emmalee-Rose S in Year 3

Feb. Term 1 – 2018 PM level 9

June Term 1 – 2018 PM level 14

She is now implementing the strategy she has learnt to segment words in order and she is looking in the text for clues to answer questions.

Descriptive Paragraph by Emerald W in Year 3

The brige is as scary as a falling rock coming towards me. I walked on the brige like a scared spider. When I walked on the brige I saw a bird. A very nice bird. I could hear weird noises from the dirty water rushing past me fast. My body was as cold as ice so I tried to keep warm by the blankets. I was too scared to go past and I saw crokadills. (3 similes using 'like' or 'as...as...') 😊

The Pirate Ship Sunk

The pirate is on the ocean on a massive ship, in deep, deep water. Never to be seen again. There was heaps of people on the boat.

The boat sunk with everyone on it just like the Titanic going down. Everyone died on the boat, but the pirate was the only survivor.

He found a big massive island with coconuts and bananas, and mangos and all sorts of fruit.

And he lived there until he got old.

The End, By Alex J

Anita Johnson
Inclusion Deputy Principal

JOIN A FREE TRIPLE P POSITIVE PARENTING SEMINAR HOSTED BY JENNIFER HOWARD MP

THE POWER OF POSITIVE PARENTING
Thurs 16 August—6.30pm to 8.00pm

RAISING CONFIDENT, COMPETENT CHILDREN
Thurs 23 August—6.30pm to 8.00pm

RAISING RESILIENT CHILDREN
Thurs 30 August—6.30pm to 8.00pm

AT THE SILKSTONE STATE SCHOOL HALL
Register for 1,2 or 3 seminars
Arrive by 6.15pm for refreshments and 6.30pm start
Book at www.triplep-parenting.net
For more information call 0438 937 350

From Deputy Principal Year 3&4

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for welcoming me to the Silkstone School Community.

Term 2 has been both a challenging and rewarding time for me in my role as Deputy Principal. Over the course of this term, I have had the pleasure of observing students in various learning environments, starting with our Year 3's sitting for NAPLAN test early in the term, to completion of Unit assessments to reflect student learning and levels of performance.

At Silkstone State School, assessments are designed to meet three broad purposes:

Assessment for learning:

Enables teachers to monitor student knowledge, understanding and skills development so as to target their teaching to support students' progress to meet learning goals.

Assessment as learning:

Enables students to reflect on and monitor their own progress to inform their future learning goals.

Assessment of learning:

Assists teachers at the end of learning experiences to gather evidence of student knowledge, understanding and skills, as described in the relevant achievement standards for the year level.

This monitoring tracks student progress to know where each student is in their learning and what needs to come next. In doing this, teachers build on students' individual strengths, activate prior knowledge and offer different entry points into a planned teaching and learning sequence. This conscious, purposeful and reflective teaching practice is evidenced in the large percentage of our students, not only showing improvement in effort, but also achieving at a high level across all curriculum areas.

I am also pleased to convey how impressed I am at how strongly most students are motivated to achieve their best. Congratulations to Year 3 and 4 students who have demonstrated a positive attitude towards learning and in doing so, have achieved academic success.

Lunchtime clubs will continue in term 3.

Shaida Rojc
Deputy Principal



Year 6 Student Leaders

The Year 6 student leaders are doing a fabulous job at serving our community. A number of our student leaders served at our recent Australia's Biggest Morning Tea. They enjoyed the experience of serving the teachers, all for a good cause. This day was also made even more special by a visit in the staffroom by our choir.

Pink Day at Silkstone was a great success with many of our students all decked out in pink. The money raised will go towards helping to fund breast cancer research. The student leaders again did a wonderful job by promoting this event and collecting the gold coin donations from students across the school. What wonderful student leaders we have here at Silkstone State School.



Music Notes

Band Fanfare

Congratulations to Ms Hampson and String Ensemble who were awarded a Bronze Award and to Ms Lewis and Concert Band who were awarded a Silver Award at Fanfare last week! The children performed very well and once again represented Silkstone SS with pride and respect.

Term 4 Concert

Instead of our usual variety concert in the last week of Term 4, we will be holding an evening Soiree on Thursday, 9 August (Week 4) so the children can showcase to their families their eisteddfod and fun songs they have learned so far this year. A letter will come home at the beginning of Term 3.

Stringtastic and Bandtastic Camps

Many of our Instrumental children participated in 2 day workshops this last Monday and Tuesday at Silkstone and Karalee SS. Well done children and thank you to all the Instrumental Teachers from many schools who ran and facilitated the workshops. Great experiences for the children!

Linda Weatherhead
Music Teacher

Coming Events

June

Thurs 21
Fri 22

Senior Sports Day
Last day of interschool sport
Interschool sports payment due
SD Camp last day for payment

Mon 25
Tue 26

Junior Cross Country
Senior Cross Country
P&C meeting 7.00pm in staffroom

Wed 27
Thurs 28
Fri 29

Pie Drive order pick up - 11-1 in the hall
Rewards Day
Report Card's emailed
Principal's Morning Tea 10.15am Charles Kinne Hall
Last day of Term 2

July

Mon 16
Mon 23
Thurs 26

First day Term 3
Sports Development Camp
Sport Development Camp students return

August

Thurs 9

Australian Mathematics Competition
(selected students only)

Wed 22
Fri 24

Prep enrolment info day 9.30am in hall
Premier's reading forms due
Star Lab last day for payment

September

Mon 3

Star Lab Education Program Year 1
(Changes Around Me)

Fri 7

Last day for payment Pirates Secret Treasure

Wed 12

Extra Curricular Photos
Pirates Secret Treasure (Prep only)

October

Fri 12

Last day for payment The Gruffalo
The Gruffalo (Prep only)

Wed 31

November

Fri 9

Last day for payment Santa Around the World

Wed 14

Santa Round the World (Prep only)

Money Window

Open Monday to Friday 8am - 11am (only)
EFTPOS is available between 8am—11am also

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)

P&C Association

Our next P and C meeting is Tuesday 26 June at 7pm in the conference room, we hope to see you there.

Kasey Marshall 0402 251 647

Accompanying Handouts

Prep events and excursions permissions
P&C volunteer flyer