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. If you know anyone commencing Prep at Silksone in 2017 and think they may need some support please let them know Early Years staff are here to work with them from Term 4 this year.

2016 Schedule
Early Years room X Block open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 8:30am – 4:30pm phone Kim on 9437 228 791 or email knoble@redcross.org.au

Current Groups for 2016
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 (Cont’d in Term 3) 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.

Volunteers Required:
We are always looking for more volunteers for classroom support. Days and times extremely flexible. Please let me know if you are interested.

Thank you
Kim Noble

Book Club
Book club order forms have been sent home with todays newsletter. All money and forms are to be returned to the Orange Box located at the office no later than Friday 9 September 2016.

Enquiries for Silksone
We are accepting enrolments for Prep 2017 and encourage ‘out of catchment’ families to get onto the waiting list quickly so we can accept enrolments for Prep 2017 and encourage ‘out of school’ students from one of our favourite Authors Andy Griffiths. These Andy Griffiths Books complete our collection of the ‘Storey Treehouse’ series. Also in the collection is a Peppa Pig book for our younger readers and two Pokemon handbooks. The books will be available for borrowing from Monday 29 August.

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These children were both very proud of themselves. What an achievement, halfway through Year One and they are both managing to read with confidence and accuracy. When children read for meaning and ask themselves ‘Does this make sense?’ it helps them to notice when they make mistakes and super 3 Choir to repair their reading errors.

When your son/daughter comes home from school today, ask them what they are learning in reading and how they will know when they are successful.

How do we help our children become more literate?

Reading Activities/Ideas at Home: Children value reading through watching members of their family read and write every day. Encourage your child to read anytime, anywhere. Children often enjoy reading more if it is shared. Make time away from television and interruptions to read aloud with your child. Read in your home environment if your first language is not English.

Encourage your child to read by sharing such activities as:

- reading signs and posters
- checking the television guide
- choosing a video
- using a recipe
- reading game rules
- reading the newspaper aloud together
- playing word games including crossword puzzles
- reading instructions
- looking at letterbox leaflets
- finding brands at the shops
- reading magazines, comics, poems and rhymes
- The three Ps for new words: pause, prompt, praise.

That is, allow your child time to work out the word (pause), use clues taken from the context (prompt) and praise your child for trying. If necessary, however, simply tell your child the word. Talk to your child’s classroom teacher or the principal for further help and advice.

Writing Ideas/Activities at Home: Read your child’s writing or have him or her read the writing to you and comment on the positive aspects. For example, “I really like the way you’ve described this.”

- Praise your child for having a go at writing words that are new and explain spell words which are causing difficulty.
- Read and talk about the writing that your child brings home from school.
- Praise your child for using neat and legible handwriting.
- To help develop spelling and vocabulary, play word games such as I Spy, Scramble, Boggle, Scattergories and crosswords.
- Have your child complete things that he or she designs or makes.
- Make a photo album or scrapbook with your child and have him or her write captions for the photos and pictures, or encourage your child to keep a diary of a special event, e.g. a holiday diary.

Kellie Stanton
Deputy Principal

From the sports Desk

Junior Sports Day: Tuesday 13 September
9am – 10.30am: Class rotational games
10.30: Prep Sprints
11:45: Year 3 Sprints and relays
Year 2 Sprints and relays
Year 1 sprints and relays

Calvin Hegvold
HPE Teacher

Music Notes

BRASS - Monday 8am
Glee - Monday 8am
Senior Band - Tuesday 7.50 – 8.50am
String Ensemble - Thurs 7.50 – 8.50am
Harmonies – Wednesday 7.50am
Year 3 Choir – Tuesday 7.10am
Year 2 Choir – Tuesday 11.00am

Silkstone Instrumental Eisteddfod Results

Congratulations to all our children who competed at the eisteddfod last week! Not only did the children perform well, but once again their behaviour was wonderful and they were a shining light for our school. Thank you to Ms Lewis and Mr. Hampson for all their hard work with our children and to the many parents and grandparents who came to watch their children perform.

String Ensemble - Gold Award
Senior Band - Silver Award
Beginner Strings - Gold Award

Variety Concert

Children in Years 2 & 3 Choirs, Glee, BRASS and Harmonies Choir who have had great successes will have brought home a letter about the upcoming concert on Thursday 15 September at 7pm in the hall. Please keep this letter handy as it contains all the information you will need. Tickets are on sale only at the hall - $5 Adults, $3 Children/concession, $10 Family 2A & 2C.

A reminder that there is a practice on the Monday night 12 September at 6.30pm so we can practice our massed choir item with the Community Choir.

All children will be required at that practice. Most children will be finished by 7pm. You are able to order a DVD ($40) of the concert on the night. Cash and credit cards are accepted.

Due to the weather yesterday, we have postponed the Father’s Day Stall to Tuesday 31 August.

Spring Fair Meeting

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 7 September from 2-3pm, in U block. Anyone interested in helping or having a stall please contact Serena or email silkstonespringfair@gmail.com. All welcome.

We are currently looking for people to bake for the cake stall and donate items for the raffles. If you can help please email or phone Serena.

Save The Date: 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. A Side Show Alley with Show Bags, music performances, community organisations and much more! We will be selling prepaid armbands for $27 prior to the Spring Fair and on the day they will be available for $32. These armbands are for unlimited rides from 9am-2pm. You can purchase these tickets before the fair from The Uniform shop, Outside School Hours Care, The School Disco, The Variety Concert by either cash or EFTPOS and by cash via the orange box which will be located at the school office.

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

School disco

This disco will be on 8 September 5-7pm $4 entry including a lucky door ticket, the theme will be ‘What’s your team’ so whether you support NRL, Netball, scouts, soccer, AFL, basketball, dance etc... come in your team colours, there will be beer and wine tickets available on the night for $1 each. If you are able to help on the night or with donations for raffle prize please contact Serena. Donations can also be left at the office.

Please note: Pre sale of Spring Fair armbands will be available via cash or EFTPOS at this event. (EFTPOS is only available for armband sales). A sausage sizzle will be available from 4.30pm before the disco starts outside the hall. There will be a Sausage on bread $2, popcorn $1.50, poppers $1, and water $1.50. If you would like to help or have any donations please contact Claudean (School Chaplin).

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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
0434 007 521

Money Window

Open Monday to Friday 8am - 11am (only)

EFTPOS is available

Direct Debit Payments

Bsb: 064-417 * Account Number:00091102

(Check includes child’s name and what payment is for)

Uniform Shop

Terms 2 & 3 Monday 8-10am & Thursday 1.30-3.30pm

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Cash (and EFTPOS are accepted)

Assembly Time

Monday 2.30pm (weekly) - Whole School

Accompanying handouts

- Spring Fair
- Book Club
- School Safe Flier
- SA Teacher Information Letter
- OptMinds (selected Students)
- Talk like a Pirate Day (prep students)

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