

From the Deputy

A story from Prep B

This week, I received an invitation to visit Prep B as they wanted to share their writing. Prep B is just full of young authors. Children have written stories and illustrated these stories to share with others. Other classmates were incredibly proud of their peers and said "We have authors in our class." Oscar said "Reading stories and writing stories helps me feel calm."

Pyper said "I love to write stories."

Cooper said "I love stories."

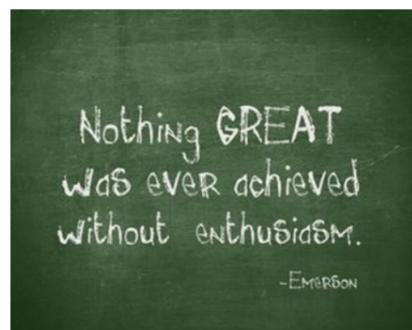
The passion for learning to read and write begins at a young age. The more we can develop this passion and excitement as teachers and parents, the better chance we give our children to be both literate and successful. Well done, Prep B teachers and parents, you have a wonderful group of students who are excited about learning.



Reading aloud to (and with) your child

As parents, one of the best ways we can support our children to be successful readers is through reading aloud with them. This should be an enjoyable experience. Some key tips to reading aloud are;

- * Invite your child to read with you every day.
- * Talk about the front cover and discuss with your child what the book might be about (if you have never read it before).
- * Read a child's favourite book over and over again.
- * Read many stories with rhyming words and lines that repeat. Invite the child to join in on these parts. Point, word by word, as he or she reads along with you.
- * Discuss new words. For example, "This big house is called a palace. Who do you think lives in a palace?"
- * Stop and ask about the pictures and about what is happening in the story.
- * Read from a variety of children's books, including fairy tales, song books, poems, and information books.
- * Most of all, HAVE FUN with books together.



Early Years Health & Wellbeing Program

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.

We can support with:

Advising of support networks and services available within the local community

- The physical health of your child
- Your child's progress and development
- Improving your child's relations with family and friends
- Challenging behaviours
- Improved learning outcomes
- Additional parenting skills
- A listening ear for mums, dads and carers

2016 Schedule

Early Years is located 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 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 3:00pm – 4:15pm (Weekly during Term 2) 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!



Parent/Grandparent Volunteers

I am looking at organising a parent/grandparent volunteer program. If you are interested in joining, please contact me. More information soon.

Thank you
Kim Noble

Year 6 Maroon Dam Camp

The Year 6 camp will be held at Maroon Outdoor Education Centre from Tuesday 30 August to Friday 2 September 2016. The cost of the camp is \$130 per child. There are only 80 places available. Money can be paid at the office Monday to Friday 8am - 11am from Monday 30 May 2016. Camp must be fully paid by 5 August 2016. More information will be sent home with the next newsletter.



SILKSTONE STATE SCHOOL

Newsletter

25 May 2016

Term 2 Week 7

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

Silkstone – Music Champions!

We are so proud of our Choirs and our Instrumental Bands. Last week, they participated in the Ipswich eisteddfod and achieved some amazing results. These have been posted on the Facebook page. We are absolutely



privileged to have such a strong Music Program at our school and so a BIG SHOUT OUT goes to Linda Weatherhead, the Instrumental Teachers, Fimka Hampson and Julie Lewis and all the students involved!

In fact, I can't help but feel proud of the work we are doing at Silkstone at the moment. Week 6 had everything! In addition to the music success, I enjoyed watching a really competitive game of footie between Silkstone and Raceview on Friday. This was played in a really good spirit of sportsmanship. Our uniform standard is really on the up, and thanks for supporting the push for blue jumpers. Classrooms are settled learning spaces and I recently had a great visit to Prep C when I got roped into making a model of a "Tiger and a Turtle trotting around a trophy in a tent" in Prep C with Mrs Donges and a number of students. Awesome work Silkstone!

NAPLAN

Recently, our year 3 and 5 students have participated in the 2016 NAPLAN assessments. I am pleased to report that our participation this year is significantly up. This higher participation rate will give us a more accurate and richer picture of individual and school performance when the results become available.

Principal's Report Cont'd

Peer Coaching

8 of our teachers have just completed a 2 day course in Peer Coaching. This work builds their skills in giving feedback to each other about their teaching. Our role as leaders is to continue to build the capacity of our teachers to deliver the best instruction to your children.

Reporting to Parents

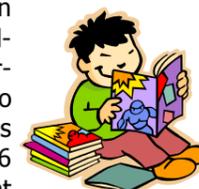
Report cards will be emailed to families at the end of term 2. Please ensure your details are up to date. Families who have requested a paper copy will have it posted out during the holidays.

School Enrolment Management Plan (SEMP).

Silkstone SS has exceeded 80% capacity and the enrolment trend is upwards. We have been directed, therefore, to develop a SEMP. Put simply, this means that we now have an enforceable catchment area and only in special circumstances should we enrol students out of catchment. Most of our neighbouring schools have a SEMP. The process in developing a SEMP is reasonably straightforward and involves completing the Departmental Template, which is then signed and approved by the Regional Director. Our SEMP needs to be completed and approved by the end of Term 2.

Premier's Reading Challenge

We are participating in the 2016 Premier's Reading Challenge. We encourage parents to talk to their children about this and get behind the 2016 challenge. This is a great opportunity to promote reading across the school.



Have a great fortnight everyone
Mike Sawbridge
Principal

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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 - Wednesday 11.00am
 Year 2 Choir - Tuesday 11:00am

Eisteddfod Results

Congratulations to all our children who competed last week in the Ipswich Junior Eisteddfod. We had around 115 children over 3 days compete in 7 items. I would like to commend all of the children on their excellent manners, friendly attitude towards other schools and hard work. Another school's music teacher thanked me for the way our children wished her children good luck and congratulated them! I am always proud to watch our children sitting politely as other schools perform. They really understand audience manners! Certificates, ribbons and ice block vouchers are being organised at the moment. Thank you to Mr Ramm for playing for our choirs so beautifully, to Ms Mansfield, Mrs Sherwood, Mrs Redman, Mrs Gordon and Mrs McCann for your help in supervising, and to the many parents and grandparents who came to see their children perform. I would also like to acknowledge the months of hard work that the Eisteddfod Committee, all volunteers, put in to providing this great opportunity for the children of Ipswich and surrounding districts.

Vocal Ensemble - 2nd place

Harmonies Choir - 1st place & another 1st place

Harmonies Choir - recipients of the Hicks Family Trophy, the Ipswich Choral Society Cup and, upon its retirement, the Marsden Memorial Trophy, as Silkstone Harmonies Choir had won it the most number of times.

String Ensemble - 2nd place

Senior Band - 2nd place

Year 3 Choir - 3rd place

BRASS Boys' Choir - 1st place

BRASS Boys' Choir - recipients of the Risson Family Trophy

Also, congratulations to Ayumi 6S, who gained a 1st, very Highly Commended, 2nd and 3rd place in individual piano and violin items.

Thank You, Office Ladies

I would like to express my appreciation to Mrs Schulz and office ladies who had major computer challenges over the last few weeks while trying to process forms and bus money for the children going to the eisteddfod. They were very gracious in dealing with these big challenges. Thank you also to the many parents for your kindness and consideration to our office ladies. They do such a vital and important job in ensuring our processes are completed well and accurately.

Band Fanfare

We moved from a busy week at the eisteddfod to hosting the Ipswich heat of Band Fanfare, where instrumental groups from other schools came to perform. Silkstone's String Ensemble and Senior Band performed. Results will be in the next newsletter. Many thanks to Ms Lewis, Mrs Hampson, Mrs Arbuthnot, Mrs Hollier, Mrs Edyvean, Ms Mansfield and students from Bremer SHS, for all your hard work and help on the day.

District String Camp

Our String Ensemble children will be enjoying a 2 day workshop on 7 and 8 June in our hall, along with string children from other local schools. We are once again looking forward to hosting these days.

Community Choir

Don't forget that the 10 week community choir will commence on 7-9pm Monday 11 July in the Music Room. Fliers went home in Week 1 of this term and if you would like another, come and see me in the Music Room. Anyone high school age or older is able to join the choir. This will be our 3rd time singing and you can be guaranteed a fun time of great singing and friendship! The choir will be performing at the school's Variety Concert on Thursday 15 September.

Linda Weatherhead
 Music Teacher



From the Sports Desk

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent Ipswich recently in the following sports:

Netball: Jorja (6S)
 Cross Country: Anae (5S)
 Touch: Lafaele (6S)
 Basketball: Chloe (6S)
 Soccer: Torilea (6S), Eboni (6S), Jade (5S)
 Tennis: Renae (6S)
 Rugby League: Lafaele (6S), Devonte (6S), Callum (5S), Lachlan (6B), Kaeden (6S), Jaxson (6S), Lucious (4S)

Congratulations also to Devonte (6S) who was selected in the Met West 11yrs Rugby League Team to contest the State Championships on the June/July holidays.

Cross Country

A reminder that the Junior Cross Country Carnival will be held on Tuesday 14 June from 9:15 - 11am, commencing with the Year 3 girls and finishing with the Prep races. The Senior Cross Country Carnival (Years 4 - 6) will be held on Thursday 16 June from 9:15 - 11am commencing with the 9yrs girls and finishing with the 12yrs boys race. The focus of our cross country carnivals is participation. We would like all of our students to participate, have fun running with their friends, and do their best at their own level. We have been training at school to build up to these races, but students are also encouraged to do their own personal training as well if they wish.



Interschool Sport

Well done to all of our Rugby League, Soccer and Netball teams who have been competing in Interschool Sport each Friday. All of our teams have been having fun, training hard and improving their performance each week as they take on all the other schools in Ipswich. Our Senior Rugby League team had a narrow 3 tries to 2 loss to Raceview last week in a very high quality game of football between two very good sides that played with great sportsmanship and respect.

Interview with an Olympian

4S, 5S, and 6S had the pleasure of an interview and autograph session recently with Silkstone's own Olympian Leah Neale. Leah qualified for the Olympics in the 200m Freestyle Relay and we really appreciate her taking time out of her schedule to spend an hour with our sports classes. I know that all of our school will be cheering her on in Rio!



Calvin Hegvold
 HPE Teacher

Pie Drive

Collection of pies and slices will be on Wednesday 1 June between 11am and 1pm from the Charles Kinne Hall Kitchen area. Please ensure you collect your order on this day as we do not have refrigeration space for orders not collected.

Thank you for your support with this fundraiser.



P&C Association

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 26 July at 7pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

Parent Group 5 Cent Challenge

There is still 4 weeks to get your 5 cent pieces in. The winning two classes will each receive a class party including hotdogs, popcorn and Zooper Doopers, the runner up classes will receive Zooper Doopers, Good luck and keep up the great work!



ICE CREAM DAY

Thank you to everyone who supported this event. A special thank you to all the ladies who volunteered their time. The day was very successful and enjoyed by all.

FREE DRESS DAY

We are having a free dress day on Tuesday 21 June. A gold coin donation is appreciated if your child/children wear free dress. We will be collecting money from each classroom from 9am, if you would like to help please contact Serena.

DISCO

The next Disco is on Thursday 2 June from 5-7pm in the Charles Kinne Hall. This disco will be a Crazy colour theme. The cost is \$4 per student which includes entry and a lucky door ticket. LED products will be available for purchase on the night prices starting at \$2 - \$5. In order for the disco to run smoothly, we require Parents or Caregivers over the age of 18 to assist with supervision for the night. Any volunteers wishing to help out can contact Serena Shepherd (Parent Group President) on 0434007521 or see me upon entry on the night. We are also looking for donations for raffle and lucky door prizes for our Disco, any assistance is greatly appreciated.



SPRING FAIR MEETING

There will be a meeting on Tuesday 26 July from 1:30 - 3 pm in U Block. All welcome refreshments are also provided. Angela Cullen - Vice President

Our next General Meeting will be followed by the Spring fair meeting at 2pm in U Block 2-3pm on Tuesday 26 July 2016.

Book Club

Book Club money and orders are due on Friday 3 June. Please return all money and orders to the Orange Box. Late orders will not be accepted.
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Schoolies

Are your teens off to Schoolies?

Parents play an important role in preparing their teens for end-of-year celebrations. If your teenager is planning to go to Schoolies, it's important to discuss their plans.

The Queensland Government's Safer Schoolies initiative does not promote participation in Schoolies but seeks to enhance the safety and responsible behaviour of school leavers across the state. Prior to Schoolies each year, the Queensland Government delivers important education sessions to Year 12 students in schools across South East Queensland.

For resources and information about how to prepare and keep your teen safe over Schoolies, follow the [Schoolies Info for Parents Facebook page](#).

Coming Events

Tues 31	Science Competition
Wed 1 June	Pie Delivery 11am -1pm
Thurs 2	Disco Crazy colour
Fri 3	Book Club money and orders due
Mon 6	Glee Performance on Assembly
Tues 7	District String Camp at Silkstone SS
Wed 8	District String Camp at Silkstone SS
Fri 10	Last payment day Wildlife Incurion (Prep)
Tues 14	Junior Cross Country
Wed 15	Wildlife for Kids (Incurion)
Thurs 16	Senior Cross Country
Tues 21	Free Dress day (gold coin donation)
Fri 24	Last payment day Little Prince (Prep) Last payment day Sports Development Camp Last day of 5 Cent Challenge Last day Term 2
Mon 11 July	First day Term 3
Mon 25	Sports Development Camp
Mon 25-28	Parent Group Meeting
Tues 26	P&C Meeting Spring Fair meeting Little Prince Excursion (Prep)
Fri 29	
Tues 2 Aug	English Competition
Fri 5	Last payment day Maroon Dam Camp
Tues 16	Mathematics Competition
Mon 29 Aug-2 Sept	Year 6 Camp Maroon Dam
Fri 9 Sept	Last payment day Pirates Show (Prep)
Wed 14	Extra Curricular Photos Pirates Show Prep excursion Variety Concert
Thur 15	
Fri 11 Nov	Last payment day Christmas excursion
Wed 16	Christmas Around the World Prep excursion

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 2.30pm (weekly) - Whole School

Accompanying Handouts

- ⇒ Runaway Bay Sports Development Camp letter
- ⇒ Cross Country Permission Letter