

From the Deputy Prep-1

READ TO SUCCEED: HOLIDAY READING COUNTS TOO!

Holidays are a great time to rest, relax and recharge after a busy term of learning. Routines are often the first thing we relax with later bedtimes, sleep ins and other fun activities with friends and family. One routine that is very important to find time for is some daily reading practice. Here are a few ways to squeeze in some reading into the holidays.



1. Read for fun! Whether your child is in the mood for holiday stories or the newest installment from a favorite series, holiday break provides the perfect opportunity to set aside school books and read for fun. Make time for bedtime stories to create the routine and enjoy books on a daily basis.

2. Stock up on books at the local library. Help your child pick out books they're interested in reading over the break. Libraries may also have fun, free holiday activities throughout the break.

3. Make the most of travel time. Turn travel time to or from a holiday get-together into an opportunity to practice reading. You can look for license plates from different states, try to find the alphabet on the license plates, or count the number of red (or white or green) cars you see. Read street signs and billboards you see along the way.



Remember, you don't have to be an expert to help your child with reading. By simply interacting with children around books, you can show them that books are important and worthy of our attention.

A LEARNING STORY FROM PREP and YEAR ONE

This week we were very fortunate to have the performance "Mana – The Spirit of Polynesia" at our school. This show really shared some great cultural traditions and stories with us. It also shared some very important messages such as;

- Challenges are something we all face.
- Facing our challenges is what helps us to grow stronger and also builds our life courage as we know we are strong enough to deal with those challenges we face.
- Sometimes we try and do not succeed straight away but it is important to build our resilience by trying again and showing courage to face the next day.
- One of the best things we can do for ourselves is to have self-belief. We need to teach our children to believe in themselves, to have-a-go, to set dreams and then work hard to achieve those dreams.

In Prep C, Tobias told me he loved the show. He said his favourite part was the dance with the rings (each ring represented a challenge). He then demonstrated some of the shapes that were made with the rings. Nate said he loved watching the dancing and listening to the songs.

In 1A, Jaiden shared how exciting it was to see people he knew getting on stage and having a go. He loved watching the dance with the poi balls. Trinity said that she really loved listening to the sound of the large conch shell.

Kellie Stanton
Deputy Principal

From the Deputy Year 4

This week we have had a wealth of activities to engage and inspire student learning as well as celebrate success for our students.

Mana The Spirit of Polynesia

This week we had Bernard perform for us on the History of his life and the life of his family as they travelled the world and embraced the culture of his heritage. Bernard was a fascinating performer and danced and sang his way through many different cultures all the while encouraging resilience and courage for adventure. All students were thoroughly engaged with the programme. Some of Bernard's dancing and programme can be seen on his website: www.bemana.wixsite.com/mana

German Week

Congratulations to Herr Frahm for his organisation of the German Week last week. What a great celebration of German culture through the use of games songs and most importantlyfood. The German lunch was delicious and a huge success with trialling of new foods and appreciation of German cuisine. Thanks to our team of supporters for German Week. The office staff and parents were extraordinary with their organisation and cooking of foods ready for the celebration.



From the Deputy Year 4 cont..

Beginner Strings Program

On Tuesday our String beginners spent a full day workshop with 7 other schools to develop their skills in playing as an orchestra. During the day they learnt a new repertoire of songs as well as playing together and performing as a large orchestra. These students only started at the beginning of this term and have come such a long way in such a short time. All students played fantastically and did an amazing job in their final performance. Of course the Silkstone students shone the best (not biased at all). Well done musicians and thank you to Fimka Hampson, for organising such a fantastic opportunity for our students and our community of musicians. Congratulations Silkstone musicians. A special thank you to the parents that encourage and support your child's playing and their daily practice. The students were a real credit to you and as you saw on the afternoon ...well worth the effort.

From my family to yours have a safe and blessed Easter break. My thanks to the team at Silkstone SS for hosting me this term and allowing me to learn from and with them. I have appreciated this time and look forward to our paths crossing again in the future.

Have a great rest of the year.

Dan Nielsen

Visiting Principal

From the Deputy Year 2-3

Read to Succeed

Whilst visiting classroom's this week I watched Miss Ko teaching Guided Reading to a small group of students. These students were focused on recognising sight words within the context of a story. The students were using their known sight words to help them read fluently and to comprehend the story. The other students in 2C were participating in a number of independent activities designed to support and enhance their reading development.



One group used individual access to Reading Eggs to listen to and read texts, answer comprehension questions and practise a number of other reading strategies. Reading Eggs is an online program that is accessible from home. Your child can use their individual logon and password to continue reading at

home over the holidays.

Another group used Reading Task Cards and texts of their own choice to apply comprehension strategies. These students were working very hard to ensure they made connections with their chosen text. I saw two students working collaboratively to support each other's success. At Silkstone State School we know and value the power of reading. Our students are certainly leading the way with these excellent practices.



Kandice Hutson

Deputy Principal

From the Deputy Year 5 - 6

CURRICULUM PLANNING

This week I have had the pleasure of working with the Year 5 and Year 6 teachers and our Head of Curriculum, Mr Forward as these teams develop and refine the teaching and learning plans for Term 2. The teachers have been working from the Australian Curriculum and designing units to best suit the needs of our students. The Australian Curriculum is the foundation of all lessons taught at Silkstone which means that our students are working from the same units as all other students in Australia. If your child receives a 'C' grade on their report card, this means that they are working within the expected level for their year level. Next term in English, Year 5 students will be working from a fantasy novel unit, looking at character development. Our Year 6 students will be comparing two texts by the same author, focussing on the language features in those. At Silkstone, we have high expectations of what our students can achieve. Academic achievement is cool!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Wow, this term has flown! This term has been a busy one and next term promises to be the same! We will have camps, Sport Days, NAPLAN and quite a few public holidays too. Over the holidays it is so important for students to continue to read each and every day. This might consist of some dedicated sustained independent reading, some real world reading (menus, newspapers, television guides) and some shared reading with Mum, Dad or siblings. Pets love being read to as well! I wish all of our families a safe and restful break over the next two weeks and look forward to seeing you all next term.

Shannyn Taylor

Deputy Principal



SILKSTONE STATE SCHOOL

Newsletter

30 March 2017

Term 1 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

Well, we've reached the end of term! It's hard to fathom how quickly the terms fly by at the moment! We end term 1 with 822 students enrolled which is a handful more than when we started! We also have a number of out of catchment students on our waiting list. To enrol when vacancies arise from time to time. With the completion of the new Coles precinct on Blackstone Road and accompanying residences, we anticipate a number of new enrolments occurring as new families potentially move into those residences.

Teaching and Learning

Our teachers have been very busy completing assessments towards the end of term 1. It has been great to see so many parents participate in our parent teacher interviews that take place to report on student performance in term 1. In semester 2, we will be looking at an online booking system for parent teacher interviews. More information will be provided closer to the time. As Principal, I am very proud of the achievements of many of our students in term 1. We have a goal of making sure at least 75% of our students achieve an A, B or C in English and Mathematics in semester 1 reporting and it's great to see so many students across the school tracking towards this target.

During term 1, our focus has been on reading and it is fabulous to see so many students achieving the required benchmarks at each year level. Our vocabulary teaching is proving to be really important and it has been really encouraging to hear students around the school using the more sophisticated level of vocabulary in the playground.

Recent Regional Director Visit

Recently, our Regional Director visited our fabulous school and was very impressed with the work that is taking place. He commented, "the leadership team lead a strong improvement agenda at Silkstone State School where case management, collaboration, coaching, celebrating success and a "whatever it takes" attitude ensures a lift in performance." Well done to the whole team here.

As term 1 draws to a close, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all parents, carers and families a safe and happy Autumn Vacation and a Happy Easter. I will be away in the first week of term 2 as I have family visiting from the UK and it is important for me to spend time with them. Kellie Stanton will act as Principal in my absence.

Mike Sawbridge
Principal

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Lost Property

Lost property is placed in the lost property box at the Office. All lost property is sorted and the named articles are returned to the owners. If you can, come to the office and check for your child's items.

Please mark each of your child's belongings, whether books, lunch boxes, pencils or clothing, clearly with their name: e.g. *Tom Jones*. This not only assists us in returning found items to their rightful owners, but can also avoid disputes over ownership.

Any lost property not collected at the end of each term is taken to a local charity.



Pie Drive & Cookie Dough

Next term we will be holding a Pie drive & Cookie Dough fundraiser, with **delivery on Tuesday 6 June.**



Tuckshop



A new price list is being sent home with the Newsletter today. Due to increased costs, the price of most items have increased. The new prices start from the beginning of next term Tuesday 18 April.

School Returns

As Term 1 comes to an end tomorrow, school will return for Term 2 on **Tuesday 18 April.**



🎵 Music Notes 🎵

BRASS	Monday 8am
Senior Band	Tuesday 7.50 - 8.50am
Girls Choir	Tuesday 11am
Harmonies	Wednesday 7.50am
String Ensemble	Thursday 7.50 - 8.50am

Anzac Day 25 April

The Year 6 Harmonies Choir children will have brought home a letter about singing at Cameron Park Anzac Day Service. Please complete and return the form to the Music Room.

Mana

What a performance! The children and teachers were "wowed" by the wonderful singing, dancing and story telling of Mana, giving insight into his life and that of the Polynesian cultures. The children had opportunities to be involved in the performances. We have another wonderful visiting performer in Term 3 for NAIDOC week.

Beginner String Workshop

Most of our beginner string children had a fun day playing with other beginner string children from Ipswich schools in a day of workshopping their songs. I am sure this opportunity has propelled them along in their learning and enjoyment! Thank you to Ms Hampson and the other Ed Qld String Teachers who ran the day for the children.



Metropolitan Choral Honours Program

Cassidy, Aaliyah and Kaitlin took part in this wonderful extension program, singing with other choristers from around Brisbane under the baton of Biralee Choir conductors. The children presented a massed choir of choral items on Wednesday night with some beautiful singing. Well done girls!

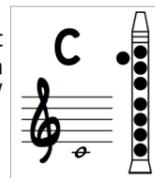
Term 2 Events

In May we have Creative Generation (previously known as Choral Fanfare) 18 May for BRASSSS, Girls Choir and Harmonies Choir. The Ipswich Junior Eisteddfod is on 24 May for Harmonies Choir, 25 May for Senior Band and String Ensemble and on 26 May (late afternoon) for BRASSSS. Letters will come home in Term 2 for all of these events.

Punctuality and Good Attendance Matter

Term 1 has seen much practising happening, at school and at home. A reminder that only children with good attendance will be invited to perform/compete in the Term 2 events.

Linda Weatherhead
Music Teacher



🎵 Instrumental Music 🎵

PRACTICE CLUB

There will be **no Practice Club** on Tuesday 18 April 2017 (Week 1 Term 2) – Practice Club will resume on Tuesday 2 May (Week 3)

Julie Lewis
Instrumental Teacher



From the Sports Desk

Just a reminder that the Ipswich District Cross Country is on Wednesday 3 May. Any student interested in being selected should ensure that they are training over the holidays because we will select our Silkstone team on the first week back next term. Distances: 10yrs – 2km, 11 & 12yrs – 3km.

A reminder Thursday 30 March (this afternoon) at 5.30pm in the staffroom our Sports Development Program families are invited to a presentation from Physiotherapist Darrin Neumann from Physioactive.

HPE classes for Years 4 – 6 will move from the pool to the oval next term. All students must wear a hat.

Congratulations to all our Interschool sporting Netball, Soccer and Rugby League teams after their successful first round of fixtures. Games will re-commence on the first Friday back next term.

There are Met West trials for outstanding golfers coming up soon. See Mr Hegvold if you qualify.

Calvin Hegvold
HPE Teacher



P & C Association

The next P&C General meeting will be held on Tuesday 23 May at 7pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

Parent Group

We would like to thank our parents, staff, students and friends for their support in Term 1!

We are excited for our upcoming Term 2 events including:



Dates and more information will be available at the start of Term 2.

We are always looking for new members! If you would like to help out please don't hesitate to catch up with Nichole (Under the year 1 building) at most pick up times or Gail (Tuckshop on Wed)

Have a wonderful holiday and we look forward to seeing you next term!

Nichole Coad
P&C President
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Class Photos

Photo envelopes will be going home with students on Tuesday 18 April in Week 1 Term 2. There are 2 payment options for photos. **Please note sibling photos are NOT AVAILABLE this year**

Option 1 CASH: Use the photo envelope to pay by **CASH ONLY**, handing the envelope to the photographer on photo day.

Option 2 VISA/MASTERCARD: To make payment by Visa or Mastercard you must pay **ONLINE ONLY**, the envelope does NOT need to be returned to School. Online orders are done via the following website www.advancedlife.com.au using the online code: **LVG FYY G6H**. **All orders are due by Thursday 20 April.**

Photos will be taken on Wednesday 19 April and Thursday 20 April

Option A \$48 Deluxe Package:

- 1 x Group image or Photobook
- 1 x 10x8 inch black and white print
- 1 x 10x8 inch colour print
- 1 x 5x7 inch black and white print
- 2 x 5x7 inch colour prints
- 4 x wallet colour prints (53x74mm)
- 4 x keyring colour prints (29x41mm)
- 1 x novelty print (82x127mm)
- 2 x novelty prints (63x87mm)
- 3 x novelty bookmarks (38x135mm)
- 3 x ID tags (38x63mm)

Option B \$43 Value Package:

- 1 x Group image or Photobook
- 1 x 10x8 inch Colour print
- 1 x 5x7 inch black and white print
- 2 x 5x7 inch colour prints
- 4 x wallet colour prints (53x74mm)
- 4 x keyring colour prints (29x41mm)

Option C \$40 Regular Package

- 1 x Group image or Photobook
- 1 x 5x7 inch black and white print
- 2 x 5x7 inch colour prints
- 4 x wallet colour prints (53x74mm)
- 4 x keyring colour prints (29x41mm)

Option D \$37 Basic Package

- 1 x Group image or Photobook
- 1 x 5x7 inch colour prints
- 4 x wallet colour prints (53x74mm)
- 4 x keyring colour prints (29x41mm)

Option E \$34 Photobook Only

- 1 x Photobook

Option F \$26 Group Only

- 1 x Group image



Coming Events

Thur 30	March	Year 1 Easter Hat Parade Bremer Science Experience Day Sports Development Presentation 5.30-7pm Last Day of Term 1
Fri 31		
Mon 17	April	Easter Monday Public Holiday
Tue 18		1st Day of Term 2
Wed 19		Class Photos taken
Thurs 20		Class Photos taken
Mon 24		ANZAC Day Service
Tue 25		ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Mon 1	May	Labour Day Public Holiday
Wed 10		\$8.50 Payment due for Old MacDonalds Farm
Wed 17		Old MacDonalds Farm
Thur 18		Creative Generation (BRASS, Girls Choir & Harmonies Choir)
Fri 19		Ipswich Show Holiday
Mon 29- 31		Year 5 Camp Currumundi
Wed 24		Ipswich Junior Eisteddfod - Harmonies Choir
Thur 25		Ipswich Junior Eisteddfod - Band & Ensemble
Fri 26		Ipswich Junior Eisteddfod - BRASS Boys
Wed 7-8	June	District String Comp - Silkstone SS
Mon 16		2 day Beginner & Continuing Band Comp
Mon 19–Wed 21		Honours Band Comp Mt Crosby
Fri 23		Last Day Term 2
Mon 10	July	First Day Term 3
Mon 24–Thur 27		Sports Development Camp
Fri 28		\$5 Payment due for Circular Rhythm
Wed 2-4	August	Year 6 Camp Currumundi
Tue 4		\$18 Payment due for Going on a Bear Hunt
Tue 8		Circular Rhythm (Prep - Year 6)
Mon 14-17		Silkstone Instrumental Eisteddfod
Thur 17		Going on a Bear Hunt (Prep)
Fri 8	Sep	\$7 Payment due for Pirates Show (Prep)
Thur 14		Evening Variety Concert
Thur 14		Pirates Show (Prep)
Fri 15		Last Day Term 3
Mon 2	Oct	Queens Birthday Public Holiday
Tue 3		First Day 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)

Accompanying Handouts

- ⇒ Tuckshop Price List
- ⇒ Prep Tuckshop Letter