Message from the Deputy Principals’ cont.

Positive Behaviour for Learning

This year the PBL Sticker System has been introduced as a way of positively rewarding students who are showing the school’s expectations of being safe, being respectful, being responsible and being an active learner. Students from Prep-Year 6 have all received their own sticker book and every afternoon teachers have been handing out stickers specifically for students who have excelled at the expectations that day. Please note that this has replaced the points system which does not operate at Silkstone anymore.

Prizes will begin on assembly next week (Monday 15th February) and continue fortnightly. There will be a draw for each year level and winners of the prize draw will be able to select their own prize from the prize table. We will then hold a major draw in the final week this term. All students should be aiming to reach Bronze level (25 stickers) by the end of term in order to attend the Rewards Day. After students have reached Bronze level they will work towards Silver (50 stickers), Gold (75 stickers) and Platinum (100 stickers).

Sam Harvey

Message from the Deputy Principals’ cont.

As a parent, you play an important role in helping your child to learn. Simple ways you can help your child with reading at home include:

- Children who are good readers get off to a good start in school.
- Children who are confident about reading have a positive attitude towards learning.
- Children who read with their families develop a love of reading that lasts a lifetime.

As a parent you can help your child by:

- Reading with your child, many times and practice favourite parts together.
- Turn takes ‘I read to you, now you read to me’, Talk, talk, talk!
- Talk about the book, ask questions, talk about the words, compare with what you already know, think about the character’s feelings, talk about the pictures and your opinions of the text.
- Gently correct your child when they are reading. Ask them “Did that make sense?”, “Did it look right?”. Children will often guess at words and may need help to use pictures to support meaning, think about the sounds that letters will make, read left to right and ask questions about the text.

Kellie Stanton

Year 4-6

Year 4-6 classes and see the amazing work our teachers do to build a love of reading in their classrooms and supporting all students to choose material that they love to read during independent reading times. It has been pleasing to listen to students share their favourite reading materials (eg: novels, picture books, comic books, joke books, poetry, factual texts, etc) with their friends and adults in the room.

Helping your child read is very important because reading is the foundation for all learning.

- Students for have settled into the classes and have shown that they are ready to learn. Our school expectations of; Be Safe; Be Responsible and Be an Active Learner are very strong within the classrooms and we want to continue this momentum.

As a parent you can help your child by:

- Children are encouraged to bring to school books and magazines they love to read to enjoy some independent reading time. The remainder of the class will be doing this every day from week 5 and making sure the reading lesson targets the individual needs of each and every student. This assessment is done between 11.45 and 12.00 noon. While individual students are being assessed, the remainder of the class will be doing some independent reading time. Students are also encouraged to bring to school books and magazines they love to read at home.

Number 2 – Student Behaviour! Most of our students do the right things most of the time. We have high expectations for student behaviour and most of you will now know that we have a new way of acknowledging high standards of behaviour through our new sticker system. When students reach certain milestones, they are eligible to attend reward days. We also have prize draws on assembly, the first of which was held this week. It was wonderful to see students who have been doing well being acknowledged on this assembly. I also look forward to our first Principal’s Morning Tea on February 23rd to celebrate our Students of the Month.

Rob Neho
Music Notes cont.

Free Music T-Shirts

Some parents have kindly donated some Music T-Shirts to the school. If you are interested in obtaining one of these shirts, please see me in the Music Room.

Student Banking

Student banking envelopes are being sent home with today’s newsletter to the children in Prep to Year 3. If you would like your child to bank each Friday you will need to open an account at the Commonwealth Bank. Please fill out the paper work enclosed in the envelope and return it to school or alternatively go to the bank and open an account.

The Parent Group

Welcome to another exciting year of sport at Silkstone State School. We meet at 2pm on the 4th Tuesday of each month in the staffroom. All welcome.

Our next P&C meeting is on Tuesday 23 February. We will commence with our Annual General Meeting then follow with a General Meeting. The meeting will start at 7pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

Parent Group

We hope that you have all had a great start to 2016. At Silkstone we strive to create an environment where staff and parents work together to achieve the best outcomes for our children.

The Parent Group is a sub-committee of the Parents & Citizens Association and is a great way to be involved in the school community.

It functions with a President, Vice-President, Secretary and an Assistant Secretary.

We are responsible for co-ordinating fundraising throughout our school such as Discos, Stalls, Spring Fair, Free Dress and Ice Cream Days and more.

These fundraising events not only raise money but offer our students opportunities to develop valuable life skills and our teachers and staff are very supportive of these events. All money raised goes into the P&C general account and allocated throughout the school after discussions at the P&C meetings.

We meet at 2pm on the 4th Tuesday of each month during the school term, in U Block (located at the top of the Bob Lawne Oval). Afternoon-tea is supplied and we have a small play area for the children.

Whether or not you’ve been involved in committees in the past, we hope you consider getting involved in one of the Parent committees at Silkstone. You will help us as we continue to work towards making your child’s school experience as exciting and memorable as possible. Please contact 0434007521 if you require any further information.

Next Meeting

Our next Parent Group meeting is on Tuesday 23 February in U Block from 1.30pm-3pm. This will be an Annual General Meeting followed by a General Meeting. New members are always welcome and refreshments are also provided.

Looking forward to a fantastic year and seeing you at our school events.

Serena Shepherd

Parent Group President

Step into School - Playgroup

Playgroup is open to all families in the Ipswich community with children from 0-4 years of age. If you are interested in attending playgroup or would like more information, please contact Melissa on 0456 682 868. Starting date will be advertised in upcoming newsletters.