Early Years Health and Wellbeing

It is with sadness that I report that the Early Years Health & Wellbeing program will no longer be operating at Silkstone beyond 2016. The Department of Education and Training has ceased funding for the program at this stage. Unfortunately I can no longer take referrals for intensive family support; however, I will continue to assist families in any possible way and can advise of appropriate referral pathways. We believe all children are capable of a privilege to be a part of the Silkstone community and I thank the staff for their ongoing support and all of the wonderful families that have shared their lives and their child’s learning journey with me. I feel very blessed to have known you all.

As it nears the end of the year, the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) team and taken into consideration when planning for the year 2017. This includes sticker books, milestone certificates, and recommendations from parents/guardians to take into consideration when planning the Sticker System implementation in the school.

Early Years is 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: continue until 24th November

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
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 is a must 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.

Thank you Kim

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Principal’s Report

Celebrating writing in Prep

In Prep, students are enjoying success as writers every day. Many students are using their growing knowledge of letters and sounds, sight words and understanding that writing should make sense to create pieces of writing they can share with friends and family. You never know, we may even have a future famous author in our classrooms. In Prep, C students have begun swimming lessons and their excitement over these lessons has spilled over into Art and Writing. The class created watercolour paintings of their lesson in the pool with Mr Heywood and some students then wrote a sentence or two about swimming which others verbally explained their artistic creation.

Koebey wrote ‘We went to the pool. We swam in the pool. We had fun in the pool.’

Sam wrote ‘We went swimming. We went to the pool. The pool was great.’

Konnah took great care to consider how they stood in the pool and painted his picture to show to the children had their feet on the ground while keeping their faces out of the water. He described his experience by saying ‘We went under water and I touched my feet on the bottom of the pool.’

Helping our children practice writing at home.

Children love to practice new skills at home. You can help your child practice and build their confidence as a writer at home by:

Providing them with pencils, colours, and paper to write on.
Encourage them to write to family members eg: Make a picture and write about it as a gift for your grandparent’s birthday, write a letter to your cousin about something fun you did, write a story like you would do if you were at school.

Encourage them to have a go spelling by prompting them to use what they know eg: ‘What sounds can you hear in jumpro?’ Say the word slowly jumpro and write what you hear. ‘You know the word skip so you can work out lip.’
Remind your child to check that what they are writing makes sense and sounds right.
Join in. Our children love it when we draw and write with them. Make it fun!
Celebrate all attempts and display your child’s writing proudly to share with your family.

Kellie Stanton
Deputy Principal

Request for Teachers 2017

If you would like to request a teacher for 2017, please come to the office and talk to a familiar staff member. All must be received by 29th November and handed to the office no later than Friday 26 November. Please be aware that all requests will be considered and attempts will be made to meet requests. Some requests may not be possible. Silkstone State School places the best educational outcomes for all children as their priority.

Miss Harvey’s News

Attention

Below are the current attendance rates for each year level. Well done to Year 1 who have the highest level of attendance for the first half of this term. Keep up the great work Year 4 and we look forward to shining the spotlight on you for your future author and family.

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From the Sports Desk

Swimming Carnivals:
- Junior Swimming Carnival (Years 2 & 3) Tuesday 22 November 9 – 11am: Year 3, 11.45am – 1.30pm: Year 2
- Junior Swimming Carnival (Year 1) Wednesday 23 November 11.45am – 1.30pm: Year 1
- Senior Swimming Carnival (Years 4 – 6) Friday 25 November 9 – 11am: Students turning 11 or 12 in 2016 11.45am – 1.30pm: Students turning 9 or 10 in 2016 2 – 3pm: Feature races & Staff v Students v Past Students

Class Swimming
Thank you to all of our parent helpers, but please remember: due to safety regulations the only children allowed in the pool area during the lessons are the children in that class. Parents are not permitted to bring other children into the pool area.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Please remember as well that swimming caps are compulsory, and if children are sick or injured and are not wearing a note explaining this is expected. No jewellery is to be worn in the pool; earrings must be either removed at home, taped, or concealed under a swimming cap.

Congratulations to all of our interschool sport participants on another great season of AFL, Basketball and Touch, and thanks to all of the Parents and Caregivers who have given their children this wonderful opportunity. Congratulations especially to our Senior Girls A, Junior Girls A, and Senior Boys A Touch Teams, and our Junior 1 Girls Basketball team who all made the Grand Finals.

Special congratulations to our Junior A Girls Touch Team for going through the season undefeated and winning the Grand Final 10 – 0.

I would also like to thank all of the family members who came along to cheer our teams on each Friday and our staff members who have coached the teams throughout the season.

Calvin Hegvold
HPE Teacher

Swim Club

Come and join us at the pool on Monday nights. Participation is open to all community school children. You do not have to be a member of Silkstone State School. Everyone of school age is welcome to come along and enjoy a swim. Compete against your own times and meet new friends and most of all have fun. There is a charge of $3 per child to swim. Nominations open at 6pm. A 3pm start.

For further information please call Judy Peck, President on 0435 442 252 or Kelli Eigbert on 0401 481 944

Music Notes

BRASS Monday 8am
Glee Monday 8am
Senior Band Tuesday 7.50 – 8.50am
String Ensemble Thursday7.50 – 8.50am
Harmonies Wednesday 7.50am
Year 3 Choir Wednesday 11.00am
Year 2 Choir Tuesday 11.00am

2017 Instrumental Offers
Congratulations to our children who brought home a letter and booklet today regarding starting an instrument next year in the Instrumental Program! It is an exciting (and yes, there is hard work!) journey to be on. Parents, please read the attached booklet for information about the program, as well as returning your form to indicate which parent meeting you will attend on Tuesday, 15 November. A reminder that it is compulsory for a parent to attend one of the two meetings, otherwise enrolment cannot take place.

Christmas Concert
Are you like me, saying, “Didn’t we just have the 2015 Christmas Concert?!! Where did that year go? But here we are again, getting ready for our final, fun night of Christmas performances and sing-a-long. Please find a flyer with this week’s newsletter and a letter for children in BRASS, Harmonies Choir, Glee, Years 2 & 3 Choirs, Beginner Strings/Wind/Percussion, Senior Band and String Ensemble. A reminder that children must have a very good attendance record at practices to be invited to perform.

Silkstone Eisteddfod Results
Congratulations to Harmonies Choir for their wonderful singing and behaviour recently at the eisteddfod. The choir gained Gold and Silver Awards and the Musical Theatre Group a Gold Award. Thank you to Kristen Wright and Sarah Daniel for assisting with costumes and make-up and to Mr Bruce Ramm for accompanying us at the eisteddfod and throughout the whole year.

2017 Continuing Instrumental Children
A letter has come home today, giving parents information about where to buy an instrument for your child to continue in the 2017 program.

Harmonies Choir Try-outs
Harmonies Choir is the school’s only auditioned choir, singing more difficult repertoire and entering more competitions. Children currently in Years 3 – 5 are welcome to audition for 2017 Harmonies Choir in Week 7 - Monday 14th break. There are limited places. Children that are currently in Harmonies who would like to continue do not need to re-audition. A letter will come home in Week 7 to those successful children.

Linda Weatherhead
Music Teacher

Extra Curricular Photos

The Extra Curricular photos and order forms are at the office if you would like to view and place an order. Orders can be done online or paid for in cash at the office. All orders must be placed no later than Wednesday 9 November.

P & C Association

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 22 November at 7pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

Parent Group
Spring Fair
Thank you to everyone who helped and attended the Spring Fair. The day was enjoyed by many and we raised over $700, thank you to everyone who donated to our raffle and bottle stall.

Zarrar’s Coffee Yamanto
Walkers Turf Suppliers
Flinders Peak Pharmacy
Sandy Gallup Golf Club
Karena Downs Golf Club
Dream Gems Yamanto
Dan Murphys Booval
Gemutlich
Fine Footy Steam Massage
Ipswich Country Golf Club
Ipswich City Mechanical
Ipswich Driving Range & Putt
Putt
Lile Fashion Yamanto
Super Cheap Auto
Nandas
Spec Savers Riverlink
B Indulged
Summervilles Booval Butchers
Sprout
Hog Breath Cafe Ipswich
Baby Body Abode
Terry White Chemist Winston Glades
Cheescake shop Booval
Big W Booval
Good Price Pharmacy
Louis Booval Fruit Market
Office works Rivelink
Optus Booval
Woodworths Booval
GSPM Booval
Subway Booval
Terry White Chemist Booval
Cinexpo Redbank Plaza
Jets League Club
Lens Pro Optometrists Booval
Blackall St. Butchery
Montezuma’s Riverlink
Just Cuts
Friendly Care Pharmacy
Brothers Leagues Club
Country House Gifts & Home-wares
Hungry Jacks Booval
Bremner Ford
Wolston Park Golf Club
Jay car Electronics Booval
Harvest Markets Booval
The Workshop Rail Museum
Lowe’s
AMart
Balloon Creations

Money Window
Open Monday to Friday 8am – 11am (only) EFTPOS is available

Direct Debit Payments
BSB: 064-417
Account Number: 00091102
(Includes 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 2.20pm (Fortnightly) - Whole School

Accompanying Handouts
Various Musical Letters

Coming Events
Fri 11 Nov
Last payment day Christmas excursion
Instrumental Info Sessions for 2017
Wed 16
Christmas Around the World Prep excursion
Wed 22
Yrs 2 & 3 Swimming Carnival
Parent Group Meeting
P&C Meeting
Wed 23
Parent Group Meeting
Thurs 24
Year 1 Swimming Carnival
Principals Morning Tea
Fri 25
Senior (Years 4-6) Swimming Carnival

Mon 5 Dec
Yr 6 White Water World Excursion
Tue 6
Yr 6 Graduation and Pulse Disco
Wed 7
Rewards Day
Thurs 8
Reports emailed home
Class parties
Fri 9
Last Day of Term 4

Free Dress Day
We are having a free dress day on Tuesday 8 November. A gold coin donation is appreciated if your child/children are wearing free dress. We will be collecting money from each classroom from 9am, if you would like to help please contact Sara.

Disco
The next disco will be on Thursday 17 November from 5-7pm in the Charles Kinne Hall. The cost will be $4 entry per student which will included a lucky door ticket. In order for the disco to run smoothly, we require parents and caregivers over the age of 18 to assist with supervision for the night. Any volunteers wishing to help can contact Sara or see her on the night. Food will be available outside the hall from 3.30pm-4.30pm. Sausages are $2, Popcorn & Tiny Teddies $1 and Drinks $2.

Christmas Stall
Save the date for our annual Christmas stall, dates will be Wednesday 30 November in class groups and Thursday 1 December at first break only. Gift prices will range between 50c to $5. Items please contact Serena on 0434007521.

General Parent Group Meeting
Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 22 November from 2-3 pm in U Block, we look forward to seeing you there.

Serena Shepherd
President
0434 007 521

For 2017 we are offering the Student Resource Scheme for your stationery needs. Today we are sending home the information regarding this. All Student Resource forms are to be returned to the office no later than 2Wednesday 7 December. Money can only be paid in 2017. If you did not receive it please collect it from the office.