

Request for Teachers 2017

If you would like to request a teacher for 2017, please come to the office and collect a form. All requests MUST be in writing 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

Attendance

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. **To celebrate their high level of attendance Year 1 students will receive a pancake breakfast this Thursday (3rd November) from 8:15am at the Year 1 block. Well done Year 1!**

Year level	Attendance Rate -Week 4
Prep	91.41%
Year 1	92.28%
Year 2	91.48%
Year 3	91.63%
Year 4	89.48%
Year 5	90.26%
Year 6	91.26%
Whole School	90.8%

Spotlight on Attendance

This week we would like to shine the attendance spotlight on Year 4. Although year 4 are still in the yellow zone (less than 90%), students, families and teachers have worked hard in the first 4 weeks of this term to improve the overall attendance of Year 4 by half a percent. This is the greatest gain we have seen across any year level this term!

Year 4 have improved their attendance from **88.99%** in Week 1 to **89.48%** in Week 4

This is a growth of 0.49% and this reflects the hard work students, teachers and families have continued with to ensure students are at school, on time, every day.

Keep up the great work Year 4 and we look forward to shining the attendance spotlight on the many other year levels and classes working hard to improve their attendance in the newsletters over the coming weeks.

PBL Sticker System Feedback

As it nears the end of the year, the Positive Behaviour for Learning team is reviewing and preparing adjustments, where necessary, to the schoolwide positive behaviour system in particular the Sticker System in preparation for 2017. The PBL team welcomes any feedback and recommendations from parents/guardians to take into consideration when planning the Sticker System implementation in 2017.

Do you have feedback and recommendations regarding the current Sticker System? This includes sticker books, milestone certificates, milestone wristbands, Reward's Day events and prize draws. We encourage those with feedback to e-mail

admin@silkstonss.eq.edu.au or provide written feedback to the school office. All feedback and suggestions will be discussed with the PBL team and taken into consideration when planning for 2017.

Sam Harvey
Deputy Principal

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 anyway possible and can advise of appropriate referral pathways. It has been 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 child's learning journey with me. I feel very blessed to have known you all.

Early Years room 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 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

Religion Instruction Performance

'The Great Adventure'
Friday 4 November, 10:30-11am

Dan Warlow, is a Kids Christian music artist and entertainer who travels around Australia performing in schools, churches, festivals and community events. In his inspiring and engaging live performances, Dan links together original music, Bible stories, and ventriloquism to inspire young people to learn about the God given Adventure for their life.

The event is supported by a Community Donation from local Councillor Andrew Antonioli and is organised by the Christian Religious Instruction Network (CRI Network). The CRI program introduces students to the Christian faith and reinforces Qld Education core values of responsibility, understanding, respect, tolerance, inclusion, integrity, freedom, compassion and caring.

For more information on the CRI Program, please contact the CRI Inner Ipswich Area Co-ordinator, Amy Hollier on: 0401 620 885 or email: inneripswichcoordinator@cri-network.org.au For a preview of Dan Warlow's music check out: <http://danwarlow.com>.



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SILKSTONE STATE SCHOOL

Newsletter

6 November 2016 Term 4 Week 5

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

Outcome of IPS Consultation

Last week, a number of ballots took place to decide whether Silkstone State would submit an application to be an Independent Public School. A significant majority of parents at the P and C Meeting voted in favour of submitting an application. However, although a majority of staff (60%) voted in favour, this is not a large enough majority for us to move to the next phase of the application process. We planned to move to the next stage of the application process if at least 75% of staff voted in favour. While, as Principal, I was disappointed with this outcome, I fully respect the outcome of the vote and wish to reassure all families that Silkstone State School is on a really positive journey and we will continue to work hard to deliver great outcomes for all our students. I have consistently said throughout the consultation process that our School will be a great school with or without IPS status and we will continue to look for innovative ways to provide the best education for your children.

Thank you to all parents for engaging in the consultation process, and especially those who attended the recent information session and those who contributed to the robust discussion at the recent P and C meeting.

Congratulations to all our Musicians

Last week, we hosted our Instrumental Music Night. I have to say it was a splendid evening, showcasing the talents of our students in the Instrumental Music Program. Sincere thanks are extended to our Instrumental teachers, Ms Lewis and Ms Hampson, as well as Mrs Weatherhead for organising the evening. A highlight was listening to Ayumi's piano playing...just amazing!

And our Sports Teams...

I also had the pleasure of watching our Girls' Basketball team play so courageously in their Grand Final last week. If the game had been 2 minutes longer, our girls would have snatched victory. They played so well in the final 5 minutes, narrowing the gap to just 2 points. I also heard great reports from the teams that played in the Touch Football finals too. Well done to all our teams and big thanks to all the coaches.

Mike Sawbridge
Principal

From the Deputy Prep - 3

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 Hegvold and some students then wrote a sentence or two about swimming while others verbally explained their artistic creation.



Koeby 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 that 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 grandad's birthday, write a letter to your cousin about something fun you did, write a story like your favourite author.
- Encourage them to have a go with spelling by prompting them to use what they know eg: 'What sounds can you hear in *jumping*?', 'Say the word slowly *ju-mp-ing* and write what you hear.' 'You know the word *skip* so you can work out *flip*.'
- 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

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 swimming 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 cheers 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. Anyone 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 for a 6.30pm start. For further information please call Judy Peck, President on 0435 442 252 or Kelli Egberts on 0401 481 944



Music Notes

BRASS	Monday 8am
Glee	Monday 8am
Senior Band	Tuesday 7.50 - 8.50am
String Ensemble	Thursday 7.50 - 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-longs. Please find a flier 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 1st break, Tuesday 2nd 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 with 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.

Student Resource Scheme/ Booklists for 2017

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 Wednesday 7 December. Money can only be paid in 2017. If you did not receive it please collect it from the office.

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 \$7200, thank you to everyone who donated to our raffle and bottle stall.



Zarraffa's Coffee Yamanto	Louis Booval Fruit Market
Walkers Turf Suppliers	Office works Rivellink
Flinders Peak Pharmacy	Optus Booval
Sandy Gallop Golf Club	Woolworths Booval
Karena Downs Golf Club	OPSM Booval
Dream Gems Yamanto	Subway Booval
Dan Murphys Booval	Terry White Chemist Booval
Gemutlich	Cineplex Redbank Plaza
Happy Feet Steam Massage	Jets League Club
Ipswich Country Golf Club	Lens Pro Optometrists Booval
Ipswich City Mechanical	Blackall St. Butchery
Ipswich Driving Range & Putt	Montezuma's Riverlink
Putt	Just Cuts
Lilee Fashion Yamanto	Friendly Care Pharmacy
Super Cheap Auto	Brothers Leagues Club
Nandos	Country House Gifts & Home-ware
Spec Savers Riverlink	Hungry Jacks Booval
B Indulged	Bremer Ford
Summervilles Booval Butchers	Wolston Park Golf Club
Springloaded	Jay car Electronics Booval
Hog Breath Cafe Ipswich	Baby Body Abode
Baby Body Abode	Harvest Markets Booval
Terry White Chemist Winston Glades	The Workshop Rail Museum
Cheesecake shop Booval	Lowes
Big W Booval	AMart
Good Price Pharmacy	Balloon Creations

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 Serena.

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 include 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 Serena 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 50cent - \$5. If you would like to help out at this event or donate 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

Coming Events

Fri 11 Nov	Last payment day Christmas excursion
Tues 15	Instrumental Info Sessions for 2017
Wed 16	Christmas Around the World Prep excursion
Tues 22	Yrs 2 & 3 Swimming Carnival Parent Group Meeting P&C Meeting
Wed 23	Year 1 Swimming Carnival
Thurs 24	Principals Morning Tea Christmas Concert
Fri 25	Senior (Years 4-6) Swimming Carnival

Mon 5 Dec	Yr 6 White Water World Excursion
Tues 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

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 2.20pm (Fortnightly) - Whole School

Accompanying Handouts

⇒ Various Music Letters