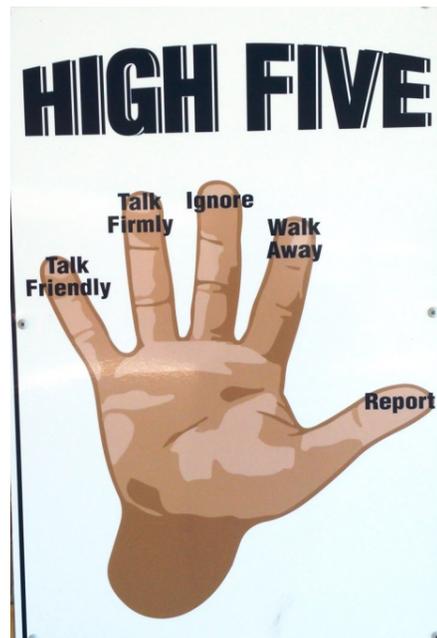


From Miss Harvey

Using the Hi-5 Strategy to help students deal with conflict

There is a time in most student's lives where they become involved in a situation involving conflict. At Silkstone we teach students to use the Hi-5 strategies in particular when faced with conflict at break times or with their friends while playing.

Below is an image of the Hi-5 and a break down of it's meaning. You can see these posters around the school grounds and staff often identify the strategies used on these posters when assisting students in the classroom and at break times.



Talk Friendly:
Think First
Stay Calm
Talk Politely

Talk Firmly:
Think First
Stand your ground
Give one warning

Ignore:
Keep Playing
Look Away
Walk Away

Walk away:
Stay Calm
Hold your head up
Walk calmly

Report:
Ask for 'assistance'
Ask politely
Explain what you have done also

Parents are reminded that they are encouraged to also talk to their children regarding the use of this strategy when discussing issues that may arise at school.

Sam Harvey
Deputy Principal

Early Years Health and Wellbeing

Welcome to Term 4. I look forward to continuing to work with the many families at Silkstone throughout the rest of the term. I enjoy getting to know the many little faces I come across each day and feel privileged to support where I can.

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.

Early Years room 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

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 (Cont'd in Term 4)

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.

Volunteers Required:

We are still looking for more volunteers for classroom support. Days and times extremely flexible. Please let me know if you are interested.

Thank you
Kim Noble



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SILKSTONE STATE SCHOOL

Newsletter

6 October 2016

Term 4 Week 1

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

A warm welcome back to school for term 4 is extended to all students, families and staff. I can't believe a year has passed since I started as principal at the beginning of term 4 in 2015. In that time, I have enjoyed building some really positive and productive relationships with people throughout the Silkstone State School Community. As part of our planning for 2017 and beyond, I'd like to invite parents to an information evening next Tuesday from 6.00pm in the hall. We will be providing information to parents about submitting an expression of interest to become an Independent Public School (IPS). An IPS is still a State School and remains part of a strong State School System. However, the IPS status would afford our school greater opportunities to make local decision which would benefit our students. Additional funding is also made available to IPS schools. More information for parents about IPS can be found at: <http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/independent-public-schools/>.

At the next P and C Meeting (25th October), we intend to conduct a vote on whether to apply to become an IPS. Also, at Tuesday evening's information session, we will be talking to parents about the plans and initiatives we would like to put in place as part of our four-year planning cycle. A light supper will be offered. I look forward to seeing you there.

SMS Notifications

It is a Departmental Requirement that by the start of 2017, all school have implemented an SMS message system to notify parents when students are absent. The intent is to alert parents who may think their child is at school, but in fact has not attended. It may be that you receive an SMS saying your child is absent, when in fact you already know. Please forgive the system for this! The system can also be used to alert parents of any other matters. A good example would be the bomb scare that we experienced earlier in the year.

Academic Awards Assembly

On Thursday 1st December, we will be hosting our first Academic Awards Assembly for the whole school. A number of students in each year level will receive awards for performance and/or effort in English, Maths, Music, LOTE and Sport. Recipients' families will receive an invitation in the mail to attend and enjoy a celebratory morning tea afterwards.

Have a great fortnight
Mike Sawbridge
Principal

From the Deputy Prep - 3

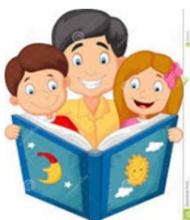
A Story from Year One

Students in Year One and Year Two are continuing Robust Vocabulary Instruction. Focus words are displayed for parents and students to see. It is absolutely wonderful to have conversations with students and hear them use their words in sentences. Yesterday while in 1B, Mrs Chisholm was working on some shared writing and the children became quite excited and loud offering suggestions. Lucan commented "Mrs Chisholm, we are making a racket!" This was a lovely example of him using the focus word in a different lesson and showing that he understood that word. Ask your Year One or Two student to share some of their RVI words with you and challenge them to use it in a sentence.

Helping your child grow their skills in literacy: What you can do at home.

Read aloud every day

Try to find time each day to read aloud to your children — even the older ones. Reading aloud benefits children and teens, particularly those who are struggling readers. Read aloud in different places, from the deck to the park. And don't be afraid to use silly voices and act out the story!



Encourage your child to learn new words

Introduce your child to new words every day. Talk about what these words mean and how they are used. Talk about new words they are using at school and see how many times you can use it at home. Perhaps even set a family challenge to use it 5 times in a day.

Write away

Keep writing materials handy such as pencils, paper, and crayons so that your child can practice writing. Encourage him/her to write letters or post cards to friends and relatives, to keep a journal, make a scrapbook, or to write stories and poems. Ask your child to help you when making shopping lists or copying a recipe. Perhaps they could even write instructions for a game the family can play.

Kellie Stanton
Deputy Principal

🎵 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

Variety Concert

Congratulations to all the children and the Community Choir for a wonderful evening at our Variety Concert at the end of term 3! We have heard some great feedback and I'm sure there were many proud parents, seeing their children singing so well and with so much enthusiasm. Thank you to the many staff members who helped in many capacities before and during the evening! A special well done to Mrs Bradshaw and the year 2 Choir, as this was their first really big performance! Thank you to Mr Hegvold for being a great compere to Mrs Penny for organising such a wonderful PowerPoint, to Mr Wilson for stage managing...the list is very long!

Upcoming Performances Please read and keep all letters for your information and returning permission forms by the cut off date.

Spring Fair Performances in Harmonies Choir, BRASS, Senior Band, and Years 2 and 3 Choirs will have brought home a letter today regarding performing at the Spring Fair. Strings will not be performing at the Spring Fair.

Evening Instrumental Concert All children in the Instrumental Program will have brought home a letter today about our Annual Concert. This is an important evening for all our instrumental children. If you are interested in your child learning an instrument at school, it would be a great evening to come to.

Silkstone Eisteddfod Harmonies Choir and Musical Theatre children will have brought home a letter today about their participation in the eisteddfod on Thursday 20 October.

Jacaranda Festival Children in Year 3 Choir, BRASS and Senior Band will have brought home a letter today about their participation in the festival on Friday afternoon 28 October and Saturday morning 29 October.

2017 Beginner Instrumental Intake

All children in years 2 & 3 will have brought home a brochure today which explains the schools Instrumental Program. This is an Ed Qld initiative, offering free lessons to children. Selected children starting Year 3 in 2017 begin on a string instrument (guitar is not offered) and selected children starting Year 4 in 2017 begin on a wind/percussion instrument. Children use a school instrument in their first year of learning, then parents buy them an instrument to continue for subsequent years (with some exceptions for the larger and more expensive instruments). If you would like your child to be tested in Week 4 by Mrs Hampson and Ms Lewis, please read the information carefully, complete the back section and return to me by the cut off date. Please note that children will only be tested if the form is returned. Parents and children will be notified by letter in Week 5 about selections. There are limited places. There will be a compulsory information meeting for parents whose children are selected on Tuesday 15 November at either 2pm **OR** 6pm. Children will not be enrolled in the program unless a parent attends one of these meetings. Please feel free to phone, email (lweat5@eg.edu.au) or come and see me if you have an enquiry. **Parents of Year 2 children: if you are interested in your child being tested for a wind/percussion instrument, they would be tested at the end of 2017.**

Christmas Concert is on Thursday evening, 24 November. All instrumental groups and choirs will be performing that evening. A letter will come home in Week 5.

Year 3 Choir - Special Invitation! The Year 3 Choir is invited to sing at the Raceview Carols evening, under the big Christmas Tree, on Sunday evening, 4 December! Information will be sent home closer to the date.

Linda Weatherhead - Music Teacher

School Dental News

The dental clinic is now closed at Silkstone State School. Dental staff would like to thank the staff, parents, students and school community for their support during our time here at the clinic. For all inquiries, including those children with outstanding dental treatment or dental emergencies, please contact 1300 763 246. Happy Brushing!!

Contact Details

Quite often we need to contact parents in emergency situations. This is not possible if emergency contact details are out of date. Please advise us immediately if:

- *you change your address or telephone number*
- *there is a change in your preferred emergency contact people*
- *any significant changes occur with regard to your child's health*
- *you feel we should know of any other factors that relate to your child e.g. custody.*

Please make sure your mobile phone number is up to date with us as we have implemented an SMS system and we will contact you via text message.

Mr Neho's News

Welcome back to term 4. Before we know it we will reach the end of the year.

There is still plenty going on leading up to the end of the term. We have teachers and students continuing their hard work towards success to close the year.

Interschool sports resumes this term and I had the honour of spending some time with the touch football teams last term. I can say I have been impressed with the sportsmanship and enjoyment some of our students show when representing our school. I am hoping that I will get a chance to see the amazing work that the other teams do to represent our school.

For the year 6 students, this will be the final term that they will be spending with us. It is a great opportunity for them to leave a positive lasting impression on the school as they take on the challenges of high school. We have so much to look forward to in year 6 before the end of the term. Graduation along with Pulse and White Water World to name a few. These next nine weeks are crucial in preparation for high school.

Before the end of term 3 I got to experience the joy of the Silkstone Variety Concert for the very first time. I was amazed as an audience member and proud as a staff member at the standard of performances. The children were outstanding and the community choir were magnificent. Thank you to Mrs Weatherhead for not only the hard work you had put in, but also the culture you have instilled in our students and the community of Silkstone State School.

Rob Neho
Deputy Principal

Clean bottles needed

Prep A are organising a bottle stall for the Spring Fair. We are looking for empty bottles and jars that can be used to put prizes etc in. The bottles or jars can be any size at all but they do need to be clean. We are also happy to accept jars or bottles that are still full but they must be unopened. Should you have any of the above can you please leave them at the office or drop them off to PREP A in G Block.

P & C Association

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 25 October at 7pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

Parent Group Spring Fair Meeting

We are currently looking for people to bake for the cake stall and donate items for the raffles. If you can help please email or phone Serena.

Save The Date: Spring Fair 22 October 2016 8am-2pm

Our Spring Fair is being held on Saturday 22 October. We will be having carnival rides which include: The Sizzler, Swing Chairs, Cup and Saucer, A Giant Slide, Jumping Castles, Climbing Tower. A Side Show Alley with Show Bags, music performances, community organisations and much more! We will be selling prepaid armbands for \$27 prior to the Spring Fair and on the day they will be available for \$32. These armbands are for unlimited rides from 9am- 2pm. You can purchase these tickets before the fair from The Uniform shop, Outside School Hours Care, The School Disco, The Variety Concert by either cash or EFTPOS and by cash via the orange box which is located at the school office. If you are interested in having a stall, volunteering or you need more information please email silkstonespringfair@gmail.com or contact Serena 0434 007 521.

School disco
Thank you to all who helped make the disco a success.



General Parent Group Meeting

There will be a meeting on Tuesday the **25 October from 2-3pm** in U Block. Look forward to seeing you there.

Serena Shepherd
President
0434 007 521

Coming Events

Mon 17 Oct	Pupil Free Day
Thurs 20	Harmonies Choir and Musical Theatre Group eisteddfod performance
Sat 22	Spring Fair 8am - 2pm
Tues 25	Parent Group Meeting P&C Meeting
Thurs 27	Principals Morning Tea Instrumental Concert
Fri 28	Jacaranda Festival
Fri 11 Nov	Last payment day Christmas excursion
Tues 15	Instrumental information Sessions for 2017
Wed 16	Christmas Around the World Prep excursion
Tues 22	Junior Swimming Carnival Parent Group Meeting P&C Meeting
Thurs 24	Principals Morning Tea Christmas Concert
Fri 25	Senior Swimming Carnival
Tues 6 Dec	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 2.30pm (weekly) - Whole School

Accompanying Handouts

- ⇒ Swimming Spotter notes (Prep, Year 1, 2 and 3)
- ⇒ Instrumental music (Year 2 and 3)
- ⇒ Silkstone Eisteddfod permission (selected students)
- ⇒ Instrumental Concert Permission (selected students)
- ⇒ Instrumental Concert Flier
- ⇒ Jacaranda Festival permission (selected students)
- ⇒ Spring fair performance permission (Selected students)
- ⇒ NAP-CC letters (selected students)