

Lost Property

Lost property is placed in the lost property box located in the upper school near the Office. We have a lot of winter items in the lost property as well as items lost on Year 6 Camp.

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.

Swim Club

Swim season is here! Come and join us at the pool on Monday nights. We commence on Monday 10 October. 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

Enrol for Prep 2017



We are accepting enrolments for Prep 2017 and we encourage 'out of catchment' families to get onto the waiting list quickly so they have a good chance of getting enrolled at Silkstone. Please call 3437 2111 to get your name on our waiting list now.



Early Years Health and Wellbeing

Let's work together to give our young students the best possible chance of success at school. Support is only a phone call away.

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.

If you know anyone commencing Prep at Silkstone in 2017 and think they may need some support please let them know Early Years staff are here to work with them from Term 4 this year.

2016 Schedule

The Early Years room is located in X Block and is open **Monday, Tuesday and Thursday** 8:30am – 4:30pm phone Kim on 0437 228 791 or email knoble@redcross.org.au

Current Groups for 2016

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 3:00 – 4:15 (Cont'd in Term 3) **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 always looking for more volunteers for classroom support. Days and times are extremely flexible. Please let me know if you are interested.

Thank you
Kim Noble

Book Club

Book Club is due tomorrow 9 September. Please place orders in the orange Box at the office by close of business Friday.



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SILKSTONE STATE SCHOOL

Newsletter

8 September 2016

Term 3 Week 9

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

Independent Public Schools

Silkstone State School has decided to consider applying to become an Independent Public School (IPS) in 2017. Our Department's IPS initiative is about enabling schools to collaborate with their local communities to improve student outcomes and school performance, while taking into account all of the unique complexities of the local environments and communities.

Independent Public Schools are still part of a strong State Schooling System, and enjoy the supports and benefits of being part of this system. However, Independent Public Schools have more autonomy to make decisions at the local level in conjunction with the local community through a School Council.

I have attached a copy of the 2017 IPS prospectus to this newsletter. You'll also find more information at <http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/independent-public-schools/>.

During the second week of term, we will be hosting an important information evening about IPS for our families. This will be on Tuesday 11 October from 6.00pm. A light supper will be provided. We will also look at our planning for the next 4 years.

Final Weeks of Term

We have an action packed week and a half left of term. During these two weeks we will be able to come together as a community at the Variety Concert on Thursday 15 September and share in some wonderful performances. I encourage you to come along and enjoy a wonderful evening. Also, on Thursday 15 September we will be running our rewards day activities for students who have reached their milestones of Gold, Silver and Bronze. Additionally, students who have earned their Platinum milestone early will be invited to celebrate in a special morning tea on the last day of term. Parents will be invited to attend and celebrate these 'Platinum' students who shine each and every day at our school.

Read, read, read!

Holidays are fast approaching and we are all looking forward to spending some quality time with family and friends. Holidays are a great time to encourage children to find a quiet 15 minutes in their day and curl up with a good book, or to curl up with a family member and enjoy a good book together. Have a safe and happy break. See you in Term 4.

Mike Sawbridge
Principal

From the Sports Desk

Junior Sports Day

Next Tuesday 13 September
9am – 10.30am: Class rotational games
10.30: Prep Sprints
11.45: Year 3 Sprints and relays
Year 2 Sprints and relays
Year 1 sprints and relays

Please ensure all students participating have appropriate footwear (no slippers) and hats.

Olympic Day

Our Sports Classes 4S, 5S, and 6S will be participating in an Olympic Day on the last day of Term 3, next Friday 16 September. Please see the information sheet with this week's newsletter.

Interschool Sport

There will be no Interschool Sport on the last Friday of Term 3. Interschool Sport recommences next term.

Calvin HEGVOLD
HPE

Prep A donations

PREP A are organising a bottle stall for the Spring Fair. We would like donations of 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.

Kenn Wilson
Prep A Teacher

Warehouse Shopping Trip

Saturday 15 October we are going on a Warehouse Shopping Tour fundraiser. Anyone who has been on one of these before knows that they are a great social day out and also a great way to get some fantastic bargains. Tickets cost \$40 and all monies are due by **Friday 16 September**. Included in this price is the bus fare, morning tea and a smorgasbord lunch. There is no obligation to buy ... but the selection and quality of the bargains are guaranteed to please. Savings can be as much as 70% below retail prices. If have any particular outlets you would like to see/go to, then please let me know as soon as possible. Please place your money in a sealed envelope with your name, phone number and 'Shopping Tour' written on the front and then deposit it into the orange box in the office foyer. Looking forward to seeing you there!

🎵 Music Notes 🎵

BRASSS -	Monday 8am
Glee -	Monday 8am
Senior Band -	Tuesday 7.50 - 8.50am
String Ensemble -	Thurs 7.50 - 8.50am
Harmonies -	Wednesday 7.50am
Year 3 Choir -	Wednesday 11.00am
Year 2 Choir -	Tuesday 11:00am

Variety Concert

One week to go! We are looking forward to a great night next Thursday night 15 September and hearing all our choirs (no instrumental groups) perform at 7pm. **A reminder that all children have a short massed choir practice next Monday night, 12 September, at 6.30pm in the Charles Kinne Hall. It is important that all children are there so we all can stage and know what to do in the final song.**

Children who are in more than one choir and need to change outfits can leave their clothes in the Instrumental Room and get changed in the toilets during the concert, then come back to the hall. Please remind children not to leave clothes lying around when they change, as it would be easy for clothes to be lost or mixed up with others.

Programs will be available for parents and children so they know when each choir is on. Children will sit for the entire evening with the first choir they perform with, slipping out to join the other choir/s as required. Teachers will be supervising and helping children throughout the concert.

Some Term 4 Dates for your Diary

Letters will come home for all the below events.

- Thursday 20 October - Harmonies Choir and Musical Theatre Group in the Silkstone Eisteddfod
- Saturday 22 October - Harmonies Choir, BRASSS, Years 2 & 3 Choirs and Band performing at the Spring Fair, allocated times between 9 - 11am
- Thursday evening 27 October - Instrumental Concert 7pm
- Friday evening 28 October - Year 3 Choir and BRASSS singing at the Jacaranda Festival. Saturday morning 29 October - Senior Band playing
- Thursday 24 November - Christmas Concert 7pm. All choirs and bands.

2017 Instrumental Testing

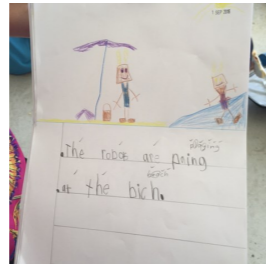
A brochure be sent home early next term with all Year 2 and 3 children. If you would like your child to be tested for an instrument to learn in 2017, please read carefully, fill in and return the form that is attached in the brochure. Testing will happen in Week 4 with Ms Lewis and Ms Hampson. A letter of offer will come home with children on newsletter day, Week 5. This will be followed by a compulsory parent meeting on Tuesday 15 November, either at 2pm OR 6pm. Children cannot be enrolled in the program unless a parent has attended one of these meetings.

Linda Weatherhead
Music Teacher

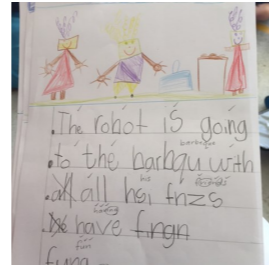
Prep—Year 3 News

A story from Prep

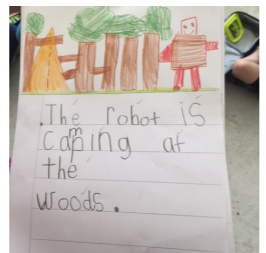
Our Prep students have been learning about the relationships between letters and sounds, sight words, sentence structures and why different types of texts are used. This term, all Prep students have been reading 'Robot' stories and writing. Here are some wonderful examples of writing from Prep E. These students love to share their reading and writing with any and every adult who visits their classroom. They are very proud of their attempts and we are too. Well done Amelia, Caity, Bonnie and Mason.



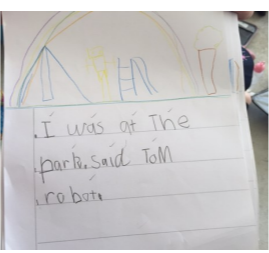
The robots are playing at the beach. Bonnie



The robot is going to the barbeque with all his friends having fun. Amelia



The robot is camping at the woods. Caity



I was at the park said Tom robot. Mason

A story from Year 2

Year 2 have been learning their vocabulary with our teachers providing **Robust Vocabulary Instruction (RVI)** each week. The words chosen are words that can be used in more than one context and our teachers select these words from texts that are used for teaching each week in class. One of the words this week was 'ravenous'. Lessons involve;

- ✓ talking about what this word means and linking it to a known word (eg: hungry),
- ✓ clearly identifying what it does not mean,
- ✓ possibly thinking of an action to help remember the word
- ✓ using the word in a sentence
- ✓ learning activities eg: drawing a picture to represent the word, playing a word game, challenging others to use the word, and many other activities.

During class visits, I heard children say to each other 'I can't wait for lunch, I am ravenous'. Each week, the Year 2 teachers will write the focus RVI words on the blackboard under C block (above the drink taps). We encourage you to talk about these words at home and challenge your children to use them. Already, I can imagine children saying "Mum/Dad, what's for dinner? I am ravenous!"

Kellie Stanton
Deputy Principal

P and C Association

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

Parent Group

Father's Day Stall

Thank you to all who donated items and helped out at the Father's Day stall. It was a great success for raising funds for our school.

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

This terms disco will be on **8 September 5-7pm** \$4 entry including a lucky door ticket, the theme will be **'What's your team'** so whether you support NRL, Netball, scouts, soccer, AFL, basketball, dance etc... come in your team colours. There will be raffle tickets available on the night for \$1 each. If you are able to help on the night or with donations for raffle prize please contact Serena. Donations can also be left at the office.

Please note: Pre sale of Spring Fair armbands will be available via cash or EFTPOS at this event. (EFTPOS is only available for armband sales.) A sausage sizzle will be available from 4.30pm before the disco starts outside the hall. There will be a Sausage on bread \$2, popcorn \$1.50, poppers \$1, and water \$1.50. If you would like to help or have any donations please contact Claudéan (School Chaplin).



Junior Sports Day

The Parent Group will be providing food from U Block at the Junior Sports Day on **Tuesday 13 September**, this will include mixed sandwiches, sausage rolls, milk drinks, tea and coffee, poppers, ice blocks and more. Volunteers are always welcome.

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

Fri 9 Sept	Last payment day Pirates Show (Prep)
Tues 13	Junior Sports Day
Wed 14	Extra Curricular Photos Pirates Show Prep Excursion
Thurs 15	Rewards Day Variety Concert
Fri 16	Platinum Morning Tea Last day Term 3
Mon 3 Oct	Public Holiday
Tues 4	Start of Term 4
Mon 17	Pupil Free Day
Thurs 20	Harmonies Choir and Musical Theatre Group eisteddfod performance
Sat 22	Spring Fair
Tues 25	Parent Group Meeting P&C Meeting
Thurs 27	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	Parent Group Meeting P&C Meeting
Thurs 24	Christmas Concert

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

- ⇒ Independent Public School prospectus
- ⇒ Year 2 Movie Letter (2E Only)
- ⇒ Olympic Day (Sports Classes Only)