

From Deputy Principal Prep - Year 2

BUILDING THE TEAM

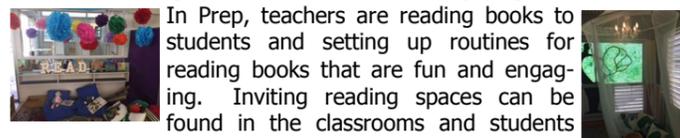
The new school year can be a time of uncertainty. Children are getting to know new children, new teachers, new routines and new learning. Parents are getting to know new parents, new teachers and the new expectations that naturally come each new year as children grow and develop. Teachers can also be getting to know new schools, new colleagues, new year levels, new children, new families and new curriculum units. One of the best ways we can all support each other to have the best possible start to the year is to make the time to develop positive and productive partnerships...with teachers, other parents, and our children's new friends. This takes time but we can help it along by offering a warm smile, taking the time to say good morning to each other and working together to make sure the children settle in well. The next couple of weeks is a great time to catch up with class teachers and let them know important information about your child. By doing this you can help our teachers get to know your child and offer them the support they need to settle in and adapt to their new peers, teachers, classes, and learning routines successfully. It will also help parents and teachers to build the team that successfully supports each and every student.

READ TO SUCCEED!

Reading is a high priority in our school. Our teachers work closely to provide high quality instruction in reading. Teams of teachers share ideas about student learning and support each other to solve teaching challenges so that our students have the support of the entire school. At the moment, all classrooms from Prep to Year 6 are making sure they have 15 minutes each day dedicated to independent reading. During this time, students take turns reading to their teachers who in turn, give students feedback about how they are reading.

A LEARNING STORY FROM PREP

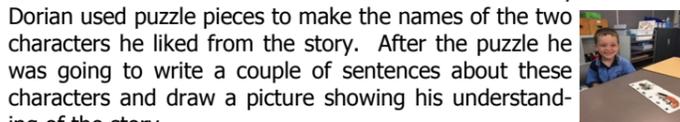
Learning to read can be a complex task. Great teachers know that to support students to master this complex task, students need to be enthusiastic, engaged and taught to be persistent. For this reason, teachers spend many hours planning engaging lessons, creating fun resources and demonstrating quality reading strategies to students. Classrooms are set up in ways to support student curiosity, to provide quiet places and talking spaces, to designate areas for teacher led lessons and small group work. It has been wonderful walking into our classrooms since school started back to see the lovely reading spaces that students are enjoying.



In Prep, teachers are reading books to students and setting up routines for reading books that are fun and engaging. Inviting reading spaces can be found in the classrooms and students get to look at and talk about books with each other while they are learning to read by themselves.

A LEARNING STORY FROM YEAR ONE

In Year One, teachers have been working together in teams to plan interesting and effective lessons to teach vocabulary to students. Students are then encouraged to use these words in their conversations, in their writing and to demonstrate their understanding when they read these words in books/texts. 1E listened to the story 'The Gingerbread Man' then talked about the characters and identified which character was their favourite and why.



A LEARNING STORY FROM YEAR TWO

Dorian used puzzle pieces to make the names of the two characters he liked from the story. After the puzzle he was going to write a couple of sentences about these characters and draw a picture showing his understanding of the story. Students in Year 2 have had a wonderful start to the school year. They have impressed their teachers with their readiness to learn and their respectful behaviour. 2E students were actively engaged in a writing lesson. Writing is going to be a major focus at Silkstone this year. Just like with reading, we aim to get children excited about writing and to begin to see themselves as creators of written messages.

Staff will be planning together and engaging in professional development to review our current writing programs in order to make sure we find ways to build student confidence and curiosity about writing. Very soon we will have 'Writers of the week' on assembly in addition to our 'Readers of the week'.

Kellie Stanton
Deputy Principal

From Deputy Principal Years 3 & 4

Over the last two weeks it has been lovely to meet all the families, students and staff at Silkstone State School. Thank you everyone who has come up and said hello, it is great to be a part of such a wonderful school community. I have had the pleasure to visit many classrooms and see students engaging actively in learning activities and demonstrating safe, responsible and respectful behaviour.

In 3B they were completing some lovely handwriting and Savannah was very proud to show me her lovely neat writing.



I look forward to working with you this year.

Katrina Harris
Deputy Principal

From Deputy Principal Years 5 & 6

I would like to welcome back our students and their families and also extend a warm welcome to our many new families. Our classes are already setting up routines and identifying learning goals for the term. Seeing such active learners in home rooms has been wonderful. Well done, everyone!

At our first assembly, we spoke to students about following adult instructions the first time and this week we discussed keeping our hands and feet to ourselves. These lessons are important parts of the learning that happens in classes and we appreciate the support families provide at home with these messages. At our assemblies on Monday afternoons in the hall starting at 2:15pm, we talk to students about the behavioural expectation of the week and also celebrate student achievement. It is great to see parents in attendance during these.

Student Leader Assembly

On Monday 5 February at 2:15pm, we will be hosting our student leader badge presentation assembly. This will be a great chance to recognise these students and their families. It will be great to see you there!

Attendance Matters

Attendance at school matters! Missed days at school equals missed learning opportunities and so it is really important that all of our students are at school all day, every day. So many of our students have started the year so well and this is great to see. We have set the challenge to students to see how many can maintain their strong 100% attendance rate. Please know that if your child has been away from school for more than three days without an explanation, the classroom teachers or deputy principals will make contact with families.

Autism Spectrum Workshop

Positive Partnerships are very excited to be offering a 2 day parent carer workshop in Ipswich on the 27 and 28 February. Registrations for this workshop are now open and our office will have some flyers with information for families. This workshop is FREE and provides our families of young people on the autism spectrum with a wonderful opportunity to gain knowledge, share experiences and network with others. Please see our office staff for a flyer if you are interested.

Shannyn Taylor
Deputy Principal



Don't miss our
Free 2 day workshop
for parents & carers of
school-aged students
on the autism spectrum

Ipswich
27 & 28 February 2018
Register your place:
positivepartnerships.com.au
positive partnerships



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SILKSTONE STATE SCHOOL

Newsletter

1 February 2018

Term 1 Week 2

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 our families, students and staff for the start of the 2018 school year. A special welcome is extended to all our new families and colleagues who have joined Silkstone State School.

Parent Information Sessions are scheduled for Wednesday afternoon, week 3. This will be an opportunity for you to listen to your child's classroom teacher explain the routines and expectations for the class in 2018. At 4.30pm, on the same afternoon, I invite all parents and families to meet the Principal and the Deputy Principals in the hall, to hear what we have to say about Silkstone in 2018.

We have high expectations for your children, our students in 2018, for behaviour and learning. I have already spent significant time in classrooms, and have seen some fabulous students behaviour and some wonderful work taking place. This year, we are focussing on teaching 10 behaviours to support our 4 school expectations of being safe, respectful, responsible, active learners.

These 10 behaviours are:

- I will follow adult instructions promptly without question or comment.
- I will use the High 5 to solve any problems.
- I will keep hands, feet, objects to myself.
- I will use manners when talking to staff and students.
- I will be kind to others.
- I will accept consequences.
- I will be a role model to others.
- I will be responsible for my own belongings.
- I will put any rubbish in the bin.
- I will move safely around school.

During week 1, we focused strongly on number 1: I will follow adult instructions promptly without question or comment. We expect your children, our students to follow our instructions, as we hope they do yours at home. When children follow instructions, then school and learning becomes a safer, happier and more productive place for everyone.

During week 2, we are focussing strongly on number 3: I will keep hands, feet, objects to myself. Our priority is to keep children safe and look after their wellbeing. Only then, can students learn effectively. Violence and aggressive behaviour will not be tolerated at our school, or in fact at any State School. So we really need you, as parents to continually reinforce the message that we say NO to violence in schools.

When parents and families support the expectations of the school, better behaviour inevitably follows. We also expect our parents to support the consequences that we put in place. When this happens, students get a clear and consistent message about what is acceptable and what isn't. We also look forward to parents and families joining us when we celebrate great behaviour, attendance and learning at our Principal's Morning Teas, Attendance breakfasts and other celebrations.

Have a great fortnight

Mike Sawbridge
Principal

Sports Development Program

Further information and application forms will be sent home next week for Years 4-6. Breakfast Club will commence tomorrow Friday 2 February in the hall from 8am. All children are welcome to come along.

Breakfast Club

If you are able to donate any of the following items of margarine, spaghetti, jams, vegemite and honey (no nut products please), please leave them at the office

Thank you for your support.



🎵 Music Notes 🎵

Harmonies Wednesday 7.50am

New to Silkstone SS

Is your child newly enrolled, there are plenty of musical extra-curricular activities for Years 2 – 6 children.

Harmonies Choir (by audition only Years 4 – 6. Already underway – enquiries at the Music Room)

Boys' Choir (B.R.A.S.S.S. – Boys Rock at Silkstone State School) – open to all Years 3 – 6 boys. Letter in Week 3 for interested boys.
Girls' Choir – open to all Years 3 – 6 girls. Letter in Week 3 for interested girls.

Year 2 Choir – starting in Term 2, open to all children in Year 2.
Instrumental Program – from Years 3 – 6. Our Strings program is full however, we are taking enquiries from newly enrolled families about the Wind/Percussion Program.

Boys' Choir (B.R.A.S.S.S) and Girls' Choir

Both of these choirs are open to any children in Years 3 – 6. Interested children will have brought home a letter today. Boys' Choir will be working towards the Ipswich Junior Eisteddfod in May and Girls' Choir towards the school's Anzac Service in April. Please note that both choirs run for the year, their final performances being in the Christmas Concert. Should you wish for your child to participate, please complete the attached permission form and return to the Music Room or the office.

Instrumental Fees

Fees have been entered on the school's computer system and payments can now be taken. You are welcome to pay this off. Fees are to be finalised by the end of Term 2.

Beginning and Continuing Instrumental Children

Letters will have come home earlier this week with the children participating in the IP this year. Please note that **all lessons begin in Week 2**, and **Senior Band (Wind/Percussion) and String Ensemble begin in Week 3**. Also please note that the Instrumental Room, where the children's half hour lessons will be held, is now located at the end of D block. Band and String Ensemble's 8.00am practices will be held in the hall. Please ensure all children have their instrument (if using their own) and tutor book/music ready for Week 2.

Harmonies Choir

Children will have brought home a letter regarding the start of Harmonies choir in Week 2 on Wednesday morning at 7.50am. Please note the starting time. Late attendance puts children at risk of not being invited to sing at upcoming events.

Instrumental and Harmonies Choir will have also brought a letter home about the Music Uniform.

Other Choirs

Girls' and Boys' (BRASS) Choirs will begin in Week 3 and are open to any children in Years 3 – 6. Children were invited to take a letter home in Week 2 on newsletter day. Year 2 Choir will begin in Term 2.

Recorders for Years 3 – 6

ALL children in Year 3 – 6 require a recorder for Classroom music. You are able to purchase a recorder from the school office. Please ensure your child's name and class are written on their recorder

[Linda Weatherhead](#)

[Music Teacher](#)

Contact Details - Update

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, telephone numbers or email address
- ✓ 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.

P & C Association

The next P&C AGM & General meeting is on Tuesday 27 February at 7pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

[Sharyn Schulz](#)

[President](#)

Parent Group

Next Meeting

Parent Group AGM followed by a General meeting will be held on Tuesday 27 February 2018 at 2pm in U Block. We are excited to welcome new helpers to our fundraising events.

[Nichole Coad](#)

[President 0499 974 578](#)

Uniform Shop

YES, THE SALE IS CONTINUING UNTIL ALL SOLD
HURRY TO GET YOUR POLO'S (Old Style)

*****CLEARANCE SALE*****

ALL PREP SIZE 4, 8 and 10 & SCHOOL POLO SHIRTS
Size 4, 10, 12, 14, L, XL and XXL to be SOLD OUT at
the BARGAIN PRICE of \$16 each.

Come and grab a bargain. The Uniform Shop is open
Monday 8.30-10.30am and Thursday 1.30-3.30pm.

ALL POLOS (Old Style) ARE REDUCED TO \$16 each

*****CLEARANCE SALE*****

[Melissa Alexander](#)

[Convenor](#)



Playgroup

Playgroup runs every Monday and Friday morning from 9am-11am in Q Block (school terms only). The group is open to all families in the Ipswich community with children aged 0-4yrs. This is a FREE playgroup and we provide morning tea. If you would like more information please call Melissa on 0456 682 868 or call in for a chat and information flyer. Our first day back for this year is next Monday, 5 February.

Wanted

If you have any Woolworths/Coles plastic shopping bags you do not want can you please drop them into the office. Thank you.

Book Club

Order forms are being sent home with the newsletter today. Money and orders must be returned to the office no later than Friday 9 February.



Payments

Just a reminder that money will not be accepted after the cut-off date for excursions/ incursions. Our money window is open every day Monday to Friday 8-11am. Anyone paying via Direct Deposit will need to pay at least 3 days before the cut-off so payment is received before the cut off date.

Please remember that all outstanding fees must be paid before we can accept payment for new excursions/incursions.



Student Resource Scheme money can be paid off during the year but all payments must be paid no later than end of Term 3.

Year 6 T-Shirts

Order forms for Year 6 T-Shirts are being sent home today with the newsletter. Please return your order to the office no later than Friday 23 February 2018.

From the Sport Desk

Welcome back everyone to another big year in sport. There has been a major re-structure of the districts in the Met West sporting region in 2018. The former Ipswich District is no more.

Silkstone State School is now in the new Western Ranges District. This district comprises many of the schools in Ipswich along with the former Lockyer and Fassifern districts. Within the Western Ranges District are four smaller Zones, and Silkstone is part of the Ipswich South Zone. This will have an impact on some of the representative sporting trials this year, with Zone trials for some sports, and Western Ranges trials instead of the old Ipswich District trials.

Important dates coming up this term are:

Wednesday 7 Feb: Western Ranges District 10 – 19yrs Swimming Carnival at Lockyer Valley Aquatic Centre, Gatton.

Thursday 15 Feb: Ipswich South Zone 10 – 12yrs Boys & Girls Basketball Trials 3.30pm at Bremer SHS.

Friday 23 Feb: Western Ranges District 10 – 12yrs Boys & Girls Basketball Trials 9am – 12pm at Bremer SHS.

Thursday 1 March: Ipswich South Zone 10 – 12yrs Netball (Limestone Park) and 11/12yrs Rugby League (Brothers) Trials, 3.30pm.

Thursday 8 March: Ipswich South Zone 10/11yrs Rugby League (Brothers) Trials, 3.30pm

Tuesday 13 March: Met West Basketball Trials (Bundamba) and Western Ranges District AFL Trials.

Thursday 22 March: Western Ranges District 10–12yrs Netball (Limestone Park) and 10-12yrs Rugby League (Norths) Trials.

Wednesday 28 March: Western Ranges District 10–12yrs Hockey Trials, 3.30pm @ Ipswich Hockey, Raceview.

Please note that students are not allowed to just turn up to these trials; they need to be nominated by the school and bring the appropriate paperwork and permissions with them. Please see me if you have any questions.

Interschool Sport commences this term on Friday 16 March, with trials for Rugby League, Soccer and Netball to commence soon during break times. Students are encouraged to listen for messages, announcements, and on assemblies for specific trial days. There will be numerous trial opportunities but unfortunately we are limited in the number of students we can take away to Interschool Sport, so some students will miss out.

As Summer sport starts winding up, new club seasons of Basketball, Rugby League, Hockey, Soccer and Netball have either already commenced, or are starting soon. Club sport is a great way to keep fit and healthy, make new friends, and pick up new skills. Anyone wanting more information on how to sign up for a club sport, please don't hesitate to contact me.

HPE this term is Swimming for years 4 – 6. All students in these year levels must participate as it is one of the learning areas in the Australian Curriculum.

Students need a swimming cap, togs, and a towel in a swimming bag. Goggles are optional. Jewellery is not permitted in the pool (earrings should be taken out at home, taped, or hidden under a swimming cap, and are NOT be taken out at the pool). Parents or Caregivers of students who are not swimming due to illness or injury should contact me via a note from home or a message left at the office. Long term absences from the pool should be accompanied by a doctor's letter.

Our swimming program relies on parents helping out as spotters during the lesson, so please volunteer if you can by contacting the class teacher. Unfortunately due to safety reasons, babies, toddlers or other children not participating in the lesson are not allowed in the pool area during class swimming time. All volunteers need to sign in at the office. A big thank you to all who volunteer to help out with our swimming program, we can't do it without you.

[Calvin Hegvold](#)

[HPE Teacher](#)

Coming Events

Mon 5 Feb	Whole School Assembly 2.15pm Fitness Club Starts
Wed 7	Meet the Teacher Info Sessions 3.15-3.45pm Prep—Year 3 3.45-4.15pm Years 4-6 4.15-5pm Principal's Address
Fri 9	Last Day Payment for Year 6 Camp
Mon 12	Whole School Assembly (Leaders Badge Ceremony)
Thurs 15	Principal's Morning Tea 10.15am
Mon19-23	Year 6 Camp
Fri 23	Year 6 T-Shirt orders Due

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Wed 18 April School Class Photos
Thurs 19 School Class Photos

Wed 12 Sept Extra Curricular Photos

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)

Accompanying Handouts

- ⇒ Various Music Letters
- ⇒ Fitness Club (Selected children)
- ⇒ Namiado School Holiday Soccer Camp Flyer
- ⇒ AFL AusKick Flyer
- ⇒ Ipswich AFC Eagles Flyer
- ⇒ Student Banking Information for Prep, Years 1-3
- ⇒ Book Club Order Forms
- ⇒ Year 6 Camp Information
- ⇒ Leroy Loggins Letter (Indigenous children Yrs 4-6)
- ⇒ Year 6 Shirt Order