

PREP TO YEAR TWO ATTENDANCE

YEAR LEVEL	ATTENDANCE RATE FOR THE YEAR SO FAR
Prep	93.08%
Year One	89.28%
Year Two	92.67%

Well done Prep! Your attendance rate means you are having access to many opportunities every day at school.

*Every minute counts!  
Every day counts!*

**Missed learning = missed opportunities**

READING INSTRUCTION AT SILKSTONE STATE SCHOOL

In all of our Prep to Year 2 classes, and in the rest of the year levels, our students are taking part in a range of reading lessons designed specifically for the individual needs of the students.

Sometimes they are watching the teacher demonstrate a new strategy or how to think out loud while reading to show how words are worked out or how we think to understand the text. Often children see how teachers ask themselves questions;

Does this make sense?  
Does this look right?  
Does this sound right?



After this, students might work with the teacher to read a shared text together. They might practise some of the repetitive parts or the speech from characters that they enjoy. Once they have had some joint practice, they will often work in small groups focused on particular strategies the individual students need to further progress in reading. Each day, to further develop their independent reading skills, students will read more and more challenging texts individually to practice what they have been learning.

Helping at Home with Reading

**Read Together**

Reading to children, even for a few minutes each day, prepares them to read and encourages a positive attitude toward reading. Children who are read to at home learn to read more easily, have a higher vocabulary, and are more likely to develop a love for reading than those who are not read to on a regular basis. Simply put, this cannot be done too early or too often.



**Story-Telling**

Story-telling is a great way to extend your child's language and listening skills, as well as expanding their imagination. Either, you can tell the story, or encourage your child to tell the story. Story-telling could be about:

- A favourite character from a book or television program.
- Another family member.
- Your child's favourite toy.

Here are some tips to start your storytelling:

- Make it exciting, with different voices, puppets, props or a finger play.
- Start with what interests your child.
- Create a character and setting.

Helping at Home with Writing

**Writing Ideas**

Use your child's experiences to create links between talking, writing and reading. Here are some steps to follow:



- Ask your child to talk about an experience or something that interests them.
- Ask your child what part of the conversation they would like you to write.
- As your child is talking write down their ideas. Use the child's language.
- Ask your child to read back the writing.
- Your child may want to draw a picture or create something to match the writing.

**Kellie Stanton**  
Deputy Principal



**UNDER 8'S DAY  
FAMILY PRIZE  
GIVE-AWAY  
\$500 in prizes to be given  
away!!!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Terms and conditions: One entrant per family, entries must be original and no copies will be valid. Place entries in box provided on the day. Winner must be present at prize draw during closing parade on day at approx. 12.15pm



SILKSTONE STATE SCHOOL

Newsletter

10 May 2018

Term 2 Week 4

**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

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

**Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month**

Did you know that May is Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month? Our staff are very aware of the dreadful impact that domestic and family violence can have on adults and children, and in my years as a Principal, I have, far too often seen children and families really suffer because of domestic and family violence. This year, the Department of Education's campaign encourages us all to *do something* to stop domestic and family violence before it starts.

Actions we can all take include:

- challenging gender stereotypes
- modelling respectful relationships
- speaking out if you hear excuses for violence
- celebrating positive role models.



**School Uniform**

As we approach the cooler mornings and days, I'd like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that we all expect Silkstone Students to wear plain, navy blue jumpers or jackets to school. Over the last couple of years we have seen so much improvement in this part of our uniform. Silkstone badged jumpers and jackets are available at the uniform shop. If your budget won't stretch to these, then plain navy jumpers are often available at local stores at reasonable prices. If children arrive at school in other coloured jumpers or jackets, they will be told to remove that type of clothing and they will be offered

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the opportunity to borrow a blue jumper from a washed and clean collection that we maintain in the office. A high standard of uniform reflects pride in our school.

**NAPLAN**

Next week, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, our year 3 and 5 students sit the annual NAPLAN test. Areas tested include Reading, Writing, Grammar and Punctuation, Spelling and Numeracy. While the tests are important, they should not be a stressful experience for children in year 3 and 5. From 8.00am on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday we will be serving a special breakfast for the children involved:

- Tuesday – Sausage Sizzle
- Wednesday – Pancakes
- Thursday – Toast and Fruit.

These breakfasts will be served in the tuckshop covered area from 8.00am.

Have a great fortnight everyone

**Mike Sawbridge**  
Principal



**UNDER 8's DAY 2018  
PREP-Year 2**

**THURSDAY, MAY 24 9.00am-12.30pm**

**CK HALL & MAIN FORCOURT  
9.00am-11.00am Activities & Performances**

**11.00am-11.45am BYO Family Picnic Lunch**

**11.45am-12.15am Closing Parade**

[COMPETITION ENTRY FORM ON BACK PAGE](#)

## P&C Association

### DISCO

**Term 2 Disco will be on Thursday 31 May 2018!** This will be themed "come as your favourite sports team" **Disco doors open at 5pm. Entry is just \$4** and your entry gives you a ticket in the lucky door prize draw.

Our **Disco Café will also be open from 4pm-7pm for a snack/meal.** Parents & Friends come and take a load off on the deck while your children dance the night away! Sausage Sizzle, Chips, Drinks, Tea & Coffee, Cupcakes, Lollies/Chocolates will be available. Please see our Menu below:

Disco Café Menu	
Sausages on Bread	\$2.50
Assorted Drinks	\$2.00
Tea & Coffee	\$2.00
Assorted Cupcakes	\$1.00
Assorted Chips	50c
Lollies/Chocolates	50c

### MEAL DEAL! Sausage on Bread, Drink of Your Choice, Cupcake and Chips all for \$5

We also have our usual Disco Raffle – Win a Fruit Tray or a Meat Tray or a Mystery Prize! Tickets just \$1

**\*\* Want to skip the queue? Pre purchase your Disco Ticket and Meal Deal at the Tuckshop and you will go into the draw for an extra prize! Please see Kasey at the Tuckshop on Monday's between 9am and 2pm**

### MOTHER'S DAY STALL

It's that time of year where we thank our Mum's for all their love and support! We had our **Mother's Day Stall today and it will continue again tomorrow Friday 11 May 2018 in U Block. We will be open 9am to 2pm both days.** Students will be given an opportunity in classes to come and purchase a gift for their mums/nanas/granny's and special people in their lives. Prices start at 50c per item and range up to \$5 per item.

As these stalls are hectic it is imperative that we get ongoing helpers for our fundraising events as these cannot run without your support. **We especially need helpers at our upcoming disco.** If you are able to help for an hour or a whole event any precious time is appreciated, please contact me.

**OUR NEXT P&C MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY 22 MAY 2018 AT 7PM IN THE STAFF ROOM. ALL WELCOME**



**Nichole Coad**  
Secretary 0499 974 578

## Music Notes

What an exciting term ahead of musical activities! Congratulations to the Harmonies Choir who performed beautifully yesterday at the Cancer Council's Big Morning Tea. Listed below are our upcoming "away from school" events for this term.

### Ipswich Junior Eisteddfod

Children in Harmonies Choir, BRASSS Boys, String Ensemble and Concert Band will have brought home a letter today concerning the upcoming eisteddfod. We were presented with a solution concerning the clash with Year 5 camp which means our choirs are still able to compete! Please keep the front page with all the details handy. Also please note that forms and bus money must be returned by the cut-off date or children are unable to attend.

### Band Fanfare

Children in String Ensemble and Band Fanfare have brought home a letter today regarding Band Fanfare being held at Bremer SHS on 12 June. Again, please complete the form and return with bus money before the cut-off date, and keep the front page with details.

### Stringastic Camp and Bandastic Camp

Children in String Ensemble and Band Fanfare have brought home a letter today regarding the District Instrumental camps being held in Week 10 on 18 & 19 June. Children with regular attendances to the ensemble/band practices have been invited. Please return forms and money to the office.

**Linda Weatherhead**  
Music Teacher



## From Deputy Principal Year 5&6

Thank you for the warm welcome to the Silkstone State School community. I am delighted to have been appointed as the Year 5 and 6 Deputy Principal.

Over the last week it has been wonderful visiting classrooms and seeing great learning and teaching taking place. I look forward to building strong relationships with our students and their families over the coming weeks. Please take the time to introduce yourself if you see me around the school.

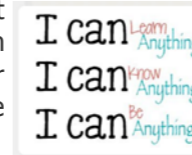
### Eyes Open Social Media Safety

Thank you to the parents and students that attended the Eyes Open Social Media Safety presentation on Wednesday. We trust you found the information in the session useful and that it will support the conversations you have with your child.

**Kate Daly**  
Deputy Principal Years 5 and 6 (Mon–Thurs)

## From Deputy Principal Year 3&4

I would like to share a few simple strategies you can teach your children about the power of a growth mindset. The first thing children need to know is that intelligence isn't fixed – that it can change. It can get stronger or weaker depending on how much effort we are willing to apply.



Teach them that people with a growth mindset believe that they can learn, change and develop needed skills. They are better equipped to handle inevitable setbacks and know that hard work can help them accomplish their goals.

Show your child how to recognize fixed mindset thoughts and how to replace them with growth mindset thoughts.

Don't Say	Do Say
I'm so stupid.	What am I missing?
I'm not good at maths (or any other subject).	I'm going to train my brain in maths (or any other subject).
This is too hard.	This is going to take some time and effort.
I give up!	I'll use some of the strategies I've learned.
I made a mistake.	Mistakes help me improve.
It's good enough.	Is this really my best work?
I can't read.	I'm going to train my brain in reading.
I can't make this any better.	I can always improve: I'll keep trying.
I'll never be as smart as her/him.	I'm going to figure out what she/he does and try it.

What to say when they struggle, despite strong effort:

OK, so you didn't do as well as you wanted to. Let's look at this as an opportunity to learn.

What did you do to prepare for this? Is there anything you could do to prepare differently next time?

When you think you can't do it, remind yourself that you can't do it yet.

I expect you to make some mistakes. It is the kinds of mistakes that you make along the way, that tell me how to support you.

Look at how much progress you made on this. Do you remember how much more challenging this was (yesterday/last week/last year)?

If it were easy, you wouldn't be learning anything!

You can do it – it's tough, but you can; let's break it down into steps.

*For more information on this subject, refer to 'Growth Mindset by Dr Carol Dweck'*

**Shaida Rojic**  
Deputy Principal

## Coming Events

### May

Fri 11 Mother's Day Stall  
Last day for book club orders  
Tues 15 NAPLAN  
Wed 16 NAPLAN  
Thurs 17 NAPLAN  
Fri 18 Ipswich Show Holiday  
Mon 21 Year 5 camp  
Tues 22 P&C meeting  
Wed 23 Year 5 camp students return  
Thurs 24 Under 8's day  
Ipswich Junior Eisteddfod (Senior Band and String Ensemble)  
Ipswich Junior Eisteddfod (Harmonies & BRASSS Boys)  
Disco

### June

Fri 1 Yr 2 Wild Rangers Incursion  
Thurs 7 Principal's Morning Tea  
Tues 12 Band Fanfare  
Mon 18 Ipswich Bandtastic Workshop  
High jump/800 metres  
Ipswich Bandtastic Workshop  
Discus/200 metres  
Thurs 21 Senior Sports Day  
Mon 25 Junior Cross Country  
Tues 26 Senior Cross Country  
Thurs 28 Rewards Day  
Fri 29 Report Card's emailed  
Principal's Morning Tea  
Last day of Term 2

### July

Mon 16 First day term 3  
Mon 23 Sports Development Camp  
Thurs 26 Sport Development Camp students return

### September

Wed 12 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

Ipswich Junior Eisteddfod permission form  
Band Fanfare permission form  
The Wild Rangers Incursion (year 2 only)  
Under 8's Day Parent and Carer's invitation

## Bookclub

We can now accept eftpos at the office for Bookclub, during the normal money window hours of 8.00am–11.00am.