

AGE APPROPRIATE PEDAGOGIES

Age-appropriate pedagogies supports early years teachers to apply a range and balance of teaching approaches and characteristics of quality teaching in their classroom practice. Teachers are supported to align curriculum, age-appropriate pedagogies and assessment to maximise children's engagement in learning and to enhance outcomes.

We all know (and it is research proven) that children learn best when they are actively involved in thinking and talking about their learning. While the Australian Curriculum defines what must be taught in each year level, we are able to use our knowledge of our students to work out the most effective ways for students to learn what the curriculum expects them to learn each year.



Kellie Stanton
Deputy Principal

At Silkstone State School, we think about;

- what our students are interested in,
- what they already know,
- what they need to know,
- how they like to learn, and
- how they communicate.

We use all of this knowledge about students to work out the best way to deliver learning. For example, when learning about letters and sounds we are not limited to one technique. In each classroom, we are able to find a lot of different ways to practice and learn the names of letters and the sounds they make in ways the students find fun. Here are some examples of ways to learn letters and sounds;



Remember, to get the most out of each learning opportunity we need to be at school on time and at school every day.

Every minute counts!
Every day counts!

Missed learning = missed opportunities!

From the Sports Desk

Grades 4 – 6 are doing Physical Education out on the fields and oval this term. They will be doing athletics, ball games, and preparing for cross country later in the term. ALL year 4 – 6 students will need a hat and suitable footwear (joggers, no "slipper"-type shoes) to participate in HPE each week.

As previously mentioned, Ipswich Zone Cross Country is on Tuesday 1 May. All students turning 10 – 12 who are excellent cross country runners need to see Mr H as soon as possible to register your interest in this event.

Sport s Development Program students are offered optional before school training, Monday's, Wednesday's and Friday's at 8.00am. All students to meet under A block.

Calvin Hegvold
PE Teacher



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Newsletter

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Term 2 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

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

A warm welcome back to all our students, staff and families for the start of term 2. We had a good start to the term last week, so thank you to all families for ensuring that children were ready for the start of school, and to all staff at the school for being so well prepared for the beginning of a new term. There are of course a number of public holidays in the first half of this term. ANZAC Day falls on the 25th and it is again, this year, my privilege to be hosting the Annual Commemorative Service at Cameron Park on Wednesday 25th April. Our School Service was held on Monday 23rd. Lest We Forget. ANZAC day is closely followed by the Labour Day Public Holiday and the Ipswich Show Holiday.

During the school holidays, we received the very sad news that one of our long serving teacher-aides, Mrs Kathy Stumer, passed away after a lengthy and courageous battle with cancer. Our thoughts and prayers have been with Kathy's family. Her 'Celebration of Life' was very well attended and showed how highly Kathy was regarded within the community. Kathy will be missed by many, many friends, colleagues and family members.

After the departure of Mrs Taylor, Miss Harris and the temporary absence of Miss Pink, we have employed some new school leaders. Mrs Kate Daly will commence as Deputy Principal for year 5 and 6 at the start of week 3. Mrs Shaida Rojc will commence as Deputy Principal for year 3 and 4 in week 2, and Ms Anita Johnson will replace Miss Pink from week 3. We look forward to welcoming our new school leaders to our team, and I know that all staff, students and families will give them a warm welcome.

Term 2 is NAPLAN term for year 3 and 5 students. I encourage all students to participate in NAPLAN.

This National Test, although only a point-in-time snapshot of student performance, does give us some useful data about how our school is tracking and how your children are doing. NAPLAN does not need to be, and shouldn't be built up as a stressful experience for students. Parents will receive an individual student report later in the year.

The expectations remain the same for students in term 2! Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be an Active Learner. For those students who consistently show this, then we look forward to celebrating with them at Principal's Morning Tea, Rewards Days etc.

Have a great fortnight everyone,
Mike Sawbridge
Principal

Eyes Open Social Media Safety

Eyes Open Social Media Safety Talk - Wednesday, 9 May

Social media awareness and cyber safety

Year 5 Session - 12:30-1:30
Year 6 Session - 2:00-3:00
Parent Session - 6:00-7:30

Please complete the permission note included with this newsletter.

If you do not have a child in Year 5 or Year 6, you are still welcome to attend the parent session from 6:00-7:30 at Silkstone School. Please note that children are not permitted to attend this presentation as the material is designed for parents and is unsuitable for children. If you would like to attend, please complete the return slip.

Year 5 Camp Currimundi

Monday 21 May; Tuesday 22 May and Wednesday 23 May

Please note that camp payment of \$210 is to be paid by 4 May.

P&C Association

Welcome to Term 2! We are now in full swing and heading towards the following events!

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 will be having our **Mother's Day Stall on Thursday 10 and 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. 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



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Secretary 0499 974 578

Tuckshop

Please don't forget about online ordering!

You can now order your child's lunch online 24/7 up to a month in advance.

Go to www.munchmonitor.com

Username: silkstoness

Password: munch4304

Click "sign up" and follow the steps to create your account

More information is available from the Tuckshop.

Janelle Schloss

Tuckshop convenor

Music Notes

Anzac Services

Thank you to the Year 5 & 6 Harmonies Choir children who sang at the Cameron's Park service and the Girls' Choir who sang at the school's service. You sang well and participated with great respect on these special occasions. Well done to Nora Timu and Hannah Hollier who led the anthems and hymns at the services.

Harmonies Choir – Morning Tea

Harmonies Choir has been invited to sing at The Cancer Council's Big Morning Tea on May 9. A letter has come home today with all Harmonies Choir children. Please return the permission form to the Music Room or office.

Upcoming Eisteddfod

A letter will come home in Week 4 concerning the eisteddfod.



Linda Weatherhead
Music Teacher

Uniform Shop

Uniform shop opening hours are reduced for terms 2 & 3. We are open on Thursday's from 1.30pm to 3.30pm.

Report Cards

Report cards will be emailed 29 June. Please make sure ALL of your contact details are up to date with the office. This ensures you receive your child's report card without any delays.

Lost Property

Please make sure that all of your child's items are named. This helps us return lost property to them quickly. All clothing without a name is donated at the end of each term, to a local charity. The lost property box is located at the office.

From Deputy Principal Year 3&4

It is with great enthusiasm that I take up the position of Deputy Principal for Years 3 and 4 at Silkstone State School.

I come to this school from the position of Head of Teaching and Learning at Marshall Road State School and with over 15 years experience in different roles including, Head of Teaching Innovation and Performance, Gifted Education Mentor, Classroom Teacher (Years 3 – 7), Science Spark facilitator, Digital Pedagogical Coach and Learning Support Teacher. I trust that my diverse skills set and experience will allow me to make a valuable contribution to this role.

Over the next few weeks I look forward to invoke my energy and passion into learning about Silkstone's culture and actively seek opportunities to build sustainable, nurturing relationships with students, staff, families and the wider community. I will be visiting years 3 and 4 classrooms to see students at work, as well as, making time whilst on duty to chat and meet as many students as possible.

I would like to share a quote with you which resonates with me as an educator,

"Students don't care how much you know until they know how much you care."

Shaida Rojc
Deputy 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

Coming Events

May

Tues 1	Ipswich Zone Cross Country
Fri 4	Final day for camp payment
Mon 7	Labour Day Public Holiday
Wed 9	Harmonies Choir Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea
	Eyes Open Social Media Safety Talk
Thurs 10	Principal's Morning Tea
	Mother's Day Stall
Fri 11	Mother's Day Stall
Fri 18	Ipswich Show Holiday
Mon 21	Year 5 camp
Thurs 24	Under 8's day
Thurs 31	Disco

June

Thurs 7	Principal's Morning Tea
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
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September

Wed 12	Extra Curricular Photos
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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

Grasshopper Soccer flyer
GKR Karate flyer
2018 Calendar
Book club issue 3
Harmonies Choir letter
Ipswich District Cross Country Carnival (selected students)

Payments due

Student Resource Scheme—second instalment to be paid before end of term 2.

Interschool sports fee— Full payment is due before the last game of the season.

Year 5 camp—to be paid in full no later than Friday 4 May