

## From Deputy Principal Prep - Year 2

It is important that students are able to retell the stories they have read or have had read to them. This demonstrates whether a student has really understood the text. When asking your child to retell the story, you may like to prompt them in the following ways:

1. Tell me what happened in the beginning of the story.
2. Tell me what happened in the middle of the story.
3. Tell me what happened in the end of the story.
4. Tell me about the characters.
5. Tell me about the setting.



It is great when children are able to retell the story in their own words.

In Prep E, they have been acting out fairy tales, which requires the children to retell the story. Take a look at the characters in the front row. Do you recognise this popular fairy tale? ... *trip, trap*.



Knowing the months of the year, helps students to understand calendars. In 1B, students were learning the months of the year by singing a catchy song. Ask your child to name the month of the year, the month before and the month after. Look at 1B

singing proudly.

Last week, the Year 2 students were fortunate to listen to a talk from Wild Rangers and hold some very interesting creatures. For many of our students, it was the first time that they had held a snake or a crocodile. How exciting! The students have been learning about living things as part of their Science unit and using this information to write an information report. The presenter was very impressed with the students' behaviour and the knowledge they demonstrated at the sessions. Well done, Year 2.



Sally-Anne Weise  
Acting Deputy Principal

## Casual Crossing Supervisor Position Vacant

A casual position exists for a School Crossing Supervisor at Silkstone State School. **Applications close 15 June 2018.** Application packs are available from the Silkstone State School Office. Please see attached flyer for details.

## Premier's Reading Challenge

In last week's newsletter, students received a letter about the 2018 Premier's Reading Challenge and a Student Reader Record form. Prep to Year 2 students need to read or experience 20 books, students in Years 3 and 4 need to read 20 books and students in Years 5 and 6 need to read 15 books. Experiencing books can include shared reading, listening to stories, or reading picture books. Completed Student Reader Record forms are to be handed into your child's class teacher by Friday, 24 August. If your child has misplaced their form, they can obtain another one from the school office.

**Every student who completes the Challenge will receive a Certificate of Achievement signed by the Premier. All students who complete The Challenge at Silkstone will go in the draw to receive a book of their choice. There will be one book prize for each class.**

Happy Reading!

## P&C Association

Thank you to all our students, parents, teachers and volunteers that attended and helped at our disco. We raised over \$1900 for our school! That's a fantastic contribution to our fundraising goals.

We have pie drive forms going home with this newsletter. Please remember that order forms will need to be returned by 19 June, CASH ONLY, to the orange box in the office. Collection date will be 27 June between 11am and 1pm in the hall.

Your P&C association want to hear from you and we want you to be involved. If you have any questions, ideas or feedback please come along to our next meeting, Tuesday 26 June at 7pm, in the staffroom. We hope to see you there!

**Kasey Marshall**  
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## From the Sports Desk

Silkstone Track and Field Carnival Week 10  
High Jump/800m – Monday 18 June  
Discus/200m – Tuesday 19 June  
Senior Sports Day (Sprints/Shot Put/Long Jump/Ball Games) – Thursday 21 June

Cross Country Week 11  
Junior Cross Country – Monday 25 June  
Senior Cross Country – Tuesday 26 June

Cross Country Permission notes go out this week. Students are not allowed to compete in the Cross Country unless a completed permission note has been returned to the class teacher.

Sports Development Program Sports Excellence Camp is on 23 – 26 July.

Permission and medical notes have gone out and must be returned as soon as possible.  
Final payment due Friday 22 June.



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# SILKSTONE STATE SCHOOL

## Newsletter

7 June 2018

Term 2 Week 8

**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,

The end of our first semester is fast approaching. All of our students have been working very hard and teachers will be working on preparing their end of semester report cards once assessment is complete. As the Australian Curriculum is written around an end of year expectation and standard, this report card at the end of the term lets you know how your child/ren are progressing towards achieving the end of year standard for their grade.

As previously outlined by Mr Sawbridge in recent newsletters, this report card will show achievement levels for each area of the Australian Curriculum. There will not be a comment for each subject, but there will be an overall comment at the end of the report. If you would like further information concerning your child's performance in a particular subject area, then there will be an opportunity to participate in a parent-teacher interview in Term 3. Additionally, parents are welcome to make an appointment to discuss their child's progress with the classroom teacher at any time in the year. You would have received a sample of what this report card format looks like with a letter that came home with the eldest children last week.

## Reminder of Expectations

At Silkstone State School our behaviour expectations are: **Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be an Active learner.** This week we will again host a Principal's Morning Tea to celebrate the achievements of those students who maintain all four expectations to a high standard every day.

Please have conversations with your children around how they are meeting these expectations or what they need to practice to be more successful in their interactions with others. We involve students in regular discussions about ways we demonstrate these expectations and we

deliver lessons to teach what each of these expectations mean, within both the classroom and playground context. We must remember that students are learning and sometimes this means that they will make inappropriate choices. To support them to learn from these choices, it is important to help students accept responsibility for their choices (and consequences). Students who are able to do this are better equipped to learn from their mistake and make better choices when they face a similar issue or emotion in the future.

## Preparing for Prep Enrolments in 2019

We are approaching the time of year where we start planning for our newest recruits to school life. Please let family, friends and neighbours know that our enrolments for new Prep students are now open for 2019. Our annual Prep Enrolment Information day will be held in the school hall at 9:30am on the 22 August 2018. We welcome all families who would like to hear about what we can offer at Silkstone State School. Those students who live within our catchment will have an enrolment interview scheduled after this day. Students who live outside our catchment area will be able to sign up to our waiting list. We offer interviews and enrolment to those families first on a 'first come, first served' basis depending on the number of places we have available in Prep. Warm regards everyone.

**Kellie Stanton**  
**Acting Principal**



## Music Notes

BRASS Monday 8am  
 Senior Band Tuesday 7.50 - 8.50am  
 Girls Choir Tuesday 11am  
 Harmonies Wednesday 7.50am  
 String Ensemble Thursday 7.50 - 8.50am

### Ipswich Junior Eisteddfod Results

What a fabulous but busy 2 days we had! Once again our music children not only performed well but represented our school brilliantly! I felt very proud to say we were from Silkstone SS. A big thank you to Mr Ramm for accompanying our choirs, to Ms Lewis and Ms Hampson for their hard work with the Instrumental children, to Ms Mansfield for helping us at the eisteddfod and to the many parents and grandparents who not only came to hear their children perform but also helped with transporting children to Inter-School Sport on the Friday! Congratulations to Lily Nguyen who competed in vocal solos at the Eisteddfod and gained Highly Commended awards.

String Ensemble – 3<sup>rd</sup> place  
 B.R.A.S.S.S. Boys' Choir – 3<sup>rd</sup> place  
 Harmonies Choir – 1<sup>st</sup> place and winners of the Choral Society Cup (which we get to keep!)

### Band Fanfare

Our next event coming up is Band Fanfare for the String Ensemble and Concert Band on Thursday 12 June. Forms and bus money need to be returned to school no later than Monday 11 June. Please keep the letter sent home as it will give you all the information you will need for this event. Should your child have misplaced this letter, you can obtain another form from the Music Room or the office. No forms and money will be accepted on the day of the event. It is suggested that children wear their Music Uniform to school that day.

### Stringtastic and Bandtastic Camps

The closing date has passed for these camps so forms are no longer able to be accepted.

**Linda Weatherhead**  
 Music Teacher

## National Breast Cancer Foundation

We all know someone personally or know of someone who has fought the breast cancer battle and 'won' or 'lost'. The statistics show that it is the most common cancer facing Australian women, with eight women dying from the disease each day – mothers, sisters, wives, daughters and friends.

The National Breast Cancer Foundation (NBCF) is the only national body that funds life – changing breast cancer research with money raised entirely by the Australian public. Research is the only way to prevent deaths and improve how breast cancer is diagnosed.



The NBCF is hosting Pink Week June 18 – 24 this year and Silkstone we need your help! We have decided that this year we would host a pink day **where students can wear as little or as much pink as they desire all for a gold coin donation.** Please ensure the clothing you choose abides by our **sun safe policy** at Silkstone. The date chosen for this **PINK** event will be **Wednesday 20 June 2018.** Put it in your calendars and even ask for donations from your family and friends. Let us make this **PINK** day a day to remember!

## From Deputy Principal Year 3&4

### Time to celebrate parents!



Global Day of Parents 1<sup>st</sup> June

The Global Day of Parents is observed on 1 June every year. The Day was proclaimed by the UN General Assembly in 2012 and honours parents throughout the world. The Global Day provides an opportunity to appreciate all parents in all parts of the world for their selfless commitment to children and their lifelong sacrifice towards nurturing this relationship. Parents of every race, religion, culture and nationality in all parts of the world are the primary caregivers and teachers of their children, preparing them for a happy, fulfilling and productive life. Parents are the anchors of the family and the foundation of our communities and societies.

### Every day counts !

Is your child at school today?	Attendance Rate (May)	
	Year 3 – 92%	Year 4 – 87%

As we are approaching the midpoint of the school year, just a reminder for parents and caregivers, that regular attendance of students at school is important. Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance at school is associated, on average, with higher student achievement. Regular school attendance will mean that your child has a better chance in life. Attending school every day helps children to build social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience.

**How many days of school has your child missed?** If you are having problems getting your child to school contact the school as soon as possible for advice and support. It's not too late to get back on track so he/she can have a successful school year.

**Behaviour Expectation Reminders** Our school expectations below ensure that Silkstone State School is a safe, respectful and wonderful place to learn and play.

This week I would like to remind all year 3 and 4 students to:

1. Be in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing.
2. Keep hands, feet, objects and comments to yourself.
3. Treat all adults and students in the school with respect.
4. Follow adult directions.
5. Be organised, ready and prepared to learn.

**Shaida Rojc**  
 Deputy Principal

## From Deputy Principal Year 5 & 6

Year 6 Bundamba Technology Experience Day

Last Thursday Bundamba State Secondary College hosted our Year 6 students for a Technology experience day. The day was aimed at showcasing the range of learning activities available at Bundamba to support Technology, a learning area of the Australian Curriculum. Students participated in woodwork, robotics and home economics. They created spinners, made finger puppets and programmed robots to move through a course. It was a highly engaging experience day full of unique experiences and learning.



All students present on the day have been acknowledged for their outstanding behaviour and active participation. Congratulations to the teachers and students involved in a very successful day.



**Kate Daly**  
 Deputy Principal (Mon-Thurs)

## Donations from ANZAC Committee

On behalf of all of the Silkstone Staff and Students, we would like to thank the families who have gifted us some wonderful books to be added to our Library. These books are valuable in remembering those who have served our country. We greatly appreciate this offer and know they will be a treasured resource by our school community.



Thank you very much to the Garioch, Ryan, Pears and Griffiths families!

**Rebecca Nykvist**  
 Teacher

## Coming Events

### June

Thurs 7 Principal's Morning Tea  
 Fri 8 Bookclub due  
 Mon 11 Band Fanfare last day for payment \$7  
 Tues 12 Band Fanfare  
 Mon 18 Ipswich Bandtastic Workshop  
 High jump/800 metres  
 Predators and Prey—1B & 1D  
 Tues 19 Ipswich Bandtastic Workshop  
 Discus/200 metres  
 Pie Drive orders and money due  
 Predators and Prey—1A, 1C & 1E  
**Pink Day (gold coin donation)**  
 Thurs 21 Senior Sports Day  
 Fri 22 Last day of interschool sport  
 Interschool sports payment due  
 SD Camp last day for payment  
 Mon 25 Junior Cross Country  
 Tues 26 Senior Cross Country  
 P&C meeting 7.00pm in staffroom  
 Wed 27 Pie Drive order pick up - 11-1 in the hall  
 Thurs 28 Rewards Day  
 Fri 29 Report Card's emailed  
 Principal's Morning Tea 10.15am Charles Kinne Hall  
 Last day of Term 2

### July

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

### August

Wed 22 Prep enrolment info day 9.30am in hall  
 Fri 24 Premier's reading forms due  
 Star Lab last day for payment

### September

Mon 3 Star Lab Education Program Year 1  
 (Changes Around Me)  
 Wed 12 Extra Curricular Photos

### Money Window

Open Monday to Friday 8am - 11am (only)  
 EFTPOS is available between 8am—11am also

### 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)

*Please check the LOST PROPERTY box regularly. We have some clothing left over from the recent year 5 camp. ALL UNCLAIMED ITEMS ARE DONATED TO A LOCAL CHARITY AT THE END OF EACH TERM*

## Accompanying Handouts

**Pie Drive Order Forms**  
**School Cross Country permission forms**  
**Year 1 Star Lab letter and permission form**  
**Crossing Supervisor casual position vacant flyer**