

# SILKWOOD

## STATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

**2009**  
**Newsletter**

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Tuesday  
21st July  
2009

Next P & C Assn Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday each month Monday **10 August**

## Confidence

- Confidence is having faith in someone.
- Self-confidence is trusting that you have what it takes to handle whatever happens.
- You feel sure of yourself and enjoy trying new things, without letting doubts or fears hold you back.
- When you have confidence in others, you rely on them.

### Events-

11 May to 21 August 2009

- 2009 Premiers' Reading Challenge

July 20 - Monday

- P & C Assn
- Monthly Meeting – 7.30pm

August 1-8-15

- Ceramics Workshops

August 19 – Wednesday

- SMC – Athletics Carnival – Field Events – nominated students

August 21 – Friday

- SMC – Athletics Carnival
- All Students

July 29 August 19  
September 16

- Maths Olympiad

September 9 – Wednesday

- Readers Cup

September 12 Saturday

- Fancy Dress Ball

September 18 Friday

- Walk-a-thon

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

A letter from the Acting Deputy Director-General of Education Queensland, Lyn McKenzie, has been included with weekly Newsletter. The letter refers to possible strike action by our teachers at this school and throughout North Queensland next Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> July. Please read the letter carefully.

At this point, I am not aware of what adult supervision may be available at the school on the 30<sup>th</sup> of July.

Any information concerning the strike and its impact on families will be given out as soon as it becomes available.

I do realize that the strike may inconvenience some families but unfortunately at this point, it is unavoidable.

## Athletics Training ....

### Silkwood/Mena Creek Athletics Carnival

I will be starting after-school training ..

- next **Tuesday 28 July**
- for children who were selected to represent the school in
  - High Jump, Long Jump and Shot Put.
- Training starts at 3.20pm and
- finish at 4.15pm.

It is not designed to be too strenuous.

We should be able to fit in about four or five training sessions before the Inter-School sports.

I will need permission notes so that I know that parents have given their permission for children to stay behind after school.

Yesterday afternoon, Mrs Hunt and I attended the term meeting of the Silkwood / Mena Creek Sports' Association at South Johnstone School. The main discussion topic was ..

### Inter-School Athletics Carnival

which will be held on ...

- **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August** for Field events and
  - *Selected students to compete*
- **Friday 21st August** for Sprints, Relays and Ball Games
  - *All students to participate*

This year, for various reasons, it was decided to hold the Carnival at

- *Mundoo State School.*

The students at Mundoo will be away on the 21<sup>st</sup> as they will be attending their own inter-school athletics carnival at Goondi.

## Library News

### Reader's Cup

A group of students in Year 7 are busily preparing for the Reader's Cup competition. These students must read a selection of 5 books in preparation for contesting the Reader's Cup competition to be held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

This year the venue for the contest will be Echo Creek at King Ranch.

This year's titles are:

#### "Tom Tom"

by Rosemary Sullivan

#### "Sisi and the Cassowary"

by Arone Raymond Meeks

#### "The Barrumbi Kids"

by Leonie Norrington

#### "Beware"

by Pat Flynn

#### "Who am I? The Diary of Mary Talence"

by Anita Heiss

### Borrowing

It was great to see so many students so keen to borrow after the holidays.

\*\*\*Just a reminder to parents and students that if they want to take books home from the library, they need a library bag.

Keep reading!

 Sarah Taifalos

- Change of venue should not create any problem, and parking may need to be taken into consideration.
- The tuck shop will be run by South Johnstone and orders will be sent out as we get closer to the carnival.

I am sure that we will have a good day if the weather stays fine.

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### **P & C Assn ...**

It was decided at last night's P and C meeting that our **Beach Night** which is the theme for our **Fancy Dress Ball** will be held on **Saturday 12th September**, the week before the end of term.

There will be a BBQ dinner available and the usual items on sale.

Our **Walk-a-thon** will be held on the last Friday of term with Sausage sizzle for lunch.

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### **Red Claw Journal ...**

Yesterday, our Prep to Year 2's had an opportunity to visit our Red Claw pond and observe the Red Claw during feeding.

Children were very excited about the visit and just through observation saw how the Red Claw move and feed.

I am planning a program where students regularly visit the pond, under the direction of teachers. Students will observe and report scientific observations of red claw growth, feeding patterns and habitat.

Red Claw are a fascinating creatures. For their project, the Year 6 and 7 classes are researching information on the creature via ...

- the Internet,
- the Library and
- from our local community

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### **Staff ....**

Alexis Bryde, a second year student teacher, is with our Y3/4/5 classroom for two weeks practicum.

Jae-Marie Edwards, a past pupil and first year student teacher, has been volunteering her holiday time with our younger students.

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### **Old Cancer Council ...**

Yana Jones, Nurse of the Year Entrant for the Queensland Cancer Council will be at school tomorrow to present a tree for the school to plant and give a short talk on sun safety.

### **Children's Cancer Institute Australia**

A donation, ( \$103.00) raised on our End-of-Term Free Dress, was presented to Mrs Carolyn Balke, last week on School Parade.

Carolyn and Sally Cockbain are cycling from Townsville to Cairns BigW fundraising event for children's cancer research.

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Until Next Newsletter

*Jim Ferguson* Principal

