

# SILKWOOD

## STATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

**2009**  
**Newsletter**

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**Tuesday**  
**28 July**  
**2009**

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

## Diligence

- Diligence is working hard and doing your absolute best.
- You take special care by doing things step by step.
- Diligence helps you to get things done with excellence and enthusiasm.
- Diligence leads to success.

### Events-

11 May to 21 August 2009

- 2009 Premiers' Reading Challenge

August - 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,

Last week, two representatives from QBuild inspected the school prior to replacing the roof on the main building.

This has been on the books for some time and it looks like it will finally be done by this November.

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**National School Tree Day** ... Last Wednesday, we had a visit from Miss Yana Jones who is representing Innisfail in the *Nurse of the Year Entrant for the Queensland Cancer Council*. Yana talked to the children on the importance of Sun Safety and also presented the school with a number of book marks and postcards, as well as a tree which we will plant in the near future.

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## Ceramics Workshops

This Saturday a number of our teachers and members of the community have enrolled in our first Pottery class at the school. It will be run over the next three Saturdays and hopefully by the end of the course our teachers will have a good idea of how to use what they have learned in their classrooms with the children. It will be very interesting to finally see our kiln up and running after such a long wait.

➤ There are three vacancies available; if you are interested please contact the school.

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At this point in time, the proposed QTU Strike which would have involved teachers at our school this Thursday, has now been rescheduled for next

- Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> August.

I am waiting for further information coming from both the QTU and Education Queensland and as soon as this arrives I will let people know what is going on. At this point in time all teachers at the school will be involved in the strike.

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## **Human Swine Influenza**

As we now have reports of individuals with swine flu in our area, it is important that parents take preventative measures if they suspect that their child or children are suffering from the illness.

Queensland schools have played an important role in helping contain the spread of H1N1 Influenza 09 (Human Swine Influenza) in Queensland.

With Australia now moving to a new 'protect' phase, Queensland's policy of school exclusions and closing schools to students concluded at the end of term 2 on Friday June 26.

While restrictions are being eased, it is important to stay vigilant, practise good hygiene and seek medical advice if children are showing the symptoms of Human Swine Influenza.

The **best course of action** is that if you child is displaying symptoms take him or her the doctor and if it is swine flu then keep your child home and out of contact with others.

**The symptoms** of Human Swine Influenza are similar to those of seasonal influenza, including fever, cough, sore throat, runny or blocked nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue.

**Preventative measures** include:

- washing hands frequently with soap and water or using an alcohol-based hand gel
- washing hands prior to touching eyes, nose or mouth
- when coughing or sneezing, covering the mouth and nose with tissues which should be disposed of.

Should you have further questions about Human Swine Flu, please contact the school or visit the Department's website at [www.deta.qld.gov.au](http://www.deta.qld.gov.au) where you will find an informative range of questions and answers.

## **Hygiene ...**

I would also ask parents to please keep an eye on their children's hygiene and their appearance.

I know with this cold weather that some children may be reluctant to give themselves a good wash in the mornings but we have been noticing children arriving at school with clothes that they wore the day before and hands and faces in need of a scrub down.

Children are also getting into the habit of wearing tattoos and drawing on themselves. I know that tattoos seem to be the norm of most of the footballers we see on TV at the moment but children drawing on themselves with biro or putting on fake tattoos is not a very nice image for any child unless it is for a worthy cause.

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## **Study / Survey ...**

University of Queensland, School of Psychology wish to conduct a survey looking at the issue of youth and family in Queensland.

Study is being conducted by Natalie Doyle (not the Natalie Doyle from Silkwood) who is a Doctoral candidate at UQ. She is asking for parents to give permission for their children aged from 10 to 18 to be used in the survey.

It is not compulsory and any parent not wishing their child to participate need not send the Consent Form back.

Those who do wish to take part need to send the consent form back as soon as possible.

The Youth and Family Health Project will investigate an emerging and poorly understood social crisis: the adverse impacts of caregiving on youth who have a parent with an illness and /or disability.

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Until Next Newsletter

*Jim Ferguson* Principal



### **• Silkwood State School**

We are seeking Expression of Interest from parents who would be willing to attend an

- Introductory 2 hour Session of Triple P
- at the school on

- Tuesday morning 25 August

