Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Welcome back
I’d like to welcome all of our new and returning families to our community. We hope you’ve all had a wonderful, relaxing break and are ready for the 2017 school year! Term one is shaping up to be a very busy term, with only 8 weeks left until Easter holidays!!! Hard to believe! We look forward to working with you all this year and getting to know the 7 new families to our school community!

Our classes for 2017 are as follows:
P/1 with Mrs McLeish
1/2/3 with Mrs Bullman & Mrs Thomson
4/5/6 with Mrs Monti (Mon/Tues) & Ms Mohammed (Wed-Fri)

While we are more than happy to consult with you in regards to your child’s education – I’m sure you can appreciate we are often busy preparing for our work day each morning. Therefore, if you have any questions about your child’s education – please make an appointment to speak with your child’s teacher.

Specialist Timetable
Tuesday – Instrumental Music - Strings with Ms Berry/Woodwind, Brass and Percussion with Mr Schilling
Tuesday – Religion
Thursday – LOTE (Italian)
Wednesday & Thursday – Library with Mrs Taifalos
Thursday – H.P.E. with Mr Henson
Friday – Music with Mrs McGillivray
Wednesday (even weeks) – Guidance with Mrs Hoskins
Daily – Reading Intervention with Nicky and Alfina

Welcome back to all staff – especially to those new staff joining our wonderful team this year!

We are very excited to announce that Silkwood SS will participate in the Cluster Woodwind, Brass and Percussion Instrumental Music Program this year! Students in years 4-6 will have the choice to learn one of the instruments in the programs, should they wish. Notes will be sent home with those students.

Australia Day Nomination
Our school and Centenary Celebrations were proudly nominated for an Australia Day Community Event of the Year Award, which recognised the commitment, hard work and dedication displayed by our staff, students, parents, P&C and community members in the lead up to and on the day of our Centenary.

Many thanks to Alfina Barbagallo for taking the time to nominate our school for this honourable and prestigious award.

School Fees
Parents, please ensure school book fees are finalised by the end of this week as students will not be permitted to use the allocated textbooks until the fees are paid.

Attendance – What the law says
Under the law, you must make sure your child is enrolled and attends school on ALL school days unless you have a reasonable excuse. You must not keep your child away from school for minor reasons. Under the law, schools must monitor attendance of students and follow up with parents and caregivers any unexplained absences. Silkwood State School – aiming for 97% attendance!!

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Office Hrs: Mon-Thurs 8:30am to 3:30pm
Fri 8:30am to 12:30pm

School Watch: 13 17 88
P&C Association Meeting is held once a month. President: Belinda Santarossa
Next Meeting: 13th February @ 6pm

DATES TO REMEMBER

February Mon 6th
GRIP Leadership Forum

February Tue 7th
School Banking commences

February Mon 13th
P&C Meeting 6pm

March Mon 6th
School Photos

March Mon 20th
Swimming Program commences

March Wed 29th
Swimming Carnival

March Thu 20th
Year 6 Transition Day at ISC

Week 1 Attendance Award

Winners

Year P/1 with 97.8% attendance!
P&C News

Welcome back to the new school year at Silkwood State School.

A warm reunion with our returning families and a special welcome to the many new families that have joined our great little school.

What an honour!

Thank you to Alfina Barbagallo for nominating Silkwood State School’s Centenary Celebrations in the Community Event of the Year category of the Cassowary Coast Regional Council’s Australia Day Awards.

Ms Mohammed and I attended the ceremony on Australia Day and although we were not lucky enough to win the category on the day, the school and the centenary committee is very proud to be recognised within the community for the efforts that went into making the Centenary the success it was.

Keep an Eye Out

Please read over the flyer attached which tells you, in detail about the P&C and what it does.

We encourage all parents to be involved and volunteer in some capacity to better your child’s education and experiences here at Silkwood State School.

Uniforms

New Hats - Have you seen the new hats? Don’t they look great?! New hats are $15 and you can get them from the P&C Uniform Shop now. Preferred time for uniform sales is a Thursday morning, but someone can usually help you before school if you can’t make it on a Thursday.

We have plenty of stock of all uniforms, including sports shirts and Centenary shirts. We also have available, plain black shorts in a variety of sizes for $15 each.

Reminder

P&C AGM WILL BE HELD IN MARCH.....
ALL POSITIONS WILL BECOME AVAILABLE..... CONSIDER TAKING ON A POSITION IN THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.....
YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!!

Is it BULLYING?
When someone says or does something unintentionally hurtful and they do it once, that’s RUDE.
When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they do it once, that’s MEAN.
When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they keep doing it – even when you tell them to stop or show them that you’re upset – that’s BULLYING.

Bus Etiquette

Parents – if your child is catching the bus, please remind them of the rules when travelling on public transport to ensure all guidelines are met and all bus travel is done in a safe and respectful manner. For more information, please contact your child’s bus company.

Thank you to the lovely ladies who volunteered in the Uniform Shop on the Student Free Days and on the first few days of the new school year...you know who you are!

Parents/carers—does your child require medication during school hours? Relevant forms are available from the school office or you can find out more information at ppr.det.qld.gov.au

Do we have your current contact details? If your child is absent without an explanation, state schools will now notify you on the day. Please contact the school office to notify us of any change to your contact details.

Until next newsletter, Khadeeja Mohammed, Principal

From the Year P-1 Classroom....

Thank you to parents for providing all the necessary items for school. Most children have settled well into classroom routines and are beginning to recognise their books and equipment thanks to your careful attention to labelling and covering. We are currently developing morning routines for changing books and getting ready for the day. Prep parents are encouraged to come into the classroom to help their children with the new routine.

For those who have not brought the spare items listed or provided all items on the booklet, please do so as soon as possible. Workbook packs need to be paid for as students will not be given books until they are paid for, or a payment plan is put in place. Please call Mrs Austin in the office to arrange payment.

Children have started their daily home reading, homework and sight words. It is essential that parents look in their child’s bag every afternoon and help their child with their revision tasks for the day. When a routine is established most children will happily read, chant sight words or play games and do the sound activities as long as there is some parental involvement. Homework is fully explained in the homework book, but if you have further questions please come in to see me or call the school. For short enquiries please see me before 8:10am. For anything which may require a longer discussion, please arrange to make an appointment after school.

Please consider what is going into your child’s lunch box. We have two breaks and an optional snack in the morning so children should have two or three healthy portions of food each day which will enable them to learn to the best of their ability. Chips and lollies should be kept at home.

If you need to pick up your child early from class for any reason, please see Mrs Austin in the office to sign them out. Unless it is necessary for early pick up, please wait outside until your child comes out at 3pm as this causes minimum disruption to other students.

We are very excited to have so many new Preps in our school and look forward to working with our new students and meeting with our new families.

Mrs McLeish, Miss Alison & Miss Belinda

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From the Year 1/2/3 Classroom...

The children in Year 1/2/3 have started the year with a very enthusiastic attitude to their learning. They were asked how they felt about their new year level and their responses were as follows:

I am nervous because I am in the oldest grade in my class. My favourite colours are blue and red. My favourite number is 1140. - Aiden

It feels great in my new year level - Grade 3. We get to learn more things. - Cameron

Being a Grade 3 is hard, but when you get used to it you will know what it is like. It will be hard and easy at the same time. Sometimes I will get nervous and sometimes it will be a good day. - Giorgia

I feel good in Year 3. I like it and I like doing work and I love counting. I can’t wait for Year 4. I like it here. - Keira

I like Grade 3 because it is fun and great. When I come to school I always bring my best effort. - Shiloh

I love the new grade I’m in. The class is lovely. Everyone is nice. I’m a little bit nervous, but I’m fine. I love the work I do. JEMMS is my favourite work. I sometimes make mistakes, but it doesn’t matter. It’s incredible how the year threes are so intelligent. - Chelsea

I feel happy and welcome and nervous. I like JEMMS and Maths, also Art and Science. We learn lots more stuff than last year. My desk is in a good spot. I like my class. - Julia

I feel happy to be in this class. It has been one and a half weeks now at Silkwood State School and two years in P/1/2. I love this school so so much. - Harpah

I like Year 2. It is good. - Hailey

I like it in my year level, especially on Friday. I like the Art and the interesting things we learn. - Darcy

I feel nervous because it has only been one and a half weeks in my new year level, but I still have my friends so I could like it. - Julian

We do lots of fun stuff. I feel happy. It is great to be in this classroom. - Lily

I feel happy because there is so much room to play. - Indianna

I feel happy because school is so much fun. - Jada-Lee

Students and Parents please note - if you do not hold a bus pass for the Kurrimine Bus you are required to pay the driver $3.75 per trip.
From the Year 4/5/6 Classroom

Welcome back to our old and our new students. We hope you enjoy your time in our classroom. Welcome to Kai, Jake and Jeremy our new students.

Homework

We are encouraging students to use time wisely at school so that they only have a minimum amount of homework. Every night they have home reading logs to be initialled after 5-10mins reading out loud, Spelling and Maths. We have sent home spelling booklets and a number facts board to assist them.

Science

“What a Disaster!” is our topic for this term. We have made volcanoes and watched them erupt with a little help from bi-carb soda and vinegar. Two home research questions are: What is the largest volcano? What is the largest volcano in the Solar System?

Thank You

Thank you to our parents and students for coming back prepared for a new term. Paying your fees promptly has meant that as soon as our textbooks arrive they will be handed out. All students in Yr4-6 received a Silkwood Star for homework reading. Well done. Don’t forget an initial is enough.

Ms Mohammed and Mrs Monti

School Banking commences next Tuesday (Week 3). If you are interested in starting school banking for your child, simply open an account at any Commonwealth Bank branch then send your child’s bank book and money to school each Tuesday. School banking should be handed to Mrs Speziali (our School Banking Coordinator) on Tuesday mornings. If you have any questions please contact the school.

Well Women’s Clinics

(These clinics are available to Medicare eligible clients)

Service includes Pap Smears, Sexual Health Screening, Breast Awareness, also info on Contraception, Continence, Menopause, Lifestyle Issues, Domestic Violence, etc. All services are provided by a specially trained Women’s Health Nurse.

Tully Hospital: Thursdays 2nd, 16th & 23rd Feb Ph 4226 4812
Cardwell CHC: Wednesday 8th February Ph 4066 8533
Mission Beach CHC: Tuesday 14th February Ph 4226 4812

THE PREP/YEAR 1 CLASS REQUIRE MANURE FOR THEIR VEGETABLE GARDENS. IF THERE ARE ANY PARENTS OR FRIENDS WHO HAVE HORSE/COW/CHICKEN MANURE THEY ARE ABLE TO DONATE IT WOULD BE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!!

BABINDA MUNRO PICTURE THEATRE • Ph 40671 438 • Admission $8
“ROGUE ONE: A STAR WARS STORY” - RATED (M) … February Fri 3, Sat 4, Sun 5… 7.30pm
“LA LA LAND” - RATED (PG) … February Fri 10, Sat 11, Sun 12… 7.30pm