Dear Silkwood & Kurrimine Communities,

I have taught in a variety of Far North Queensland schools since beginning my career at Coen State School in 1989. Invariably, around this time of year, teachers notice a change in student behaviour, which can make school a little more challenging. In the Cape we would refer to this as the ‘mango season’.

I think that the likely explanation for this phenomenon is that both students and teachers begin to suffer mental and social fatigue by the end of three rigorous terms of teaching and learning. Of course, the humans that we are forced to share six hours a day, five days a week for 10 weeks at a time, are all unique individuals with varying social and emotional capabilities and needs.

In this environment, it is essential that schools provide a structure, which both encourages individual growth and teamwork. We do this through our school rules and behaviour strategies.

Silkwood State School has three simple rules: “Be Safe; Be Respectful; Be a Learner”. When this creed is adhered to, we can create a secure and happy environment in which all can achieve their best. Safety refers to considerate and sensible movement, proper use of equipment and protection of our bodies (ie: shoes and hats). Respect is not just for others (treat others as you wish to be treated) but also refers to property and being proud of one’s self and doing/showing our best. A safe and respectful school will allow for our primary purpose – Learning.

The key behaviour strategy used at Silkwood State School is “The High 5”. All of us need to be able to call on skills that we can use to solve social problems and, at the same time, avoid undesirable and counter-productive behaviours such as verbal or physical abuse, which are likely to damage relationships and make teamwork more difficult. We have provided five options for students to use when someone else is annoying them:

- **Ignore** the other person’s behaviour and it will usually go away
- **Talk friendly** to that person and explain the problem
- **Talk firmly** and try to be assertive in explaining your needs rather than talking aggressively
- **Walk away** to give each of you space
- **Report** the problem to someone you trust

Please see over page…

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- **Every Mon** 8.30-11.00am  Giggly Friends Playgroup
- **Every Wed** School Parade at 2.30pm
- **Thurs 3rd September** P&C Meeting 3.15pm
- **Fri 4th September** Pupil Free Day
- 7th - 11th September  Parent/Teacher Interviews
- **Sun 9th September**  Happy Father’s Day!
- **Mon 14th - Wed 16th September**  Year 5/6 Camp - Mungalli Falls

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Your involvement in your child’s schooling is crucial. Children do better at school when their parents go to parent-teacher meetings, get involved with homework, and watch them participating in school-related activities.

SCHOOL TIMES: Class commences 8.50am • First Break 11-11.30am • Second Break 1-1.50pm • Concludes 3.00pm
Principal’s Report continued…

These strategies are not listed in any particular order and if the social problem involves physical threats or abuse, ‘report’ should be the first option. Even if the issue cannot be solved immediately, it often feels better once a problem is discussed. Reporting can be done to a parent, other family member, school staff, a friend or even someone in the community such as the police.

It has been a challenging year in many respects but our achievements as a school community have been great. As we enter the ‘mango season’, I try to remind myself both at work and at home to be patient and kind to those around me. Keep On Keeping On everyone!

Yours in Education, Chris Cattarossi - Principal

“The greatest gifts you can give your children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence.” Denis Waitley

Reminder - PUPIL FREE DAY this Friday 4th September

HONOUR BOARD AWARDS
RECOGNISING OUR STUDENT’S ACHIEVEMENTS!

26th AUGUST
Tyler - Good sportsmanship award for cheering on others.
Angus - For his curiosity and engagement in learning.
Travis - For being a great sport and stepping in when needed.
Ciana - For working hard on improving her spelling and it is definitely showing in her sentence writing.

19th AUGUST
Shiloh - For always modelling positive leadership and for applying herself in class.
Indianna - Always making an effort to help her classmates, she is great at taking turns and sharing too! Lovely respectful manners.
Amelia - For phrased and fluent reading with great expression

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Mon 7th to Fri 11th September
Parent/teacher interviews create an excellent opportunity to meet with your child’s teacher face to face and get current updates on their academic progress. It is also an excellent time to discuss any queries you may have about your child’s education. Please return your Booking Form as soon as possible to secure your preferred timeslot.
Prep/1/2 Class News

Dear Parents,

Wow, what a busy term! Parent-teacher meetings are scheduled for Week 9 and confirmation times will be sent home tomorrow. Children are completing some assessment tasks in English, Maths and Science over the coming weeks and we would appreciate your help in making sure that children are well-rested and have a nutritious breakfast and lunch each day. Please keep sweets out of lunch boxes. Also, you are reminded to read with children daily and check homework in an effort to revise work and keep concepts current.

Regards, Lynette and Alison

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Giggly Friends Playgroup

Every Monday • 8.30am - 11:00am
FREE TO ATTEND • PH 40651 333
Please bring a hat, water bottle & morning tea for your child.

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Street Library

Reading is our learning priority here at school and we're extending this into our community.

Silkwood State School is delighted to launch their street library. Sitting on the front fence of the school, this special box of books is designed for all to enjoy.

Simply take a book that you would like to read and leave one in its place.

Thanks to Nan and Sam Monti and Geoff Cook for helping bring this addition to fruition. Thanks also needs to go to Ammie Rush for her artistic skills and time she gave, helping our students to personalise this outdoor bookcase.

Please enjoy and use it!
**HAPPY FATHER’S DAY**

Our P&C would like to wish all our fathers and loved ones a very Happy Fathers Day for this Sunday. We hope you all enjoy the gifts hand picked by your children, and feel just how loved you are.

**UNIFORMS**

The new shipment of shirts has arrived of both school and sports shirts and all sizes are back in stock.

Also, we will have a shipment arriving at the start of 2021 of shorts and skorts for those parents wishing to purchase these items from the school for the new year.

**IMPORTANT TUCKSHOP NEWS**

Please note there will be **NO TUCKSHOP ON THE LAST WEEK OF TERM.**

Planning is now underway for our ‘Summer Menu’ that will be for Term 4 and Term 1 of 2021.

Students have been busy writing their suggestions and placing them into the bucket I have at tuckshop on a Thursday.

The new menu will be sent home with students, and uploaded to our school website and Facebook page at the start of week 1 next term.

**Just a reminder**

- **STUDENTS WILL NEED MORNING TEA AND LUNCH PACKED FOR MONDAY (1ST DAY OF CAMP)**
- **MONDAY IS A FREE DRESS DAY (NO NEED TO WEAR UNIFORM)**
- **TO KEEP COSTS LOW, WE ARE ASKING FOR DONATIONS FOR MORNING AND AFTERNOON TEA FOR THE 3 DAYS. THESE CAN BE MUESLI BARS, FRUIT, CAKES, MUFFINS, BISCUITS AND SLICES ETC. PLEASE ONLY SUPPLY ITEMS THAT DO NOT REQUIRE REFRIGERATION.**

**SCIENCE** – So far we have had two students present their Natural Disaster presentation to the class. We can’t wait to see more students present this week. Congratulations to Shiloh and Julian who were brave and offered to be first in front of the class.

**Mr Catt, Mr Griffiths & Mrs Santarossa**

**Year 5/6 Class News**

SMCSA Sports Day was held at Chap Chappa Park on Friday 28th August. We would like to commend our senior students who led by example on the day and were also instrumental in the lead up to sports day by organising ball game teams, leading ball game practise in lunch breaks and ensuring all required equipment was ready.

It was a fun day for students and staff. As there is no representative sport this year due to COVID-19, it allowed for fun activities with no point scoring.

**5/6 CAMP** is fast approaching. We will have almost 100% attendance on camp which is fantastic. We consider ourselves a team in this classroom and it will be great to enjoy the thrills of camp and the activities it offers together as a team.

**Shiloh and Julian proudly presenting their natural disaster presentation in front of the 5/6 class. The presentation was set up in Powerpoint and displayed on the class whiteboard in front of staff and students.**
Year 2/3 Class News

It has been an exciting and very busy couple of weeks leading up to Week 8. Watching our children prepare and participate in both our school and inter-school athletics carnivals. Watching the children arrive in class with rosy cheeks and bright smiles from ball game practice or the beep test has been terrific. The link between physical exercise and wellbeing has long been established scientifically, and the anecdotal evidence has certainly been seen in our classroom daily. **Healthy, happy children are healthy, happy learners!**

During the next two weeks we are going to be working very hard in the classroom, our children are going to be expected to perform in diagnostic testing to ascertain exactly how they are traveling along their learning journey. They will also be participating in assessments in all subject areas to gain a fuller picture of their grasp of the concepts they have learned during this term. Although both Mrs Spez and I consciously work to make our class a safe and happy learning space for our kids, this time of term can still be somewhat stressful for our little people.

Please help your child be as successful as possible, by helping them get enough sleep, downtime, and healthy food to do their best in class.

Please enjoy a medley of Science photos in our class over the last two weeks.

**Regards, Belinda and Tammy**
2020 Age Champions
Athletics Day - Barnard vs Ellison

BOYS
12 YEAR OLD - Angus M
11 YEAR OLD - Malakai S
10 YEAR OLD - Aiken R
9 YEAR OLD - Quade S
8 YEAR OLD - James J

GIRLS
12 YEAR OLD - Shiloh B & Sahara C
11 YEAR OLD - Chelsea W
10 YEAR OLD - Ruby M
9 YEAR OLD - Laylah T
8 YEAR OLD - Nikita B

2020 House Winners - Ellison
2020 Team Spirit Award - Ellison
Barnard VS Ellison
Australian Teacher Aide Appreciation Week
31 August - 4 September 2020

Celebrating teacher aides

For more information, ideas and resources, Visit the Australian Teacher Aide website https://www.australianteacheraide.com.au/2020-teacher-aide-appreciation-week

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9.00am - 11.00am

Register now!
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• 7th Oct • 24th Oct • 4th Nov • 18th Nov • 2nd Dec

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Ph: 40652 211

BBQ Sausages $9.90kg…
KFC Chicken $5.99kg…
2kg Special - Crumb Steak $34

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Mondays & Wednesdays
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