WHAT’S COMING UP AT SILKWOOD?

Tuesday, 2 August
Welcome to our high school site
Morning Tea – RSVP to through Facebook Event
9.00am – 10.00am

Wednesday, 24 August
Book Week Celebration

Friday, 26 August
Gold Coast Show Day – Public Holiday

Tuesday, 30 August
Time & Space for Fathers and Daughters (Year 6)
School Hall @ 6.45pm

Thursday, 1 September
Silkwood Colour Run (facilitated by Year 8)
On site @ 1.45-3.00pm

Thursday, 1 September
Time & Space for Fathers and Sons (Year 6)
School Hall @ 6.45pm

Friday, 9 September
Parent Introductory Course
9.30am – 12.00pm in Year 7 Room

Thursday, 15 September
Spring Festival Prep-11
Last Day Term 3

UNIFORM SHOP

2.00pm – 3.00pm Monday to Friday
Pre-Order items through Qkr! phone app:
1. Download Qkr! app
   Register – select your country of residence as ‘Australia’ and follow the steps to register
2. Or visit http://qkr.mastercard.com/store
3. Find our School – SILKWOOD

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

WELCOME TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL SITE
An Invitation to Morning Tea

The High School Project has been a very long time coming. Before we start the building project (mid-August) we would like to invite our school community to a morning tea on the new land and showcase the plans the up and coming High School development.

It is the start of another exciting chapter for the school and one we want everyone to feel a part of. If you would like to attend please use this event acceptance and make sure you wear walking shoes (it is a little wild and woolly).

We love the land and can’t wait to share the site and plans with you all.
https://www.facebook.com/events/1617719621872581/

Valerie Campbell-Hogg
School Facilitator
GREETINGS FROM THE PERMACULTURE POD!

It’s been a busy week in the garden for year 4 this week, with the children learning how to test the PH of soil. In groups, they collected soil samples from around the school and tested the PH using a soil testing kit. Discussion followed about how we can boost the nutrients in deficient soils, just as we do in our own bodies. We also discussed how certain vegetables prefer either acid or alkaline soils. The following day groups of children worked together to make seed raising mix and planted many seeds.

In class, the children are learning about erosion. We were fortunate enough to have Dave take us around the school and along the creek to examine erosion sites. A fun filled adventure week in the garden!

Lauren

BOOK WEEK CELEBRATION @ SILKWOOD

Wednesday, 24 August is our annual Book Week Celebration. This year we are celebrating Roald Dahl’s 100th Birthday, with dress up parades, food, activities and so much more! On this day, students can dress up as their favourite character from a book of their choice and bring along the book and a gold coin donation. The donations will go towards buying new books for the library for students to share. To show off all the incredible costumes, we will have parades in the hall. Prizes will be awarded to the most creative costumes so we encourage everyone to get involved.

Parents are welcome to come along. Please use the paddock for additional parking.

8.30am – 9.30am Prep to Year 2
9.30am – 10.30am Year 6 to Year 8
11.00am – 12.00pm Year 9 to Year 11
1.30pm – 2.20pm Year 3 to Year 5
2.20pm – 3.00pm Silkwood Staff Parade

We hope to see all your dress ups and smiling faces on the Wednesday of 24 August for this year’s Book Week!

MUSIC NEWS

We had a fantastic start to term with the string groups achieving first place in Senior Strings and second place in a super competitive Intermediate Strings at the Eisteddfod.

The adjudicator commented on how great both groups looked in their new music uniforms as well as their outstanding playing and the choice of material - very proud of all the string participants and thanks to the supportive parents who came along to cheer us

Melanie Creamer
Specialist Teacher
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OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

MINI BUILDER: MINI GOLF!

Be part of this amazing opportunity to make and design your very own mini golf hole! Children will choose a layout before constructing the hole. They will then design the hazards and obstacles before making them and painting them, and will have the opportunity to put extra decoration around the hole. They will finish off by playing the hole and other children’s holes.

Children will take home a new putter as well as a coloured golf ball.

Mini Builder: Mini Golf 5 Week Program

Every Monday for 5 weeks from 8 August, 2016 3.30pm – 4.45pm for Prep to Year 6

For more information or to book onto this exciting 5-week program please contact;

Silkwood Helping Hands on 0475 824 342 or email silkwood@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au

Booking forms are also available from the school office and Helping Hands service.
CLASSES IN THE SPOTLIGHT THIS ISSUE...

MOONLIGHT PREP NEWS

We are back into the swing of things in the Prep Moonlight class as we have launched ourselves into our second semester together. This term we have many exciting things in store for us as we become more confident in setting goals in our learning.

Last week we began our study of popular children’s authors, beginning with the work of Eric Carle and his unique way of illustrating his stories. Using ‘The Very Hungry Caterpillar’ as inspiration we have started creating our own versions of this fantastic story, which we hope to illustrate in the Eric Carle style! This means that we have had to create loads of painted and patterned paper (yes, some of us have gone home with random bits of paint in our hair and elsewhere!) and have started using this paper to make collage pictures as practise. We are beginning to understand that we too can be authors and have really enjoyed the ‘ideas’ phase of the planning process.

Over the rest of the term we will have the opportunity to explore the work of Stephen Michael King, Lynley Dodd, Margaret Wild, Pamela Allen, Nick Bland, Julia Donaldson and Mem Fox. We will also be visiting the library each Tuesday afternoon to look for more favourites, so please send along your child’s library bag!

In HPE we are developing our ball skills. We practised our throwing and catching this week. The ‘Ball and Hoop’ relay was a highlight.

As part of our Enterprise Education this term we will be working on our Totem Project. Year 1s totem is the koala. We will be using the eight Aboriginal ways of learning to help us investigate the koala. This week we visited the koala tree on the nature trail and shared stories about koalas by using finger puppets.

Our focus in Art is manual arts this term. We are only allowed to use wood, wire, panty hose, glue and paint to create a sculpture. So far we have created a design on paper and started sanding our wooden blocks. We have to use our habit of perseverance a lot because the sanding is taking a long time!

Next week we are very excited to be going to the Art Centre to see a performance of ‘Snugglepot and Cuddlepie’.

Kim

YEAR 1 TALLOW NEWS

1 Tallow has enjoyed wonderful adventures over the holidays with some students venturing as far away as France. It was lovely to see everyone’s excited faces on the first day back.

Over the past couple of weeks we have, once again, visited our gnome friends, Sharem, Minus, Keeper, Speedy and Equals, in our Number Talk integrated lesson. We have been extending our learning about these gnomes.

In English, our main focus has been on learning how to make interesting sentences by adding verbs and adverbs. We have listened to many different stories to help us learn the features of imaginative, informative and persuasive texts. In Maths we are learning about patterns. We have been investigating patterns made by objects as well as in our skip counting. We can even describe our patterns to our friends. We are really excited to start learning about three dimensional shapes next week.

In English, our genre focus this term is on persuasive writing. Students have been listening to different stories of persuasion and then persuading others in various tasks. We have already had so much fun writing persuasive letters to our favourite coloured crayons from “The Day the Crayons Quit.”

In Maths, 2 Wattle are so excited to be exploring multiplication through physical representation of groups, repeated addition and arrays. We have also been very busily mastering our mental maths facts.

YEAR 2 WATTLE NEWS

Our first Integrated Unit this term is called Earth Keepers. We are excitedly focusing on taking care of and being responsible for the sustainability of our environment. This includes reusing, recycling and distributing surplus. Earth Keepers is planned as a student led unit, with 2 Wattle deciding with me the content that they wish to learn about in protecting our environment. So far we have had some really interesting ideas and burning passions so it will be very exciting to see how this Integrated Unit unfolds.

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Miss Olivia and Miss Louise

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During HPE the class are learning team building skills by participating in traditional Indigenous games.

The class will be exploring energy this term. Students will investigate different types of sustainable and renewable power. The class will also be cooking with a solar oven and then have the opportunity to design and create their own renewable energy powered project.

This term the class will be learning the art of weaving, and we have already started our first weaving project -- a pencil holder.

_Melissa_

### YEAR 4 NEWS

This term Year 4 has a jam-packed agenda that we have jumped straight into.

Beginning with our integrated unit, 'Animal specialities', the children have enjoyed exploring the similarities and differences between humans and animals. In the next few weeks we will be visiting David Fleay’s Wildlife Park to meet and greet a range of animals, learn about their characteristics and adaptations that make them unique.

In English this term we are putting on our researcher hats and learning to write an information report. We have been enjoying learning how to organise different facts into paragraphs and subtitles as well as how diagrams can be used to enhance the readers understanding.

In Math we have been consolidating our knowledge of fractions and have been creating, reading, converting and counting in fractions. This learning follows on from the integrated unit we explored last time where we discovered how fractions are used in our everyday lives.

We are lucky enough to have the lovely Lauren working with the children this term in permaculture. She will be teaching all about erosion, causes of erosion, prevention and ways we can rectify damaged areas. Along the way the children will be collecting and testing a range of soils from around the school and investigating the types of plants that would grow well in those environments.

Keeping in theme with our natural environment, sand art will be a feature in our visual arts unit this term. Learning from the traditions of the Navajo people, we will be looking at sand under the microscope as part of a sand stories incursion which is happening later in August. Watch out for some bright and colourful pieces transforming the Year 4 learning space.

In H.P.E the students are sharpening their ball handling skills and group tactics as we practise a range of ball games, soccer and indigenous games ahead of a friendly competition with the Year 3 classes to be scheduled later on in the term.

This term, Year 4 will have a two night camp to North Stradbroke Island. While there, the children will be learning the traditional ways of life, games and beliefs and dreaming of the traditional indigenous people. We are looking forward to a deadly experience in a beautiful part of the land.

_Kath and Jasmine_

### YEAR 8 NEWS

Year 8 has kicked off Term 3 by immersing themselves in a week long Habits of Mind workshop. Year 7 and 8 students and teachers worked together to unpack the Habits of Mind in activities relating to Performing Arts, Visual Arts, Business and Commerce, and Outdoor Education. Whether it be creating land art, producing mini movies, building survival shelters or planning a lunchtime tuck shop menu, the students were enthusiastic and worked beautifully together.

This week Year 8 also began their first Integrated Unit for the term 'The Principles of Engineering'. So far the students have been following an engineering design process to create Trash Bots - robots created purely from recycled materials. They also began exploring the concept of Civil Engineering and are working on a range of projects that involve considering the principles involved in civil design such as bridge building and sky scraper construction.

As part of our Sk8 Art Experiential Unit, Year 8 has begun to design and work on their skate decks. The theme of the boards is 'identity', and students have been working hard to reflect this on their plans so far. I cannot wait to see the finished products at our Sk8 Expo at the end of the term!
Natalie has been working with Year 8 this term cooking up a myriad of weird and wonderful science experiments as part of our Mad Scientist Experiential Unit. So far the students have made their very own lava lamps and geoid eggs. It will be interesting to see what other concoctions they create in the rest of the term!

Year 8 has stepped up their Mini Big Picture project this term, being allocated more time and an advisor to help guide them through their project. We have a whole range of projects this term, including working in the library, creating sculptures from recycled materials, film production, music mixing, photography and many more. It is wonderful to see students in charge of their own projects, and we have observed huge improvements in terms of self-management over the course of the year so far - keep up the good work Year 8!

Anna Davies

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Dear Parents,

We are participating in Redgum Book Club this term. The Term 3 catalogue has been sent home with your child. Every book order will earn resources and books for our school, with every order receiving a free gift for your child.

To view the current catalogue, please open the link below, or go to www.redgumbookclub.com.au for more information on their range of books. You will find hundreds more great titles that you can order this term, with books starting from $2.00.

Redgum Book Club Term 3 2016 Catalogue

The catalogue is now open and closes on 16 August. Ordered books will be delivered free to the school no later than 5 September.

Redgum Book Club newly released books for term 3:

- Harry Potter and the Cursed Child. The most famous boy wizard in literature is back!
- The BFG (Film tie-in). One of Roald Dahl’s most loved books is now a major motion picture.
- The 78-Storey Treehouse. The highly anticipated sixth book in the Treehouse series!
- The First Hippo on the Moon. From number one bestselling picture book duo, David Walliams and Tony Ross, comes this explosively funny space adventure for young children.

How to place an order:

Order and pay online by credit card or PayPal at www.redgumbookclub.com.au

Email your order with your credit card details to: orders@redgumbookclub.com.au

If you have any questions about Redgum Book Club orders, please contact Lesley at schools@redgumbookclub.com.au

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PARENT EDUCATION ARTICLE

Secondary School Topic

20 Conversations Today’s Kids Need to Have

By Tim Elmore

Today’s world is challenging and complex. It’s a difficult world in which to navigate our lives. It’s so different than the one my parents helped me enter, as a young adult.

For many reasons, today’s adult has often been unwilling or unable to host crucial conversations with teens and twenties. Consequently, students graduate unready for the world that awaits them. One Atlanta teacher observed this reality and on a weekly basis launches a helpful discussion by saying, “In case your parents haven’t told you this yet...” In that same spirit, the following insights are designed to ignite those important discussions that enable a young person to enter adulthood with their eyes wide open and savvy to the world in which they now live. And frankly, the world in which they’ll spend the rest of their life.

Here are twenty conversation beginnings that I believe are necessary for every young adult to engage. Start your next conversation with these foundations...

1. You should learn to fail early.
2. No one owes you anything.
3. Work ethic is the most important skill to take into your career.
4. Every decision has a benefit or a consequence.
5. You should view happiness as a by-product not a pursuit.
6. Taking responsibility for yourself is actually liberating.
7. You will never grow without a struggle.
8. Maturity demands that you get over yourself.
9. Your EQ is more important than your IQ.
10. You will sabotage yourself if you cannot delay gratification.
11. Life is not fair and not everyone wins.
13. Be willing to serve the coffee in order to get ahead.
14. Making progress will always mean taking risks.
15. Your job represents an exchange: while at work, your boss owns your time.
16. Tech skills without soft skills are not enough.
17. Success will likely take longer than you think it will.
18. The more resources you’re given, the less resourceful you’ll tend to become.
19. The first person you must learn to lead...is yourself.
20. The practice is the reward.

May this simple list launch helpful, relevant, and meaningful conversations with the students or young professionals in your life.

Your future, and theirs, may depend on it.
$20 Bosses

Following the success of the $20 Boss Program last year, Year 6 students will again be involved in creating their own businesses. In this financial venture they will create business plans, look at ideas of profit, loss and other financial literacy concepts. Later in the term they will also be given opportunities to run stalls and sell their products and services.

As we are sure you can imagine this exciting learning activity gives authentic experiences beyond just our classroom. Our students will be trading within the school community and other students will have a chance to spend their money here. Although we are leaving the advertising of business up to the Year 6 class, we believe it is important to give parents the heads up so you may begin having conversations with your children about being responsible consumers if necessary.

Most products begin from 50c and at least 20% of the profits will be going to a charity of the class’s choice or back to the school. Please keep an ear out for more information about their businesses, as we are sure you can imagine this exciting learning activity gives authentic experiences beyond just our classroom. Our students will be trading within the school community and other students will have a chance to spend their money here. Although we are leaving the advertising of business up to the Year 6 class, we believe it is important to give parents the heads up so you may begin having conversations with your children about being responsible consumers if necessary.

We look forward to the continuing this entrepreneurial venture.

Ashleigh and Megan

Community Noticeboard

Disclaimer

The advertising sections of this newsletter have been submitted by individuals. Silkwood School does not take any responsibility for the content. The opinions expressed in the advertisements and notices do not necessarily represent the views of the school.

2016 Parent Business Directory

Click here to view the current directory and to access an application form to advertise in the directory.

Term 3, 2016

Personal Development Young Warrior Drumming Group
Silkwood School
Held for students 6 - 11 years old (child must be in Year 1 or above)
Mondays 3.00pm - 4.15pm
Weekly school term program
Starts 1 August – 12 September 2016
Cost from $10 per week
Djembe Drums Provided
Small group member sessions
Book early to avoid disappointment
For more information or details
Please contact Jillianne
Mobile 0410 060 878
www.lotusdrumbeats.com.au
www.facebook/lotusdrumbeat.com
I am at school to supervise the children from 3pm
Meeting in front of LOTE room
Please make sure your child has an extra afternoon tea snack.
Thank You

Girls Premier Futsal League

We are pleased to bring you the Premier Futsal League for Girl’s aged 7 to 13. The 10 week program will allow the girls to train (outdoor) and play games (indoor). The League will be broken up into combined age groups of Under 8 & 9, Under 10 & 11 and Under 12 & 13. Training starts on Tuesday 4th October. The games start on Friday 7th October. Please see registration form for venues, dates and times.

The competition is open to all girls, all Schools and all Clubs. Players can sign up as a team or individually. Individual signups will be placed in a team.

Register today by contacting Julia on 0421 934 711 or emailing andy@premierfutsalleague.com.au

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Winter is the time for cuddly jumpers, warm herbal teas (or hot chocolates), and roaring log fires!

It is also the time when colds and flus often find us. doTERRA have a range of oils which can support immunity and help keep those bugs away!

Call me for more information, to book a class, or to purchase oils.

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I have an oil for that!
Homeopathy First Aid Workshop

August, 6 Saturday
9.00am – 3.00pm
Location – Silkwood School

A one-day workshop. Find out what Homeopathy is all about. Learn the basic skills of prescribing Homeopathic remedies to first aid situations: First aid situations such as bites, stings, cuts, bruises, nausea, headaches, colds and flu etc. Snacks (fruit and dip) and drinks are provided. A lucky door prize will be drawn at the end of the day.

COST
Full day workshop, including Homeopathic kit $136.84
Full day workshop only $53.24

What can/can’t I bring to the event?
As we are on private premises and on a weekend, please leave your children safely at home for this day. There is no supervision. Also bring lunch and water. We will have a 30 min lunch break.

What is the refund policy?
Sorry there is no refund on the tickets? If I cancel 100% refund.

Do I have to bring my printed ticket to the event?
Please bring your ticket as this is your entry into the lucky door prize.

Contact 0499 342 120
Email meganhomeopathy@gmail.com
Facebook page Megan Homeopathy

BUY TICKETS @ www.eventbrite.com.au

As a parent or carer of a child with a disability aged 2 to 12, you are eligible for parenting support free of charge as part of Stepping Stones Triple P (STTP). The workshop is run by accredited trainers/psychologists to deliver Group Stepping Stones Triple P, which may be appropriate for you.

Is this you?
Does your child struggle to follow routines, instructions or household rules? Do they throw tantrums? Or do you simply want to learn more about how to create a positive, nurturing home environment for your children? If this sounds like you, Group Stepping Stones Triple P can help.

What happens at Stepping Stones Triple P?
Stepping Stones introduces parents to positive parenting, and gives you the skills and strategies to promote child development, teach new skills and behaviours, manage misbehaviour, and plan ahead for risky situations.

Currently, the following workshop is on offer:

Group Workshop
You’ll meet with a group of parents and caregivers for five initial weekly, 2 ½ hour sessions, a follow-up telephone call to offer support, feedback, and further help you with your parenting plans and strategies, and a closure session to celebrate your success with the program.

The next two group workshops will be commencing:
- Monday, 10 October 2016 at 10:30am until 1pm, running from the Robina Disability Service Centre.
- Tuesday, 25 October at 6pm until 8:30pm, running from the Robina Disability Service Centre.

Cost: FREE
Who: Any parent/caregiver of a child with a disability age 2-12 years
How: RSVP email Kim Atkinson
kim.atkinson@communities.qld.gov.au

If you would like to learn more about the Group Stepping Stones Triple P program please contact Kim Atkinson, Rowena Woolley, or Sarah Garrett on T: 5656 5800.