Eight days in a row with 100% attendance! That is the record about which Prep E students are very proud. It was a pleasure to celebrate their achievement with them and view the sea of smiling faces when I told them that I thought that no other class in the school had beaten that record this year. The Keys to Success are certainly evident in the behaviours of the group of students training for the Ks4kids event this Saturday. These students have exhibited: persistence, resilience, the ability to get along, confidence and organisation to ensure they are well-prepared for the 10km run. I wish to thank the teachers and parents involved for their considerable support of this venture. The rewards will be witnessing the satisfaction in the faces of these girls and boys.

At the end of this semester progress reports will be distributed to parents. Teachers arrive at the ratings included in the reports by making judgements against standards. In the case of academic ratings these standards are those outlined in the Australian Curriculum and, where no national curriculum exists, the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Framework. A rating of “C” indicates that the student can progress to the next level of learning without additional assistance. To attain a “B” or “A” rating, the student must demonstrate learning beyond the standard for their particular year level. Ratings for effort and behaviour will be assigned based on a criteria sheet that has been developed to ensure consistency of judgement across all levels.

Be a learner, be respectful, be responsible and be safe are the overarching rules of our school. Staff members deliberately use the terminology within these rules to ensure a common language for our students. The team responsible for the review of the behaviour practices within the school has produced charts to describe these behaviours in a range of locations within the school. These positively pitched expectations will be displayed prominently through the school in the near future.

I enjoyed the quiz about some things that happened at school when I was a boy that were different to what occurs today during my visit to the 1W classroom this week. A tangent from this topic to the things I had to do as a child on the farm resulted in some interesting revelations for the students. The contortions of some of the faces as I explained how to hand milk were priceless. The experience had me reflecting on the need to engage children in conversations about the lifestyle of rural Australia and the contributions made to our nation by our
farmers. I urge you to speak with your children about this topic.

I received advice today from the Department of Transport and Main Roads that works will be undertaken on Worongary Road to improve alignment and flood immunity. Based on current programming, it is estimated that construction of the new culverts and road alignment will begin in July and will be complete by late 2014, weather and site conditions permitting. The project will focus on Worongary Creek, or the “big dipper” as it is referred to by some children. I will share more information as it comes to hand.

Stay safe and keep smiling.
Bruce

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Every child – All Day, Every day - Some sobering statistics

Do children have a chance of being successful? One or two days a week doesn’t seem much but…………

If a child misses… That equals… Which is… Over 13 years of schooling that’s… Which means the best a child might perform is…

1 day a fortnight 20 days a year 4 weeks a year Nearly 1.5 years Equal to finishing Grade 1
1 day a week 40 days a year 8 weeks a year Over 2.5 years Equal to finishing Grade 10
2 days a week 80 days a year 16 weeks a year Over 5 years Equal to finishing Grade 7
3 days a week 120 days a year 24 weeks a year Nearly 8 years Equal to finishing Grade 4

What sort of start are some children getting? Research shows that a child’s best learning time is the start of the school day. That’s when every minute counts!

Just a little bit late doesn’t seem much but…

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Who looks outside dreams; who looks inside, wakes.

In other words we are all creatures of habit and do things in a particular way every day. The key to realising full potential is to look outside the norm, outside the square or box, they say. In relation to the above, should we ask children ‘how do you change things to achieve a desired result?’ Let them use their imagination and creative thinking to solve a problem, but don’t give the opportunity for them to make an excuse for the status quo. Have them analyse a situation, and with guidance, let them come up with the answer.

P&C News

Monday night’s P & C meeting went very well, lots of agenda items and things in the planning. What is great is the number of new volunteers putting their hand up for the uniform shop, tuckshop and banking. Thank you to everyone. We are even looking at being able to hold a fete in 2015, though more on that once it is confirmed we have a team.

A motion on notice for consideration relates to our senior shirts as this year highlighted a number of areas where we could improve. Aside from the shirt selection this year, by having a special print run with the student names included means extra shirts can’t be purchased during the year for the inevitable growth spurt, as well as the children not getting to wear the shirt until close to the end of term 1. New seniors arriving mid-year are unable to purchase a senior shirt, and the sizing challenges of ordering in November for fitting by the end of March pose no end of difficulty. What is being considered is a set senior or leaders shirt, still distinguished from the remainder of the school and printed with Leader or similar and available all year round (no student names on the back). This would enable our seniors to arrive from day 1 wearing the senior or leaders uniform, and alleviate all the ordering and delivery challenges we face each year. At this stage this is just a discussion item with your input at the next P & C meeting being sought, with a decision then considered.

Our tuckshop team are looking to increase the selection of homemade items, so keep an eye on the tuckshop space.

Have a great week. Kind regards, Narelle Reed – P & C President Tel: 0403046920.

GILSTON CLUB NEWS

Raffle Books - Only a week and a half of selling to go, with all books due back next Friday 30 May. If you could please return your books as soon as the tickets are sold, it would be appreciated. Thanks to the families who have requested extra books – it looks like a few families will be in the running for the book seller’s prize! Please see our attached flyer for all other Gilston Club updates and information on some great vouchers available in the Entertainment Book. Thanks. Lisa - Chairperson

GPAC (GILSTON PERFORMING ARTS COMPETITION)

Entry forms are available from the music room for our annual talent show. Less than 2 weeks until auditions begin. The finalists will compete in the hall on Friday 20 June.

LIBRARY NEWS

As mentioned last week, May is National Family Reading Month. This week (Week 5) we will be focusing on the middle years (3-5), by displaying and discussing great books for this age group. The focus for Week 6 will be the senior students, Year 6-7, and there will be a book display and discussion about what books this age group could enjoy.

During the next three weeks the Librarian, Mrs Stone, will be here on Monday and Tuesday between 8.00-9.00am to speak to parents about choosing books for their children. The Librarian, Mrs Batson, will be speaking to the students during the week about good books for them to read.

www.gilstonss.eq.edu.au
Overdue Books – a big thank you to all the parents and children who have returned late books over the last week. We have had a good response to the overdue notes that were sent home recently. There are still books that have not been returned, so I would ask parents to please follow this up.

CHAPPY’S SPACE
It’s Chappy Week!! - 19-23 May @ Gilston SS, A week of awareness, support and celebration of our school chaplaincy service. Look out for your copy of the Chappy brochure coming home Monday.

How can you get involved in Chappy Week?

• Parents come and introduce yourself and have a chat with Chappy at Breakfast Club any Thursday morning.
• Students can write Chappy a letter and put it in the Chappy letterbox outside the LOTE room.
• Wear the Chappy colours-gold and red (or yellow and orange) in your accessories with your school uniform on Thursday 22 May. That is socks, hair ties, hats, laces etc. But please NO hair colours or face colours e.g. zinc and be sure to wear your proper uniform as well!!
• Parents can help on the Breakfast Club team to ensure it keeps running. Weekly, fortnightly or monthly.
• Come to our special breakfast on 22 May.
• Students can come along to the free sausage sizzle first break Thursday 22 May.
• We are hoping for the J.C Epidemic BMX bike show to be part of these celebrations 1st break Friday the 23 May- to be confirmed

BREAKFAST CLUB URGENTLY requires ADULT VOLUNTEERS IN ORDER TO KEEP THIS COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL EVENT PART OF OUR SCHOOL PROGRAM. If you believe breakfast club is a great idea and you would not like to see it end, we need people to put their hand up to help keep it open. We are no longer allowed to have children working in the kitchen and we need at least 4 adults each week. If you are happy to go on a roster to help once per month/fortnight or weekly I would love to hear from you samantha@chappy.org.au

Prayer For Our Families - If there are any families in our community who wish to send prayer requests to our School Chaplain, no need to go into detail, you can access this community service via Chappy’s email samantha@chappy.org.au

Food Parcels For Emergency Food Relief - Newlife Uniting Church Robina 55789322, Mosaic Family Baptist Church 07 5525 2477

Kids Club- 'Kids Roc’ 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month put on by Harvest City Church held in William Duncan School Hall. Enquiries -Sue 0421664466

www.kidson.com.au

You can access the Chaplaincy service at Gilston via Mr. Weatherburn or by contacting Chappy Sami at samantha@chappy.org.au. All referrals however, need to go through our admin SNAC committee as per Mr. Weatherburn.

Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800, Beyond Blue 1300 224 636, Lifeline 131 114, Cancer Council support line 131 120

Commonwealth Carelink Centre 1800 0520222.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER
Thursday 22 May – Help needed
Ice Blocks – Karen
Friday 23 May – Alex McCarthy
Ice Blocks – Kamila Bestmann
Monday 26 May – Dannie Faulkner
Ice Blocks – Janette Green
Tuesday 27 May – Erinna Lake
Ice Blocks – Irene Nicholson
Wednesday 28 May – Stacey Gardner
Ice Blocks – Help needed
Thursday 29 May – Help Needed
Ice Blocks – Karen
Friday 30 May – Alex McCarthy
Ice Blocks – Kamila Bestmann

Keep your eye on the new homemade winter menu items – tuna pasta, potato bake, corn on the cob.

Hot Chocolate is back $2.50 each. Don’t forget Sushi Tuesdays – pre-order or over the counter.

Anyone who can spare an hour of your time once a month, come and see what we do! The kids love to see you help out.

Order lunch or uniforms only at www.flexischools.com.au

Have a great week. Mandy & Nicole

COMMUNITY NOTICES

NERANG COUNTRY PARADISE PARKLANDS - Gold Coast
BIGGEST Tree Planting - Sat 24 May FREE ENTRY, Plant a tree or 10, with a free sausage sizzle lunch. Friday Family Fun Night - Fri 30 May starts 5.00pm FREE ENTRY, Family FunAnza - inc ‘The BIG Picture’ - Sat 31 May all day FREE ENTRY

TENNIS COACHING: Classes conducted on Monday mornings from 8.00am. Cost is $17 per lesson, discounts for 3 or more children. All enquiries to Rowan Hollonds, Gold Coast Tennis Coaching, 0411 867 971, rowan@gctenniscoaching.com.au or www.gctenniscoaching.com.au