



GILSTON STATE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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PRICIPAL'S REPORT

The **learning that is evident in our classrooms is impressive**. From the Prep students and their rapid attainment of phonemic awareness to the skilful writing produced by our upper school students. I continue to be impressed with the engagement in the classrooms and commend both the learners and the teachers for this outcome.

Both Renee and Peta, as our pedagogy (the art of teaching) leaders, continue to work with our new teachers to ensure they are conversant and adept in the Gilston instruction techniques. The ongoing coaching by these ladies and the visitation by teachers to observe each other continues as part of our **strategy to embed consistent high-yield strategies throughout the school**.

In response to **parent feedback** in recent years, we have included additional detail on our [school website](#). Our calendar outlines the **timing of school events**, the **news** includes notes and details pertaining to **excursions**, **newsletters** are archived for perusal, **handy hints** for parents by psychologists are stored, **enrolment procedures** are outlined, the **handbook** is accessible and the list goes on. I am pleased to report that feedback from parents using the site has been very favourable. I suggest that **when next you have a question, browse the site**.

As educators we **value and appreciate the input from experts beyond the field of education**. Information from a wide range of experts including paediatricians, behavioural optometrists, psychologists, physicians and staff from organisations associated with families all help shape our approach to educating students. At times we will make recommendations to seek expert input from beyond our field with a view to assisting us teach your child. Please **continue to work with us in this regard** to ensure the best outcome for you and your child.

Many of the parents of Prep students are reporting that their trips home in the car or their bed time rituals now include **Japanese language**. Thanks to the program being delivered by Kylie Doonican, our **Prep students** have regular lessons each week and their retention of the content has been impressive. The funding of this program has been met through the grant that was secured last year by Kylie.

FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday	28 February	Sushi Day
Monday	20 March	Gilston State School P & C Annual General Meeting 7.00pm Admin Building
Wednesday	29 March	Cross Country
Thursday	25 May	District Cross Country

2017 Explicit Improvement Agenda

Response to intervention (RTI):

Target driven intervention through:

- Data Analysis
- Consistent Core Instruction
- Progress Monitoring
- Supplementary and Intensive Intervention

Gilston Expectations

- Be a Learner
- Be Responsible
- Be Respectful
- Be Safe

Current Attendance Levels

P	1	2	3	4	5	6
97.28	96.34	95.7	96.52	94.31	95.4	94.14

Thank you for your continued commitment to attendance. This week I have penned several letters to families whose children are **repeatedly arriving late to school** requesting that this practice be addressed immediately to avoid **unnecessary disruption to learning**.

This week the only **hard copies of the newsletter** to be printed will be for the classroom display and for parents who do not have ready and reliable access to the internet. If you **know of someone who still requires a hard copy**, direct them to the office.

The **drop off zone** is designed to keep traffic flowing smoothly. It is not a place for the driver to leave the car to fix a child's hair or to stop to have a chat with another driver or pedestrian. Please respect your fellow drivers by ensuring your **"stop, drop and go"** as efficiently as possible.

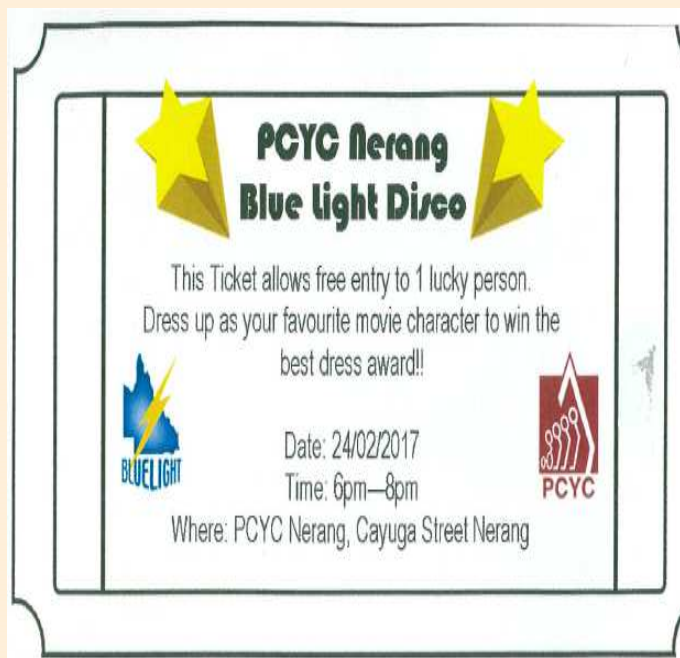
For most of you the year 1976 was before you were born. For **Yolanda Dickmann**, this was the year she started teaching. 41 years as a teacher, **30 of which have been at Gilston**. Yolanda has taught generations of Gilston families and has had a positive impact on the lives of thousands of people in her time here. This week Yolanda finally **retired officially** from Education Queensland and I thank her on behalf of our community and the wider educational community for her contributions. If you think this is the last we will see of Yolanda, guess again. She is keen to remain part of our school in a temporary capacity and **will be back in our classrooms throughout 2017 and beyond**.

Stay safe and keep smiling.
Bruce

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Nerang PCYC Blue Light Disco

This Friday night for a fun night out get down to the PCYC in Cayuga Street.



If your children are going to be attending on the night we have two free tickets to draw out on Assembly this Thursday. Teachers will be making a list of names of the children who tell them they are going. Also, thanks to the PCYC for supporting our school.

NOTICE OF P & C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Gilston State School P & C Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 20 March at 7.00pm (In the Administration building).

All executive positions will be vacated at this time. Nomination forms for executive positions are available from pandc@gilstonss.eq.edu.au and can be placed in the wooden box in the office

Nominations will also be accepted on the night.

ALL WELCOME

The AGM will be followed by a regular P & C Meeting.

EISTEDDFOD CHOIR

Auditions are currently taking place for students wanting to try out for the eisteddfod choir (competition choir). If there are any children who have not yet signed up and would like an audition time, please see Mrs Miller ASAP. Auditions finish this Friday 24 February. The list of successful singers will be posted on the noticeboard outside the music room on Friday afternoon at 2.50pm.

Alison Miller / Music Teacher

SWIMMING LESSONS

In week 8 of this term Nerang Swim Fit will conduct swimming lessons for Years 1, 2 and 4. Payment of \$35.00 is due by Friday 3 March 2017. See your class teacher for exact lesson times. Students require school uniform, togs, towel and thongs. Swim caps and goggles are recommended. As swimming is an approved component of our Physical Education Program all students are expected to attend. Please advise the office if your child is unable to swim due to a medical condition.

Scott Stavar / HPE

SWIMMING

Last week, these students represented Gilston at the District Swimming Carnival – Megan Collis, Lily Harper, Maia Gardner, Kayley Moore, Shayley Pankhurst, Thomas, Kalen Templer, Isaac Allen, Will Mann, Zak Riley and Tom Van Loon. We are very proud of their efforts with many personal best times recorded. We now wish Kayley and Tom good luck as they prepare to swim at the Regional Carnival.

Scott Stavar / HPE

GILSTON GOURMET

Tuckshop Roster

Thursday 23 February – Help needed

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Friday 24 February – Amelia Brown

Ice blocks - Help needed

Monday 27 February – Pip Collins

Ice blocks - : Help needed

Tuesday 28 February – Caroline Fitzroy / Melanie Harrison

Ice blocks - Help needed

Wednesday 1 March – Kirsty Robertson

Ice blocks - Help needed

Thursday 2 March – Rachel Delany

Ice blocks – Help needed

Friday 3 March – Amelia Brown

Ice blocks - Help needed

Our tuckshop no longer sells BBQ or Hot Dog Jumpies as they don't make these products anymore. We are currently looking at some healthier options to add to our snack menu. We still have Chicken Jumpies \$1.00 and Red Rock Honey Soya Chips \$1.50.

Our vegemite and cheese scrolls, along with our daily

baked treats are all selling well. These treats are different each day and are sold over the counter at lunch breaks, prices range 20-50 cents each.

*Reminder to all parents, **Sushi Day is next Tuesday 28 February**. Please make sure you place your order and payments by 9.00am this Thursday (tomorrow). Extra order forms can be collected from the tuckshop. Remember to use one form per student per lunch break. All sushi rolls are \$3.20 each.*

Have a great week Nicole Meesen Tuckshop Convenor

UNIFORM SHOP REPORT

The Uniform Shop is now open every Thursday from 2.30-3.30pm

Sports shirts and homework satchels have been ordered; so once these come in I will let you know, so keep an eye out in the newsletter.

If you would like to help out in the uniform shop weekly, fortnightly or monthly, please contact me in the Tuckshop.

Have a great week. Nicole Meesen

DAY - Saturday 25 February – 11.00am-1.00pm - Firth Park, Somerset Drive, Mudgeeraba. Everyone welcome!!

ROBINA STATE HIGH SCHOOL ENROLMENT INFORMATION EVENING FOR YEAR 7 2018 – Monday 6 March 5.30-7.00pm – Performing Arts Centre, 1 Investigator Drive, Robina.

ROBINA STATE HIGH SCHOOL SIGNATURE PROGRAM INFORMATION EVENING (Academic Excellence, Japanese Immersion, Community Action Service, Sport Academy Programs) – Monday 27 March 5.30pm. Performing Arts Centre, 1 Investigator Drive, Robina. For more information contact acar161@eq.edu.au

COMMUNITY NOTICES
MUDGEERABA HOCKEY CLUB JUNIOR AND SENIOR SIGN ON

