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PRINCIPAL’S COMMENT

I hope that I never take for granted the dedication and collaboration of the staff and parents at Gilston. The results of this collaboration are evident in the very smooth start to the year and I thank each of you for your commitment. I am indeed fortunate to lead our wonderful school. At this time each year a census is undertaken to capture the exact enrolment population in each school. Based on this number staffing and resource allocations are distributed. Unfortunately, due to a reduction in the student population we must reduce our teacher number by one. As a consequence we have redesigned the roll classes utilising the information we gathered last year and the knowledge we have of your children as learners. I am confident in the expertise of our teachers and their decisions in this regard and know that they will make the changes with minimal disruption to teaching and learning. They have spent considerable time fine-tuning the new lists with the best learning interests of the children as their focus. This includes the social and emotional elements known to them. I will examine these closely prior to the redistribution. The majority of changes will occur in the Year 2-5 classes and the actual relocation of students will occur during Friday.

Teachers are planning information sessions for parents to share vital information and to answer any questions you may have about the year ahead. Advice about the timing of these events will be distributed shortly. Please make every effort to attend this session as your child will benefit from you being fully informed.

As many Victorians are cleaning up after record floods, our situation at Gilston hardly rates a mention, however I am keen to do what we can to ensure your gardens are restored prior to handing over to David. With Damon and his marvellous machine we will spread as much mulch as possible on our gardens at the working bee on Saturday 16 February. I look forward to welcoming new prep parents to this activity where we can get to know them a little better. Bring along a wheelbarrow (if you have one), a shovel, gloves and a rake. If you have a trailer suitable for carrying mulch bring it too. Don’t forget the sunscreen, hat and sense of fun. Because of the heat we will kick off at 7:30am and aim to finish at 10:30am (arrive and leave at your convenience) with a sausage sizzle and cold beverage.

The Enrolling Families project that involves working with families and children prior to enrolling in school will be developed further this year. Heather and Nicola will be taking the lead in this regard to ensure the best start for young people. The benefits of this early connection will be significant and I invite you to be part of the project by registering your child’s details with the ladies in the office. At this point in time we intend working with families of children who will start prep in 2014 and 2015. Next week we will host the first meeting of the agencies beyond the school likely to be involved in this project.

Attendance at school is vital for the successful development of children. I expect that unless your child is ill they will attend school all day, every school day. I understand that there are times when unforeseen circumstances within the family lead to an absence and accept these explanations from you. Family holidays are not to be planned in school time and any absence of 10 days or more must be approved by the principals in accordance with legislation. Please give your child the best chance in their education by having them at school on time every day. Our teachers are very skilled, however unless your child is here, they cannot weave their magic.

Accompanying this newsletter is a reminder for payment of the voluntary contribution. The explanation of the history and purpose of contribution is included along with a card payment option. The extra 35 cents per day from each child assists us greatly in maintaining the standard of program delivery we enjoy at Gilston.

To ensure we are abiding by the Education Queensland policy, we are reviewing the use of students’ preferred names on official documentation. If you wish to have your child’s preferred name appear on their report card, please write a brief letter outlining your preference.

Differentiation is a key objective at Gilston where teachers and support staff analyse student needs and modify program delivery accordingly. Within each classroom teachers group students with similar abilities for specific subjects and collaborate with support personnel to access available human and physical resources to meet specific needs. Many of our students will be accessing interactive devices and online tools to consolidate their learning, some of which will be available in your homes.

At Gilston we have often raised awareness and funds for worthy causes. Shave for a Cure has become part of the annual calendar of events in Australia however rarely do we see ladies stepping up to lose their locks. Elektra is a Gilston mum who is willing to shave her head to raise money for research in blood cancer and provide free support for people with leukaemia, lymphoma and myeloma. As you can see from the photo she has much to lose. If you admire her bravery and wish to contribute to this cause, visit http://my.leukaemiacifoundation.org.au/Elektra?SID=197569&LangPref=en-CA

Good luck Elektra
Stay safe and keep smiling
Bruce
P & C NEWS
Working Bee – Saturday 16 February – 7.30am start
The wild weather has caused much erosion of the gardens. If, as a family, you only volunteer for one event this year, then your help with moving mulch would be greatly appreciated by all. Trailers and wheel barrows are also needed. Please remember the inviting grounds and gardens our children use every day were created and maintained with the help of volunteers, and it is with this in mind we encourage you to be part of this project.

Pick Up Zone – Parents and carers are again reminded not to linger in the pick-up area. If your child is not present and ready to be collected you must move on. We strongly suggest you leave a little later to collect your children, to avoid any queues. Whilst the bell goes at 3.00pm, the earliest children can actually reach the pick-up area is 3.06pm. As there are genuine public concerns regarding the blocking of Worongary Road, traffic officers are considering a further presence at our school. Running across the top end of Worongary Road with children in tow is not safe, so please use the crossing. Is saving yourself a couple of minutes really worth the risk to your child’s life?
Kind regards, Narelle Reed
P & C President Tel: 0403046920.

CHOIR NEWS
The senior choir (Year 5-7) will start in week 3 at first break on Tuesday.
The junior choir (Year 3 & 4) will start in week 3 at first break on Wednesday.
New members are welcome to attend. There are no auditions or costs involved with these choirs.
The eisteddfod (competition) choir auditions for Years 3-7 will take place soon. Watch the newsletter for dates.
Year 2 will have the opportunity to join the junior choir in term 3 this year.
Alison Miller / Music Teacher

CHESS CLUB NEWS
Chess Club will be starting soon and classes will be held during lunch time, once a week, in the library nature room. During this time aspiring chess players will be given lessons by a chess coach from Gardiner Chess. These coaches specialize in providing chess coaching services to schools at a low cost. Lessons are tailored to suit all students from complete beginners to advanced players.
Throughout the year Chess students will be invited to compete in Interschool Competitions. At these tournaments Gilston students gain experience by competing against chess players from other schools. Regional qualifiers then go on to participate in the state-wide finals. Gilston State School has traditionally achieved success in these competitions.
There is limit of 20 students for the coaching session, so if your child is interested, Chess forms can be collected from the front office and are to be completed and returned by Thursday 14 February.
The price for Term 1 will depend on the number of children who attend and will be payable as a lump sum per term to Gardiner Chess. They can be contacted on 5522 7221, and payment can be made using direct debit via their website: http://www.gardinerchess.com/

LIBRARY REPORT
Bookclub Issue 1 - Please fill in order form with student’s name and grade. Place in labelled envelope with the correct money, cheque or Master Card receipt. Cheques may be made payable to Scholastic Australia. Hand in at the library.
Order will close on this Friday 8 February at 9.00am.
Library Borrowing - Students from year 1 to 7 may begin to borrow from the library.
Prep children will be introduced to borrowing in class time.

Overdue Books - If you have an overdue book please return to the library as soon as possible.
Bookfair - start saving now for our first bookfair!!
This will take place from 25 February until 11 March. Thirty five per cent of sales will come to the library in book form. Lots of great new publications and gift ideas.
Welcome back everyone!!!
Fran Norgate / Teacher Librarian

SCHOOL BUS PASSES
For queries regarding eligibility and applications for a school bus pass under the School Transport Assistance Scheme, please direct enquiries to the Department of Transport and Main Roads on 5630 8857 or www.tmr.qld.gov.au
For queries about the issuing of a bus pass, the payment of top-up fares, timetabling, or route information please refer to Surfside Buslines at www.surfside.com.au then click on Schools Services tab – if you still need further information telephone 5571 6555, our staff are endeavouring to respond to your enquiry within 48 hours.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER
Thursday 7 February – Tammy Bowden
Ice Blocks – Irene Nicholson
Friday 8 February – Mandy, Trish Fairhall
Ice Blocks – Mandy.
Monday 11 February - Mandy
Ice Blocks – Simone Beck
Tuesday 12 February – Alex Wilson-McCarthy
Ice Blocks – Vicky Johnston
Wednesday 13 February - Mandy
Ice Blocks – Renee Kogler
Thursday 14 February – Kirsty Feld
Ice Blocks – Kamila Basfrmann
Friday 15 February – Mandy, Tanya Lind
Ice Blocks – Elektra Roria

Every Tuesday is Sushi Day. Fill in the attached form and hand in to the tuckshop any day prior to Tuesdays.
Flexischools online ordering is our preferred method of ordering tuckshop and uniforms. To register go to www.flexischools.com.au or register at the tuckshop

COMMUNITY NOTICES
THE NEW X-TREME DANCE & CHEER STUDIO MUDGEERABA
has sign on this Thursday 7 February at Mudgeeraba Memorial Hall, Railway Parade from 3.45pm. First lesson free! For more information please phone Debbie on 0417 164 033.

TENNIS COACHING & COMPETITION DAILY
has sign on this Thursday 7 February at Mudgeeraba Memorial Hall, Railway Parade from 3.45pm. The next date will be 11 February, 2013. For more information contact Travis 5581 7956.

ELITE RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS CLUB – Rope, Hoop, Ball, Clubs, Ribbon, Acrobatics and Dance. Beginners Class Friday 3.30-4.30pm, Saturday 10.00-11.00am at All Saints Anglican School Basketball Hall. Phone Tatiana 0403 034 914 or 5593 8197.

GOLD COAST MOBILE LIBRARY
stops at the Gilston Hall every 2nd Tuesday from 2.15-4.00pm.

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FREE SCOUT ACTIVITIES AT NERANG DEN THIS WEEKEND!
Kids, teens and adults, are you ready to experience the adventure, fun and friendship that is Scouts?! Come and try Scouts for free at our Sign On Weekend! All ages welcome.

SUNDAY 10 February
10.00am–2.00pm. Hope St, Nerang (next gate past the velodrome)

JUNIOR ANZAC CLUB – Saturday 10.00am-12.00pm, RSL Memorial Hall Dugout Mudgeeraba (behind and underneath the Community Hall). Committee Ron 0409 792 427.

MUDGEERABA HOCKEY CLUB
Come and try morning – Keith Hunt Park, Hockey Lane, Labrador Saturday 9 February – 9.00-10.00am.
Gilston State School has a proud tradition of community involvement. Our tuckshop and uniform stores are run predominantly by volunteers, we have a dedicated subcommittee (Gilston Club) of the Parents and Citizens Association for fund raising and the P & C are active in the strategic direction of the school.

At Gilston parents have recognised that throughout their child’s schooling there are enhanced educational services that are incorporated to add value to the core offerings. To ensure these remained in our programs, the P & C Association endorsed the concept of seeking an annual financial contribution from each student per year to supplement the offerings from both the school and fund raising bodies.

The contribution per student, as ratified by the P & C in 2010, is $70 per child, with a maximum of $140 per family.

The first $20 of this contribution is directed to each classroom where teachers expend this budget for their respective classes to support specific activities in a range of key learning areas throughout the year. $10 of the total will be directed to offsetting costs associated with excursions while $5 will go towards subscriptions to educational software that will be accessible both at school and at home. Without this contribution the range of offerings to our students will have to be reduced.

The remaining funds are allocated to enhancing the offerings in all key learning areas and to provide specific programs and services relevant to circumstances of the school. Priorities for 2013 include literacy and numeracy and information communication technologies.

Whilst payment of this contribution is voluntary, parents happily contribute recognising the high quality of offerings at Gilston. These features are possibly the reason you are enrolling your child.

Payments are processed at the beginning of each year and payment plans are also welcome if financial hardships exist.

Regards

Bruce Langes
Principal

If you would like to pay the Voluntary Contribution by credit card please fill out this form and return to the school office.

STUDENT’S NAME: _______________________________ EQ ID: __________________

AMOUNT PAID: $_______________ DATE: _________________ CODE: Voluntary Contribution

NAME ON CREDIT CARD: __________________________________________________________

CARD TYPE: ☐ VISA ☐ BANKCARD ☐ MASTERCARD

CREDIT CARD NUMBER: ____________ ____________ ____________ ____________ ____________ ____________

(Please ensure that all sixteen numbers are entered)

EXPIRY DATE: ______/____

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## Gilston State School
### Tuesday Sushi Order Form
To be handed in at the Tuckshop by Monday 9.30am

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While every care is taken to provide your child with the sushi pre-ordered, occasionally the supplier may be out of stock. In these instances similar ingredient sushi will be substituted.