



# GILSTON STATE SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



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### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

**Thank you for reading to your children. Thank you for insisting on routines** that ensure your child reads every day. The amount of time spent reading is vital for your child. At the recent Principals' conference the following statistics were shared with those in attendance. It prompted me to thank you for your concerted effort to value reading:

A child who reads **20 minutes** per day reads **1 800 000 words per year** and scores in the **90<sup>th</sup> percentile** in standardised tests.

A child who reads **5 minutes** per day reads **282 000 words per year** and scores in the **50<sup>th</sup> percentile** in standardised tests.

A child who reads **1 minute** per day reads **8 000 words per year** and scores in the **10<sup>th</sup> percentile** in standardised tests.

Your time in creating reading routines and habits is certainly an **investment in your child's future**.

On Monday night our **P&C** held their **Annual General Meeting**. It was pleasing to see so many in attendance. New office bearers were elected to the positions of: **President (Tam Bell)**, **Vice-President (Jemma Baldwin)**, **Treasurer (Brenda Flemming)** and **Secretary (Paula Black)**. I congratulate our new executive and thank them for committing to performing these important roles. As I did on the night, I **recognise the significant contributions of the outgoing executive**. These honorary roles carry significant responsibility and the input from Jemma (President), Tam and Amanda (Vice), Caroline (Treasurer) and Paula (Secretary) has been substantial. We are **blest to have such dedicated volunteers** at Gilston.

With **learning at the forefront** it has been a **successful start** to our year. Next week will be our final week and while learning remains central, there are some special activities planned. Our **Easter concert** is always a highlight and a spectacle that is popular.

We have a **special assembly on Thursday** where we will **farewell Graeme**. If the Cross Country is postponed on Wednesday, we may have the carnival on Thursday weather permitting. In accordance with legislation I expect all students to attend until the final bell on Friday. All unauthorised absences will be recorded as per our usual procedure.

### FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday	24 March	P & C Movie Night (Hall)
Wednesday	29 March	Cross Country
Friday	31 March	9:15 am P-3 Easter Concert (Hall) <b>Last Day Term 1</b>
Tuesday	18 April	<b>First Day Term 2</b>
Tuesday	18 April	Yr 2 Beenleigh Excursion
Friday	21 April	Anzac Day Ceremony
Monday	24 April	Yr 6 Leadership Day Numinbah Valley
Tuesday	25 April	<b>Anzac Day Public Holiday</b>

#### 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
96.78	95.82	95.33	95.67	94.66	95.66	94.06

As part of his transition to Kowanyama, **Graeme will be visiting his new school** early next week. Consequently he will **not be on site until Thursday**. If you want to catch up with him one-on-one, please make sure you factor this absence into your plans.

The planned **movie night this Friday** has given rise to many conversations between students and with me. By listening to students in the collection zone on the topic, I have become aware that many of our younger students have watched movies rated "M" and in an alarming number of cases "R". While I am sensible enough to dismiss those inventing a story to impress another student, I am convinced however, having listened to the recounts of their viewing, that many of their claims are true (the details of the movies were graphic). Aware of the potential hazards associated with young students viewing inappropriate material, I feel an obligation to remind all parents to exercise your parental responsibility to ensure material accessed through television, movies and the internet are appropriate for your child's stage of development.

While we welcome the rain and benefits it has brought, we are still "feeling the effects" of the associated electrical storms. Please be aware that despite our best efforts we are still experiencing issues with our phone system. **I thank you for your understanding** as we work to rectify the issues.

Stay safe and keep smiling.  
Bruce

#### **NEWS FROM THE SPORT DESK**

**Gala Day** - Unfortunately our Gala Day was cancelled this week as the fields were closed by council. Due to ongoing rain, a busy end to the term and other organisational issues the Gala Day will be postponed until the end of term 2. The students will continue to train in their current sports in preparation for competition next term. Payments made will be valid for the next event. We apologise for any inconvenience and look forward to a great Gala Day in term 2.

**Cross Country** – A reminder that this year's event will be held on Wednesday 29 March. Students are to wear house shirts on the day please.

- The Prep-3 carnival will run during first session starting with Prep races.
- The 4-6 carnival will commence in middle session beginning with year 4.

All competitors will receive a house point and an ice block after participating. Any 10-12 year olds who place in the top 4 will represent Gilston Primary at the District Cross Country on Thursday 25 May. We look forward to a fun and successful carnival. In the event of a rain cancellation we will try again on Thursday 30 March.

Scott Stavar - HPE Gilston SS

#### **NEWS FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT**

**Junior Choir Performance** - The junior choir students (Year 2 & 3) will be performing a song at the Easter concert next week. The concert will be held on Friday 31 March, starting at 9.15am in the school hall. The choir students will be the last item on the program. The children will be dressed in their Easter costumes for their class items and do not need to change for the choir performance.

**Instrumental News** - Mr Steve Broxton our Instrumental Music teacher will be absent this Friday 24 March therefore there will be **no** Instrumental Music lessons Friday.

Alison Miller - Music Teacher

#### **GILSTON GOURMET & UNIFORM NEWS**

##### **Tuckshop Roster**

Gilston Gourmet Report

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March: Brenda Fleming

Ice blocks: help needed

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March: Amelia Edwards/Jenny/Angela G

Ice blocks: help needed

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March: Help needed

Ice blocks: help needed

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March: Melaine Harrison/ Caroline Fitzroy

Ice blocks: help needed

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March: **Urgent Help needed**

Ice blocks: help needed

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March: Rachel Delany/Brenda Fleming

Ice blocks: Help needed

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March: Amelia Edwards/Angela G

Ice blocks: help needed

This Friday night is our Family Movie night. All welcome; wear your PJ's if you wish. Bring your rugs and pillows. We will have hot food, snacks and drinks for sale on the night. EFTPOS facilities will be available. Come and support your school community and give your well wishes to Mr Weatherburn. The movies that will be shown are Trolls and The Secret Life of Pets. First movie will start at 6pm.

Next Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March is Cross Country. If any parents/grandparents or carers would like to order lunch for this day, please do so before 9.30am at the tuckshop. We will also be offering Cake and Coffee/Tea for \$5.00 and have an array of snacks and drinks available over the counter.

##### **We have a couple of new menu items for the last 2 weeks of term:**

1. Teriyaki chicken & rice with a drink of your choice \$6.00
2. Full or half, warm toasted chicken kebab with lettuce, tomato and cheese with your choice of sauce (BBQ, mayo, hommuss and tzatziki) half kebab \$4.00 Full \$7.00

Have a great week

Nicole Meesen  
Tuckshop Convenor

##### **UNIFORM SHOP REPORT**

Homework Satchels and our house shirts have arrived and they are both \$15.00 each.

The Uniform shop will **not be open** for the next 2 Thursdays.

The uniform shop will now open on the first Monday of each term from 7.30-8.30am. If you require anything from the uniform shop, you can order it at the Tuckshop and it will be delivered to your child's teacher, who will then give it to your child. The Tuckshop has EFTPOS facilities; or order it on [www.flexischools.com.au/](http://www.flexischools.com.au/)

Have a great week,

Nicole Meesen  
Uniform Shop Convenor

## FROM THE FINANCE DESK - PAYMENT DUE DATES

EVENT	DATE AND VENUE	AMOUNT	DUE DATE
Yr4 Camp Deposit	26/4-28/4 Tallebudgera	\$50.00	Internet 21/3 Office 24/3
LOTE Cooking	2017	\$5.00	24/3
Yr 2 Beenleigh	18/4/17 Beenleigh Village	\$18.00	Internet 27/3 Office 30/3

## NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY

**TRIPLE P PROGRAM** - The online version of **Teen Triple P** has just been released and is **available free** to parents under the Queensland Government initiative. Research on *Teen Triple P* shows that it reduces behaviour problems, parent stress and parent-teen conflict. Queensland parents can now access *Teen Triple P* as well as the **0-12 year's online program** [here](#).

**KEEBRA PARK SHS JUNIOR SECONDARY FAMILY INFORMATION EVENING** – will be held on Thursday 23 March from 4:00pm till 6:00pm. Year 5 and 6 students and parents welcome.

**MERRIMAC STATE HIGH SCHOOL 2018 SELECTIVE ENTRY APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN** – The programs include STEAM Academy, Academic Summit, Sport Summit, Dance and Leadership. Visit the website for information and to download an application form. Year 6 into year 7 for 2018 Enrolment Information Evening will be held on Tuesday 16 May at 6.30pm in the school hall.

**ROBINA STATE HIGH SCHOOL** – Signature Program information evening will be held on Monday 27 March at 5:30pm in the Performing Arts Centre, 1 Investigator Drive, Robina. For more information contact [acar161@eq.edu.au](mailto:acar161@eq.edu.au)

**EASTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS FUN CAMP** - Monday 3/4/17, Tuesday 4/4/17, Wednesday 5/4/17, Monday 10/4/17, Tuesday 11/4/17, Wednesday 12/4/17. Platinum Tennis located at Hinterland Tennis Club, 5 Price Street, Nerang. Full Day 8.30am-4.00pm \$40, Half Day 8.30am – 12 noon \$25. 3 Day Pass (Full Day) \$90 per person, 3 Day Pass (Half Day) \$60 per person. Activities include Hot Shot Tennis Coaching, Easter egg hunt, water bomb fight, Easter egg painting, soccer, movie Interested? All children welcome aged between 4yrs - 16yrs. Call Jono 0488 696 939

**SURF LIFE SAVING QLD** - Runs the community based Little Lifesavers program at several locations across Queensland including Tallebudgera Creek. Our next program runs in the first week of the school holidays, 3<sup>rd</sup> April to 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at Tallebudgera Creek. We would love you to come along to our last program for the season. To register go to <http://lifesaving.com.au/littlelifesavers/>

**BLACK & BLING TRIVIA NIGHT** – come and join **Nerang State High School** community for a night of Black & Bling. Friday 26 May Nerang State High School Hall – 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start. Tickets \$10 each or \$12 on the night. Contact Tracey Spiers 0412 267 263 or [pandc@nerangshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandc@nerangshs.eq.edu.au)

**WORLD WAR 1 CENTENARY DISPLAY & EDUCATION CENTRE** - The Display & Education Centre located at 48 Nerang Street, will be open from Thursday 9 March until Sunday 28 May 2017. Opening hours will be Thursdays & Fridays from 10:00am till 3:00pm, Sundays from 9:00am till 12:00pm. Members of the public of all ages are welcome. Admission is free.

The theme for 2017 is the battles of 1917 with particular emphasis on the role of the Australian Light Horse Regiments.

For more information, please contact Mark Swain on 0402 866 082 or email: [mikepowl@gmail.com](mailto:mikepowl@gmail.com)

**TITANS EASTER HOLIDAY CLINIC** - On Tuesday 4 April we will hold the Aquis Titans NRL Easter Holiday Clinic at Parkwood Village. Participants will receive morning tea, lunch, an NRL footy pack, Aquis Titans Membership, meet Aquis Gold Coast Titans players plus there will be a special appearance from the Easter Bunny with an Easter Egg hunt. Register participants by [clicking here](#)

**SANITARIUM WEET-BIX KIDS TRYATHLON** is coming to Broadwater Parklands on Sunday 7 May.

There are kids, super sprint and team's categories available with achievable distances and safe conditions, which makes triathlon a perfect sport for your students to enter.

Event details:

**~Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon~**

Sunday 7 May 2017 at Broadwater Parklands

Distances:

**7-10:** 75m swim / 3km ride / 500m run

**11-15:** 150m swim / 6km ride / 1km run

For more info, visit [www.tryathlon.com.au](http://www.tryathlon.com.au)