



# GILSTON STATE SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



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### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

"This choir were the **most charming choir** of the night", declared the adjudicator as he announced that Gilston had placed second in the section Monday night. His recognition of the development of the **student singing voices** was just reward for Alison who has for many years, emphasised this skill in her charges. (His report is attached to the newsletter email.) I was just one of many proud people and was happy to celebrate the achievement with the children and their parents. It is vital though that I single out Alison's contribution to this outcome as she has given these children a beautiful gift that they can keep for the rest of their lives. In humbly accepting this praise, **Alison** would be the first to remind me that **Marg**, our accompanist deserves our thanks for her dedication over many years in the role.

Another piece of good news is the arrival of **Emily Kate Jolly**. Kate and Blake welcomed their bundle of joy on 17 August. She weighed 7lb 4oz. Sorry I still use the imperial for babies. We are delighted for Kate and look forward to meeting Emily. Despite cruising past her due date, **Jolie's** baby seems satisfied to remain in situ. It won't be long now I'm sure.

And the good news continues. Our latest rating for our **tuckshop**, the Gilston Gourmet is **5 star**. This rating exceeds current expectations, matching the new guidelines that don't come into effect until next year. I commend Nicole and the team for this outcome and can share that there will be a **special inclusion** on the menu **next term** with a special twist.

Our school **photographs** will be taken next week, capturing the moment in time that we will reflect upon fondly in years to come. There will be gummy smiles where teeth are missing, neatly braided hair and quiffs masterfully arranged by patient parents. I thank you in advance for taking the time to ensure your child is presented neatly and in their "best uniform". Remember, **no sport shirts**.

Our **attendance rates** are hovering, in some cases, on the cusp of making it back into the "green" zone. With your continued support we will make it.

On the topic of attendance, I reiterate that our **dedicated teachers** are committed to doing what they can to ensure students who have missed days due to illness are provided with

### FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday	25 August	Last day payment Gala Day Year 5 & 6
<b>Friday</b>	<b>26 August</b>	<b>Gold Coast Show Holiday</b>
Tuesday	30 August	Book Club due
Tuesday	30 August	School Photos
Wednesday	31 August	
Wednesday	31 August	Father's Day Stall (timetable below)
Thursday	1 September	
Monday to Friday	5 September 9 September	Great Book Swap
Thursday	8 September	Book Character Parade
Monday	12 September	P & C Meeting 7.00pm.
Thursday	16 September	Last day payment Year 4 Camp
Wednesday	5 October	Calendar orders taken
Monday	10 October	

#### 2016 Explicit Improvement Agenda

- Mastery of maths concepts – efficiency through CMC program
- Embedding scripted guided reading and monitoring of reading behaviours
- Embedding consolidation instruction through slides

#### Gilston Expectations

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

#### Current Attendance Levels

P	1	2	3	4	5	6
94.87	94.47	94.57	94.78	94.12	93.88	94.25

additional time and tutelage to learn what they have missed. This dedication has been **limited at my direction** though when it comes to altering programming to accommodate absences or providing additional instruction for students whose parents choose to take holidays during the school term.

Learn about your child's learning goals and their development at school by **attending your parent teacher conference**. Committing your time to this exercise sends a clear message to your child that you value their learning at school.

Based on the learning from other schools, we will soon be trialling a **modification to our play breaks**. Essentially, we will be **"flipping" the eating and play times** so that students will play immediately after the bell before returning to eat for the last 10 minutes. This allows for the burning of some energy and a settling prior to returning to class. This practice has had a very positive effect in some of our Nerang Alliance schools.

For the next three days I will be attending a State Council for the Queensland Association of State School Principals and the State Conference. This will afford me the opportunity to learn and "compare notes" with my colleagues from throughout Queensland. In my absence, Graeme will be your Principal.

Enjoy your long weekend (if you have one)  
Stay safe and keep smiling.  
Bruce

#### DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

##### School Band Eisteddfod Performance

Congratulations to all those who participated in the Eisteddfod last week. It was a pleasure to see you on stage in front of all the other schools in our area. You are, were and will be an inspiration to all. The price of success is hard work, dedication to the job at hand, and the determination that whether you win or lose, you have applied the best of yourselves to the task at hand. That as they say, is gold.

##### School Photo's 2016

Tuesday and Wednesday of next week (30<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>), are our photos days. Please have your child/den bring their MSP school photo envelopes filled out **on the day they are to be photographed**. They don't need to bring them at any other time. Can you have the children dressed in their **school uniform** on that day also please, no sports shirts on the day.

#### Tuesday 30 August

Time	Group Name
8.00	Staff
9.05	Prep N
9.20	Prep E
9.35	Prep W
9.50	Prep S
10.05	1N
10.20	1E
10.35	1S
10.50	4W
<b>Lunch Break 11.00-11.40</b>	
11.45	2W

11.55	2S
12.05	2N
12.15	2E
12.25	4N
12.35	4E
12.45	4S

#### Wednesday 31 August

Time	Group Name
9.00	Yr6 Graduation
9.30	School Captains
9.35	Sports Captains
9.45	6N
9.55	6E
10.05	6S
10.15	5N
10.25	5E
10.35	5W
10.45	3N
<b>Lunch Break 11.00-11.40</b>	
11.45	3S
11.55	3E
12.05	3W

#### Father's Day Stall

Next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday the P & C ladies are holding their annual Father's Day Stall in the Library. Classes have been allocated times to go. Children will be able to purchase from there as well as at the front of the school on Friday morning from 8.00am.

<b>Wednesday 31st</b>	
9.10 – 9.20	PE
9.20 – 9.30	PS
9.30 – 9.40	PW
9.40 – 9.50	PN
9.50 – 10.00	1N
10.00 – 10.10	1E
10.10 – 10.20	1S
10.20 – 10.30	2N
10.30 – 10.40	2E
10.40 – 10.50	2W
10.50 – 11.00	2S

<b>Thursday 1st</b>	
9.10 – 9.20	6N & 6S
9.20 – 9.30	6E & 5W
9.30 – 9.40	5N & 5E
9.40 – 9.50	4N
9.50 – 10.00	4E
10.00 – 10.10	4W
10.10 – 10.20	4S
10.20 – 10.30	3N
10.30 – 10.40	3E
10.40 – 10.50	3W
10.50 – 11.00	3S

## **GALA DAY**

On Monday 5 September the Year 5 and 6 students will travel to Firth Park to compete in sport competitions against other schools. They will enjoy T-ball, Cricket, Oztag and Boxball. The cut-off for payment is Thursday 25 August. Students require full school uniform, a hat, lunch, water bottle and sunscreen. As always, a behaviour code of conduct will apply to all players and spectators. Students must adhere to sun safe procedures when attending this event. We look forward to another great day.  
Scott Stavar

## **CALENDAR FUND RAISER**

We are happy to announce that we are doing the calendars again!

Our budding artists will complete their art work in the last 2 weeks of term in class. You will be able to view their art work, place your orders and pay on Wednesday 5 October, Thursday 6 October, Friday 7 October and Monday 10 October from 8:30am – 9:15am and 2:30pm – 3:15pm.

Payment can be made by cash or EFTPOS. Please see attached flyer for prices.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Tracey on 0408 184 403 or speak to the ladies in the Tuckshop. Thank you for your support.

## **LIBRARY NEWS**

**Book Club Issue 5** – apologies for the late arrival of book orders from Issue 5. They should be here at the school next week.

**Book Club Issue 6** has been sent home. The last day for orders will be Tuesday 30 August. Please order on-line using the LOOP payment system.

**Book Week** – Gilston will be celebrating Book Week in Week 9 of Term 3. There will be a Book Character Parade on Thursday and a visit from local librarians on Tuesday who will run activities with students.

Also **'The Great Book Swap'** will be held all of Week 9 in the library. This supports the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

Kathy Stone / Librarian

## **FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICER: MICHELLE DAVIES CYBER BULLYING**

Bullying comes in many forms but one of the most sinister forms is through technology (the internet or mobile phones) in the form of MSM messaging, emails, Facebook etc. Psychologist Michael Carr-Greig is a founding member of the national centre for bullying. He works for Beyond Blue, and he has also been called upon to help counsel the students in the latest loss of life through cyber bullying. He states that cyber bullying is worse than school yard bullying as it can continue 24/7. Because the bully doesn't need to see its victim the bullying is often more intense, and more frequent and can be far more damaging. Cyber bullying is difficult to get away from as today's youth are in many ways so deeply dependent on their phones and computers to develop or increase their social network, that banning them would be what the kids would call 'social death'.

Here are some ideas:

- Talk to your child about bullying – ask them if it has or is happening to them either face to face or through the mobile or internet. If it is happening act now.
- Supervise your child's internet and mobile usage (with teenagers this may be more difficult but as children need 8.25 to 9.25 hours of good sleep each night encourage

the mobile to be turned off and left outside the bedroom.

- Limit internet usage. Where possible have the computer in a public area.
- Watch for changes in your child's behavior. Are they withdrawn or not themselves? Are they sad/tearful/angry/ not enjoying things they may have once enjoyed? Is school work affected? These factors may indicate depression. It may also indicate that your child is unwell.
- As bullies thrive on secrecy, if you, the parent know about bullying then report it to the school or police and ensure follow up with you occurs.

Michael Carr-Greig states that to help children be resilient:

- They need to have an adult in their life who they feel safe with (and will feel comfortable talking to)
- Children need to learn social and emotional skills – both at home and at school.
- Provide a balanced life for your child – school is one part of their life. Involve them also in the arts, music, sport, leisure.
- Teach your child to self- talk positively – it's just as easy to say something nice about yourself as it is to put yourself down
- Provide spiritual awareness – being connected to something/someone that transcends this world helps people to cope with problems.

If you need more help on this issue, these numbers may be useful Lifeline 131114 or Beyond Blue 1300 224 636 or speak to your child's teacher or the Guidance Officer at your school.

Adapted from the work of Michael Carr Greig's Radio Conversation

## **JAPANESE SPEECH CONTEST**

Last weekend seven Year 4 and 5 students competed in the MLTAQ Gold Coast Speech Competition. After several weeks of careful practice these students bravely recited their Japanese speeches in front of judges and three of our students were awarded Highly Commended on the day! Congratulations Trinity Rollison, Chad Jones and Lily Harper! All students performed well on the day and certainly dedicated themselves to their task. Yatta! You did it!

## **GILSTON GOURMET**

Thursday 25 August - Tracey Zimmerman

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Friday 26 August – SHOW HOLIDAY

Monday 29 August - Paula Black

Ice Blocks – Helen Ross

Tuesday 30 August – Melanie Harrison

Ice Blocks – Helen D

Wednesday 31 August - Help needed please

Ice Blocks - Help needed

Thursday 1 September - Tracey Zimmerman

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Friday 2 September - **HELP NEEDED PLEASE**

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Once again our sushi day was a success with both children and teachers, thank you for your support. Next term we will look at doing it once a month.

As from Tuesday 6 September, I will be away on holidays for 2 weeks. Our 2 assistant convenors, Mel Wright and Karen Bowden will be looking after the tuckshop in my absence, so if you have any questions please don't

*hesitate to go up and have a chat with these ladies. Also while I am away there will be **no Cupcake orders** done.*

*If there are any parents that can spare 1 hour a week or month to help us out by doing behind the scene jobs, for example bagging up chicken products and party pies, prepping salads, re stocking shelves and stock, popping popcorn and so on please come up and see us. We would love to hear from you.*

*Have a great week,*

*Nicole Meesen  
Tuckshop Convenor*

#### **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**JUNIOR OZTAG** Sign up. Nerang Oztag, Richard Kniepp 1300 469 824, [www.nerangoztag.com](http://www.nerangoztag.com)

**KURRAWA SLSC NIPPERS SIGN ON** Sunday 28 August & 11 September at Miami Aquatic Centre, 9.00-11.00am.

**BLOSSOM INTO SPRING FASHION SHOW** – Saturday 3 September, 2.00pm. Mudgeeraba Uniting Church, Franklin Drive. \$5 adult, gold coin student, free under 12. Cash only.

**MUDGEERABA NERANG & DISTRICTS' CRICKET CLUB JUNIOR SIGN ON DAY** Sunday 28 August 10.00am-2.00pm, Nielsens Road, Carrara. [www.mndcc.com.au](http://www.mndcc.com.au)