



# GILSTON STATE SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



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### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

**ANZAC** day is certainly cemented in our annual calendar in Australia, with more attention than ever paid to ensuring the sacrifices of those who served in conflicts are not forgotten. In our schools, students build on that which parents have shared on the topic and over the years in school develop a deeper appreciation of the enormity of the **sacrifice and the long-lasting impact of loss associated with armed conflict**. Part of this learning is our annual ANZAC assembly and the students' attendance at a range of services across the coast. Along with Kelly, Kathrina and Andrea, I was proud to accompany the forty Gilston students who marched at the Nerang ANZAC service yesterday. Our students represented Gilston with distinction both throughout the march and the following service. I also thank the parents of these children for their assistance in the coordination of the group.

The dawn service again included the holograph which this year included a recount of the actions of the Light Horse. I was impressed by the performances of the Nerang State High School students in the hologram noting that again some of them were "ex-Gilston kids". I extend a special thanks to **Natalie Davies** for designing and arranging the **special wreath** that was laid by our students.

Gilston has been blessed to have a **volunteer base to support our school**. Whether it is helping in the classroom, attending a working bee or assisting with fundraising or coordinating an event, the community involvement has added that special extra element to our school. As always, our **P & C welcomes input from parents** to assist in perpetuating this ethos. **With your help**, activities like movie nights, discos and stalls can be included in the yearly calendar. If you would **like to help** in some way please contact the ladies via [email](mailto:email) or on the mobile listed each week in our newsletter.

**NAPLAN** (National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy) occurs each year for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. At Gilston, the data from this assessment is used to monitor how our students are learning in **comparison to their counterparts** in other schools and supports our local assessment data in reporting to you, the parents. By **delivering the Australian curriculum**, our teachers have **prepared our students** for this assessment which will occur on May 9, 10 and 11. Students have also been given opportunity to be **familiar with the format** of the assessment to ensure the data collected

### FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday	1 May	<b>Labour Day Public Holiday</b>
Thursday	4 May	Cross Country

Our website has access to all consent letters for any of the excursions listed above <https://gilstonss.eq.edu.au>

#### 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
96.39	95.13	94.94	95.5	94.45	95.44	94

is reliable and valid. The concept of **assessment isn't new to Gilston students** however, as we regularly assess to inform our planning for instruction and to make judgments about levels of attainment. One very positive aspect of NAPLAN has been the **breakfast** that is **provided** by our **Parents and Citizens Association** each year. The breakfast not only ensures the students are well-fed prior to the assessment, it also helps to alleviate any nerves that may pervade. **Volunteers** to help with this event will be most welcome. If, as a parent you have a **philosophical objection** to the assessment, please **advise your teacher as soon as possible**.

Last week it was our Year 2s, this week, the Year 6s and 4s, later in the term it will be the Year 5s. These groups have been afforded the opportunity to attend **excursions** and **camp**s to support their in-class learning. I **commend all our teachers** for their continued commitment to matching these opportunities to the learning needs of the students. Their willingness to sacrifice their own family time to make this happen does not go unnoticed and is appreciated.

In closing this week I remind you that the **supervision of children before and after school is your responsibility**. The only exceptions to this arrangement are the collection zone in and delivering students to the buses in the afternoon. If your child fails to meet school expectations of behaviour during these times, you will be advised with the expectation that you arrange alternative supervision.

Stay safe and keep smiling.  
Bruce

#### DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

##### Every Day Counts

Attendance remains a constant priority of the school and the Department of Education. Attendance data is monitored and tracked regularly at our school. Regular attendance ensures a smooth academic learning pathway. Every Day Counts is a state wide initiative that aims to assist in improving student attendance at school through a shared commitment by students, parents, caregivers, schools and the community. For resources and more information regarding Every Day Counts initiative please visit <http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/parents-community/index.html>

##### Tips – Things you can do to support school attendance

- Talk positively about attending school and learning
- Help your child get into a routine for getting ready to go to school stress-free
- Help your child get ready for school in the morning
- Talk about the positive social aspects of the school environment.

##### Nerang Community ANZAC Day Service

It was very pleasing to see so many students from Gilston State School participate in the Community ANZAC Day Service at Nerang. They represented our school proudly. Some students were fortunate enough to represent a Service Veteran from the Nerang area who has passed, by wearing a 'Veteran's Memorial Plaque.'



##### RSL Community Link

Gilston State School was invited to participate in the RSL Community Link program on ANZAC Day.

RSL Community Link gives people of all ages the opportunity to attend remembrance services as the personal representative of an Australian or Allied service veteran who has passed away regardless of when or where they served.

Representatives wear a 'Veteran's Memorial Plaque' which shows the basic details of the veteran's service and includes a full-colour representation of their medal ribbons. A 'Representative's Link Card' is worn to show the representative's relationship to the veteran.

RSL Community Link also runs a number of school-based programs to enable students in communities with a local war memorial or honour board, to learn more about their local history and represent those who died, at remembrance services.

More information can be found at <https://rslqld.org/rsl-community/rsl-community-link/>

##### Nerang Experience Day for Year 6 students

Students from Year 6 have the opportunity to participate in the Nerang Experience Day on 17 May. All students are invited to participate in this experience. More information regarding this opportunity will be communicated via the classroom teacher.

##### CROSS COUNTRY

This year's event will be held on Thursday 4 May. 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.

**MOTHER'S DAY STALL TIMETABLE**

Date: 9-11 May

Venue: Library Court yard

	Tuesday 9 May	Wednesday 10 May	Thursday 11 May
9:10am		PS	4W
9:20am		PW	4S
9:30am		PN	4E
9:40am		1/2	6N
9:50am		PE	6S
10:00am		1E	6E
10:10am		2N	
10:20am		2W	
10:30am		1N	
10:40am		2E	
10:50am		1W	
11:40am		5N	
11:50am		5E	
12:00pm		5W	
12:10pm		4/5	
2:10pm	3N		
2:20pm	3S		
2:30pm	3E		
2:40pm	3W		

**NAPLAN BREAKFAST 9, 10, 11 MAY**

The P & C will again be hosting a NAPLAN BREAKFAST for all our students.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Breakfast will finish at **8:45am SHARP**. Please ensure your child has eaten if they are arriving at school after this time as they will miss out.

**UNIFORM SHOP**

We are having a "**below cost sale**" on the items below, until all stock is gone and we will not be ordering any more.

**Gabardine Shorts are now \$10.00 each (were \$20)**

**Boys Cargo Pants \$8.00 (were \$25)**

**Girls Bootleg Pants \$8.00 (were \$25)**

Available on [flexischools.com.au](http://flexischools.com.au) or over the counter at the tuckshop.

School Jackets, Small Backpacks and Hats have been ordered. I will let you know when these arrive.

If you would like to order any uniforms, please go to the tuckshop where the ladies are able to assist, or go online [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au)

Nicole Meesen

**GILSTON GOURMET****Tuckshop Roster**

Thursday 27 April – Rachel Delany/Brenda Fleming

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Friday 28 April – Amelia Edwards / Jenny

Ice Blocks - Help needed

Monday 1 May – Public Holiday

Tuesday 2 May – Mel Harrison

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Wednesday 3 May - Help needed

Ice Blocks – Help needed

**Thursday 4 May – Help needed urgently**

Ice Blocks – Help Needed

Friday 5 May - Amelia Edwards / Jenny

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Hot Chocolate will be available from next week, \$2.50 each available all day.

We also have **wholemeal** wraps, as a new healthy option for wraps.

Cross Country next Thursday 4 May, 2017. We will be offering Cake and Coffee/Tea for \$5.00 and if any parents would like to place a lunch order, please do so before 9.00am at the tuckshop.

NAPLAN is happening in week 4. The P & C will be providing breakfast for all students. Breakfast will be on Tuesday 9 May, Wednesday 10 May and Thursday 11 May from 8.00am to 8.45am only. We are asking for an optional gold coin donation, to help with the expense of providing this breakfast.

We are still needing a couple of volunteers to assist the tuckshop with NAPLAN breakfast. If you are available from 7.45-9.00am, please come in and see Nicole at the tuckshop. Thank you to Rachel Stanley, Rachel Delany, Paula Black and Tam Bell for already putting your names down.

Have a great week.

Nicole Meesen/Tuckshop Convenor

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**TENNIS COACHING** - New to tennis or simply want to get back into the swing of things? Platinum Tennis Coaching located at the Hinterland Tennis Club, Price Street, Nerang are offering a free trial lesson to any children wanting to get involved in the sport. We have designed our tennis programs to be a perfect blend of fun and education. If you are between 4-18years of age why not come along and join in. Lessons run at the club 6 days a week Monday to Friday from 3:30pm Saturdays from 8.00am. We also have lessons available at Gilston State School before school 4 mornings a week from 8.00am. If you would like to take this offer, bookings are essential. Please contact Jono on 0488 696 939.

**MERRIMIC STATE HIGH SCHOOL** Enrolment Information Evening for Year 7 students in 2018 on Tuesday 16 May 2017 at 6.30pm in the school hall.

