



GILSTON STATE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Father's Day Stall

The Gilston Club ladies have organised the Father's Day stall for children to partake again this year. A timetable has been organised for classes to attend in the back room of the library and will give them the chance to get dad something, to make it a very special day for all. All monies raised of course go directly back to our students. Suffice to say, without the tireless and selfless work done by the Gilston Club we would be less able to purchase resources and materials throughout the year. Thank you ladies, we do appreciate your work in the school so very much.

Father's Day Stall in the Library

Wednesday 2nd		Thursday 3rd	
9.10 – 9.20	PE	9.10 – 9.20	2E
9.20 – 9.30	PS	9.20 – 9.30	2W
9.30 – 9.40	PW	9.30 – 9.40	2S
9.40 – 9.50	4N	9.40 – 9.50	5S – 5N
9.50 – 10.00	4E	9.50 – 10.00	5W – 6S
10.00 – 10.10	4S	10.00 – 10.10	6E – 6N
10.10 – 10.20	3S	10.10 – 10.20	
10.20 – 10.30	3W	10.20 – 10.30	1N
10.30 – 10.40	3E	10.30 – 10.40	1E
10.40 – 10.50	3N	10.40 – 10.50	1W
10.50 – 11.00	2N	10.50 – 11.00	1S

School Photo's

School Photo days are drawing near with the dates set for the 9 and 10 September (next Wednesday and Thursday). Classes from Prep through to Year four will be on Wednesday and the Year five and six classes on Thursday.

Tuckshop News

Congratulations to Nicole and her team in the Tuckshop for all their hard work preparing meals for our students and teachers. In her spare time Nicole has completed a course in food handling/management and restaurant management and has topped the class! Her work is so good the course supervisors have asked if she would consent to them publishing it on their website. We already knew she was good but now we're telling the world. Thank you Nicole.

FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday	3 September	Last day payment Year 5 & 6 Gala Day
Friday	4 September	Last day payment Year 6 Lake Ainsworth camp
Monday	7 September	Year 1 Science incursion
Wednesday	9 September	Year 5 & 6 Gala Day
Saturday	12 September	Gilston School Community Fair 10.00am – 3.00pm
Monday	14 September	P & C Meeting 7.00pm
Friday	18 September	Last day Term 3
Tuesday	6 October	First day Term 4
Monday	12 October	Spellathon
Friday	16 October	
Friday	16 October	Book Character Parade
Friday	23 October	Family Arts Night

2015 Explicit Improvement Agenda

- Guided Reading
- Explicit Instruction – Short to long-term memory

Gilston Expectations

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

Current Attendance Levels

P	1	2	3	4	5	6
93.88	93.93	93.74	93.25	92.96	93.4	93.11

Volunteers and helpers for the fete stalls

Look out, the Gilston State School Fair is nearly upon us and things are ticking along really nicely! Please make sure you put your name down to help out if you can, your time will be really, really appreciated.

The value and need for the values of Resilience and Persistence to be a successful student

More and more this term students across the school are acting in ways that are contrary to, and in direct violation of, school rules regarding behaviour. Many students **across the school** are routinely using offensive/bad/obscene language. Gilston State School Behaviour Policy clearly outlines the rights of students while at school. They have the right to be respected by all, work without interference from others, express themselves in a socially appropriate manner, feel respected and safe, and free from verbal and physical abuse. The consequences for breaches of these rights will see the child on a level three according to the behaviour Expectations Matrix, for a first time offence. There are a number of cases where this behaviour has been repeated by some and has them now at a stage where any further breach will result in suspension from school.

Moreover, students at school more and more are being weighed down by having to deal with what they see as a perceived adversity. While I recognise this is causing genuine heartache to children across the school we are constantly reminding them of what to do when such a case arises. **The number one thing children are not doing is telling someone, a teacher/adult at school, at the time of the incident happening. They must do this as an absolute priority because it can be dealt with then and there.** Without this it's very hard and time consuming and a distraction to learning for all involved. In many cases the first time I know of it is when a parent comes and tells me about something and in a number of cases it's being reported to have been going on for a long time.

For many years now students have been exposed to the You Can Do It Program. It teaches explicitly about Confidence, Persistence and Resilience, how to put things into perspective through the How Bad Is It chart and more. Children know they can talk to their teachers; they have access to up to two teachers in any play area, at any time. The latest initiative the school has put in place is the Buddy Bench. We have had a Chaplaincy program for a number of years now and the services of a Guidance Officer if the need arises but again we seem to be having an escalation in not only contrary behaviours but things not being reported and things being made bigger and worse than what they really turn out to be. The message I would impress upon all students is to **work hard for what you want** because it won't come to you without challenge. **You have to be strong and courageous** and know that **you can do anything you put your mind to.** If somebody puts you down or criticizes you, just **keep on believing in yourself** and turn it into something positive.

I truly believe that everything we do and everyone that we meet is put in our path for a purpose. There are no accidents; we're all teachers - if we're willing to pay attention to the lessons we learn, trust our positive instincts and not be afraid to take risks or wait for some miracle to come knocking at our door. Perhaps a quote from Dr Seuss says it more succinctly and something we can impart directly to any situation children may find themselves in.

You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose. You're on your own, and you know what you know. And you are the guy who'll decide where to go.

P & C NEWS

The next P & C meeting will be held Monday 14 September at 7.00pm. We invite all parents and carers to attend. The P & C has put a motion on notice for the next P & C meeting where the decision will be made with regards to the uniform cap discussion. If a sun smart option is successful, this motion will constitute an amendment of the current uniform policy to include broad brim hats. We encourage you to come along and have your say.

Uniform Shop - This year the decision has been made to do pre-orders for the school backpacks. A note will be going home in the next couple of weeks advising families how they can go about placing their order, payment, delivery and collection options. Uniform Shop opens only on Thursday 2.30pm–3.30pm. We continue to encourage you to use "FlexiSchools" for online ordering. It is easy, convenient and the uniforms are delivered to your children to take home. If you require assistance outside of our Uniform Shop hours, the lovely ladies in the Tuckshop will be happy to assist as they are able.

GILSTON CLUB NEWS

The Gilston Club is running the BBQ for the Fair. There will be egg/bacon rolls, hamburgers, chicken burgers and sausages available all day. We will also be selling drinks. In order for this to run efficiently we would really appreciate as much help as possible. We are putting together a roster in half-hour increments beginning at 9.30am. If you can spare half an hour to help, please call or text Paula on 0419 757 285.

HELLO FROM THE FAIR COMMITTEE – 1 ½ weeks to go, who is excited?!

Calling all green thumbs, we need your help! The Prep classes will be running the '**Plant Stall**' so **Prep** families now it's your turn. It's time to bring in your plants at the end of next week! Anyone else who would like to donate plants can also do so - just bring them in next Thursday 10 or Friday 11 September. Have you finished your LJ Hooker **colouring in competition**? There are some fantastic prizes to be won so don't forget to get them in ASAP. If you haven't received the colouring in page yet, ask your teacher quickly, they are due back on Wednesday 9 September. Good luck!

Thank you everyone who brought in **Mystery Jars and Blocks of chocolate**, your response has been amazing! The cut off for all these donations is this Friday 4 September, so please, if you've been meaning to bring yours in, this is the week to do it!

Keep an eye out this week for the last edition of our jam-packed Fair Newsletter. It has all the answers to those questions you've been wondering about, and more! Don't forget to pre-purchase your **Unlimited Ride Passes and Cookbooks** on FlexiSchools or at the Tuckshop - beat the crowds on Fair Day!

JAPANESE COOKING

konnichiwa! This week we have been enjoying making and trying mochi in our Japanese lessons. Mochi has a very different texture to foods we are used to in Australia but many children enjoyed the sensation and came back for more! If you would like to try out some mochi at home the recipe is attached to the newsletter. We made ours plain (no filling) but if you'd like some ideas for filling they are in the recipe. Enjoy!

Kylie Doonican / Languages Teacher - Japanese

CHAPPY'S SPACE

S.U Qld Father of the year award

Those with a great dad will tell you just how much it has benefitted their life. Fantastic parents give a child a solid foundation and a great head start on life. Fathers play a unique role in this development and Queensland Father of the Year began many years ago to celebrate outstanding fathers for their exceptional commitment to raising their children, or their exemplary contribution to the development of children in the community

Father of the year nominee's story.

Andrew Holden – North Queensland

Due to one of the toughest droughts in history, grazier, Andrew Holden, had to sell hundreds of his head of cattle to keep his business afloat. Maintaining his signature positivity through these difficult times, Andrew used this opportunity to help others as a strong supporter of Aussie Helpers, an Australian Charity for Farmers in Hardship. Andrew has also spent the last four years confined to a wheelchair. However, he has never let this get in the way of caring for his five children.

Father of the year award will be announced Wednesday 2 September, stay tuned.

Happy Father's Day to all the Gilston dads making a positive difference in the lives of their children. Have a very special day.

Thank you so much to those families who sent in donations to help our **Breakfast Club**. This has helped us so much! Thank you to our new volunteer Tammy. You are all legends!

Chappy Sam

TUCKSHOP REPORT

Thursday 3 September - Tracey Zimmerman

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Friday 4 September – Kristy Griffin / Sally McRobert

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Monday 7 September - Help needed

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Tuesday 8 September - Dorothy

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Wednesday 9 September – Dorothy

Ice Blocks – Cath Sleep

Thursday 10 September – Tracey Zimmerman

Ice Blocks – Help needed`

Friday 11 September – Teresa Evans / Help needed

Ice Blocks - Help needed

Have a great week. Nicole Meesen / Tuckshop Convenor

COMMUNITY NOTICE

WORONGARY STATE SCHOOL TRIVIA NIGHT – Friday 4 September – 6.30pm – \$10 per person - BYO food, drinks available – raffles and coin toss games. Email pandc@worongaryss.eq.edu.au

GARAGE SALE – Living Rivers Uniting Church – 5 Nerang River Drive, Nerang, Saturday 5 September, 6.00 –11.00am, Linen, Kitchenware, Great bargains in Clothing. Miscellaneous stuff.

YOGA CLASSES: Monday evening: 6.00pm - Frank Chaston Oval (across the road from school) - Hall at the rear. All levels welcome. Any questions contact Trudy 0401 911 064.

