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PRINCIPAL’S COMMENT

Clean up Australia Day is recognised as a significant initiative in the protection of our environment. Wouldn’t it be wonderful to think that volunteers found themselves without anything to clean this year? At Gilston we encourage children to be as responsible with their litter here as they would in your home. Please reinforce the message that disposing of litter in bins is respectful to not only the environment, but to others who share the environment. We will be conducting an Emu Parade on Friday to clean up our school and will be reminding all children of their roles in keeping our school tidy. It was wonderful to see more than 20 people attend the Ready Reader program that we conducted this morning. Based on this initial interest we may hold future sessions that build on the program or simply present the program again for anyone unable to make it today. The swimming program is an integral part of the curriculum. The cost of the program is subsidised by the school from a grant received on the premise all children will participate. Swimming is a skill that is particularly relevant to us in Australia and the costs per lesson we are able to secure are significantly less than private options. Ensure you support this aspect of the curriculum by returning your forms and making payments.

Due dates for payments are chosen to assist with planning and general organisation. Notice prior to collections is given with a view all parents will either be able to pay prior or make arrangements for payment plans with the school office. Please respect our staff and our school organisation by ensuring you meet due dates for all collections.

Respect for others is a value that we hold dear at Gilston. Whether it is at school, or travelling to or from school, we promote the concept of respecting others. I implore you to model this respect towards our neighbours in Kookaburra Drive as you park your vehicle. Please ensure you do not block driveways with your car or allow your children to enter properties and gardens. I have assured our neighbours that we are respectful at Gilston.

Michael Carr-Gregg is an internationally recognised speaker. He will be presenting from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at Sharks this Friday evening on the topic, “Parenting Secrets”. Registrations for the event are due tomorrow. To book your place visit: http://www.learningplace.com.au/events/showitem.asp?eid=11950 Remind: If you haven’t already, please mark the working bee on your calendar for 18 March. Stay safe and keep smiling.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S DEPOSITION

How many of us finish as strong as we began? We often experience attitudes ranging from “What does it matter, I don't need this” to “I'll prove my worth to myself, family, teachers and peers in every sense”. Who do you think feels better about themselves when all's said and done? Who is more likely to get a greater choice of opportunities during and after school life?

There’s currently a sign in a shop at Robina Shopping Town that I walked past on the week-end. It said something like “Suffer now and live the life of a champion later on”. It’s got a picture of Mohamed Ali with it and if we think about how a black man in that era of American history came to be one of the most recognised figures of the twentieth and twenty first centuries, what’s holding our children back? What is it that prevents them from having a go when they have so much opportunity and support at their feet?

What will be the talk around the school amongst peer groups about the normally hard-working student who coasted the last few weeks? Will his years of hard work and commitment be remembered or just his last poor performance?

Can you imagine Sir Laurence Olivier, one of the greatest Shakespearian actors of all time, not caring about his final performance as Hamlet? Can you imagine him thinking, “Oh well, the theatre is full and I’ll never have to play this role again, so why bother?” Of course not. The man walked onto the stage and delivered ‘a performance of a lifetime’, commanding a standing ovation and endless curtain calls for more.

Success and satisfaction belong to those who produce and perform to the end... the shearer who, in a day, is as committed to his 200th sheep being as cleanly shorn as his second sheep, even if his body is worn and weary... the grader operator who cleans and services his machinery at the end of his contract as well as he did when he was operating it... the financial adviser who monitors your hard-earned money at the end of your contract as he did when he first received your fund... or the student who is as meticulous with his/her studies at the end of every day as when they started it.

Who will get a standing ovation?

Remember, you’re only as good as your last game. Your performance is your reality AND your reputation.

Reading for life

We all know how well our children can read. But how much and how well can they articulate about what they have read. How well, and to what depth, can they recount the story? Reading to your children is a simple effective way
to promote healthy childhood development. It fosters a
culture of storytelling to children and encourages positive
reading outcomes, bringing people together in fun ways to
help children enjoy reading, singing, telling stories together
and increased opportunities for closer bonding between
parents and children.
It’s important for everyone to be more aware of the impact of
early childhood development on preparing children for
success at school and in life outcomes. Reading to babies
and infants right from birth is very important for getting all
children ready for school and ready for life. A child’s first
three years is a crucial time for their brain development and
reading strengthens their “brain wiring” for later learning.
Reading to your child can have a positive influence on their
health and have ongoing benefits throughout their life.
Guarantee the reader will have fun too!

P & C NEWS
The school is currently accepting your annual student fee
payments, at $70.00 per child to a maximum of $140.00 per
family. This voluntary payment contributes directly to your
child’s resources and facilities at school. We encourage you
to make your payments by electronic deposit to the school
account: Gilston State School General Account BSB 064 468
Account: 1001 2085. Please note this is a different account to
the P & C account.
Working Bee – Sunday 18 March 9.00–11.30am to assist
us with our planting around the school. All rate payers are
able to present their rates notice this Friday 2 March from
7.30am to 10.30am at Mudgeeraba - Firth Park, Cnr Gold
Coast-Springbrook Road & Somerset Drive and collect your
council funded plants. If you would then like to donate this to
the school for planting at our working bee your contribution
would be greatly appreciated.
Gilston History
Our school is the cornerstone of the local Gilston history.
Over time the precious photos and written memorabilia has
dissipated. A project lead by Yolanda Dickmann to gather our
history and create an electronic record for current and future
generations to share has commenced. We are looking for
parent, grandparent or community hands-on support. If you
have some time or contacts please contact Yolanda via
email: ydick1@eq.edu.au. We look forward to supporting this
exciting project.
Year 7 Senior Shirts - We are placing a second run order,
and remind year 7 this is the only uniform they are allowed to
wear for the upcoming Canberra excursion. The order forms
have been sent home, or are attached to this newsletter.
Your order must be placed in the box at the office by
Thursday 8 March, 2011
Uniform Shop - New operating hours - Tuesday 2.15–
3.15pm, Friday 8.30-9.30am. Remember you can order
either online via www.flexischool.com.au any day or time, or
visit the uniform shop during opening hours.
Notice Board Advertising -
All advertising placed now will be valid until end of term 2.
$30 display. Contact Trent on 043048684 for details.
Have a great week, cheers. Narelle Reed P & C President
Tel: 0403046920
GILSTON CLUB
Trivia Night is only three and a half weeks away! The offers
of goods and services are still rolling in. We have two 2012
“Entertainment books” for our raffle, and an awesome
donation of a TELSTRA mobile phone and wi-fi unit. Keep it
up Gilston.
NEWSFLASH, NEWSFLASH!!!
Our meeting day has changed. Due to our growing school
needs, our room is in use on our usual meeting day, so we
have changed the day to Friday 9 March. We will be in the
library annex at 9.00am.

Children are welcome. Tea and coffee will be provided. This
will be a permanent change and details will always be in
the newsletter.
Don’t forget to put your Trivia Night money in the wooden box
in the office. Alex Wilson-McCarty

RUNNING CLUB
To prepare students for the upcoming Cross Country
Carnival, a Running Club will operate before school from
8.15am to 8.45am Monday to Fridays. This will begin on
Monday 5 March and finish on Friday 23 March.
Students are invited to run around the oval and the number of
laps completed daily will be recorded. The boy and girl who
complete the most laps in their year level will win a prize. See
me if you require more information.
Scott Stavar / PE Teacher

SOMERSET FESTIVAL FOR YOUNG PERFORMERS
25 - 26 AUGUST 2012
The Somerset Festival aims at encouraging young
performers in singing, instrumental and speech and drama. It
is in the style of an eisteddfod, with the emphasis being
on the achievement of performing, not the placing. See Mrs
Miller in the music room for a copy of the syllabus and an
entry form if you are interested or go to
www.somerset.qld.edu.au/sfyp

LIBRARY REPORT
Bookfair (27 February – 12 March)
Come on down and check out the new publications and
Easter gift ideas.
35% in commission of total sales comes to the library in book
form.
Bookfair is open from 8.30-9.00am, First and Second Breaks
and after school 3.00-3.30pm.
National Year of Reading 2012
2012 will see a whole heap of amazing, fun, reading activities
taking place around Australia and on line.
Check out your local library. Be part of it!!
Easter Colouring Competition
Entries will be sent to classrooms. They will also be available
from the library. Prizes all year levels. Entries will close
Friday 16 March.
Library Queries – Phone: 55 012 304
Fran Norgate / Teacher Librarian

TUCKSHOP ROSTER
Thursday 1 March – Julie-Anne Campbell
Ice Blocks –Bruce Hart
Friday 2 March – Mandy, Mel Wright/Emma Fahey
Ice Blocks – Kamila Bestmann.
Monday 5 March – no help required.
Tuesday 6 March – Kristie Boyton
Ice Blocks – Sam Valentine
Wednesday 7 March – Bruce Hart
Ice Blocks – Vicki Johnston
Thursday 8 March – Kirsty Feld
Ice blocks – Tracey Zimmerman
Friday 9 March – Mandy, Alex Wilson-McCarty
Ice Blocks – Leanne Kirk

Flexischools ordering online is so easy, quick and
convenient. Go to flexischools.com.au to order tuckshop or
uniforms. Every order placed goes into a weekly draw to win
a free Slushy.
Volunteers – still always looking for new volunteers to help
either at 1st break or 2nd break (Fridays especially being our
busiest day). If you can help please fill out the attached
availability sheet.
The Gilston Club would like to invite you all to a great night full of prizes and laughs! All money raised goes towards buying much needed items for our Gilston kids.

For those of you who are daunted by the word “Trivia”, don’t be - you work as a team so someone at your table may know the answer. Tables are limited to 10, so please organize your groups as soon as possible. We encourage a theme event for each table with the winner earning extra points (optional of course).

Please write the table captain name and phone number, and the other members of your table on an envelope with the total money enclosed. Envelopes can be left at the office. For those of you on your own or who only have a small group, please put an envelope into the office with your details and we will assign you a table. You never know you could end up on the winning table!

**Envelopes with the money must be in the office by 9.00am Friday 16 March AT THE LATEST!**

We are a licensed venue. NO BYO. Alcohol, tea, coffee and soft drink will be available to purchase. All you need is your chair and a plate of nibbles to share at your table. There will be a continual raffle held during the evening and at the end of the questions, there will be an auction. Keep watching the newsletter for auction items.

If you have any further questions regarding the night, or should you wish to donate something for either the raffle or auction, please contact one of the following ladies:

Alex Wilson McCarthy 0404429534,
Mia Pyyvaara 0411822121 or email at mia@onthenet.com.au
Lisa Cochram 0414912217
Chris Gomersall 0406873763
Year 7 Senior Shirts – 2012

We are placing an additional order of the year 7 shirts. We have been asked to remind you that this is the uniform the students must wear while on the Canberra excursion.  They are not planning on doing any laundry while away.

Price: $25.00 each.

Orders Due: Thursday, 8 March, 2011 with delivery a fortnight after.

My sincere apologise to the students whose names were spelt incorrectly, these will be rectified in this print run.  Regards, Narelle

Please complete order form below and drop into the collection box at the office

Students Name: ____________________________          Class:  _______

Your contact name ________________________          Ph number:   ____________________

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Price: $25.00 x _____ = $ ___ .00

Cheque Attached:  ☐ [Payable to Gilston State School P & C Association]

Direct Deposit:  ☐ BSB: 064 451  Ac: 10034465    Gilston State School P and C Ass
Reference: Student name Y7     Receipt number: ____________
[Note the P&C Bank account is a different account to the school account]

Credit Card:  ☐ Card Number: _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

Expiry Date: _ _ / _ _   Card Type  Visa ☐   MasterCard ☐

Name on Card: __________________________

Signature: ____________________________

I hereby authorise Gilston State School P & C association to process this transaction.
Tuckshop Volunteer Availability

Please come and join our TEAM of mums & dad that help in the tuckshop on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis. With your help we are able to operate the tuckshop 5 days a week. Profits made by the Tuckshop are directed back to your child/children. Together Everyone Achieves More (TEAM)!

Name:___________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Contact Phone Number/s.__________________________________________________________________________________________

Please tick how often and when you can be available.

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