FOR YOUR DIARY

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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

Gilsdon Expectations
- Be a Learner
- Be Responsible
- Be Respectful
- Be Safe

Current Attendance Levels

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Our counterparts at William Duncan were the target of what turned out to be a hoax bomb threat last week. Their Principal, Landon Dare was very proud of the manner in which the staff and students followed their evacuation procedures and with the support and actions of the local police service. Landon has kindly shared his learning from the event with our alliance of schools to allow us to be better prepared should we be a future target. One significant part of the learning was that communicating with parents during the evacuation was challenging and that it is vital that parents have a confidence that the first priority is the safety of the students and staff on site. This same priority exists at Gilston and communication will occur with parents only at a time when the evacuation has been successfully undertaken and the strategic investigation in collaboration with the police has been concluded to a level that does not require my full attention. The police have shared with schools that parents arriving at school after hearing of the threats have impeded their actions and those of school staff. The clear message in this for me is that parents should not come to school unless invited to do so.

With this information I reiterate that your child’s safety will be our priority and we will communicate when we are able to do so without compromising the necessary actions in managing any threat. I thank you in anticipation for your trust in our team and the emergency services that will be assisting.

There are over 80 student names registered on our expression of interest list for prep for 2017. I will see many of these families at the Enrolling Families information session next Tuesday morning in library. It is always exciting to welcome new families to our school.

I look forward to working alongside you at the working bee on March 13. I am especially grateful that Damon will have his machinery on site to do the heavy lifting. Let the ladies in the office know if you are coming so we can plan our morning accordingly. Stay safe and keep smiling.

Bruce

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
Gilston Chess
The Inter-School Chess Tournament- Gold Coast South Primary-Round 1 will be held at William Duncan State School, Alexander Drive, Highland Park in the school hall. The date: Wednesday 9th March, 2016.
Times: 8.45 am at the venue - finishing at 2.30pm

Details:
Parents are responsible for transporting children to/from the tournament.
Students to wear full school uniform.
A canteen will be in operation but children may bring their own food and drinks.

To register and pay for this event, please go to www.gardinerchess.com.au and click on the icon for ‘Chess Players’. Scroll to ‘Gold Coast South Primary Competition (Individual)’ and click on ‘view details’. If you have used the web site before and set up an account please login here using your Username and Password. If this is your first time on the website please create an account’. On the next screen click on ‘Register for This Event’. Scroll down to ‘Add Child for Event Registration’ and enter their details. Once done untick the box ‘Register Yourself’ and click on the box next to ‘Register Your Children’. You can then click on the box next to your child’s name. Click on ‘next’ and in the ‘Extra Information’ box add your child’s school. Go to payment and proceed to checkout.

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P&CNEWS
Notice of Annual General Meeting
The Gilston State School P & C would like to give notice of our AGM to be held on Monday 21 March at 7.00pm in the staff room. This will be immediately followed by a regular meeting.

All executive positions will be vacated at this time. Nominations for executive positions (President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary) can be dropped in at the office, or will be accepted on the night.

Please come along and join the P & C and help us help support your children and your school.

Gilston Club
Meeting next Wednesday 9 March at 9:15am in the back of the library.

GIRLS CRICKET
Mudgeeraba Nerang Cricket Club is hosting a cricket development session for girls 10-15 years on Wednesday 9 March 4.00pm-6.00pm. There is no cost involved and cricket experience is not essential.

Any interested girls need to see Mr Stavar and fill-in a registration form by this Friday.

Scott Stavar

LIBRARY NEWS
Book Club Issue 2 of Book Club was sent home last week. The last day for orders/payments on-line is Wednesday 9 March.

Somerset Writer’s Workshop
Last Wednesday Somerset College visited our school and conducted a writer’s workshop for students in years 3-6. The students really enjoyed this experience and wrote some wonderful stories. We certainly have some budding authors at our school.

Kathy Stone/ Librarian
JAPANESE NEWS
This week Year 3 students will be learning about Hinamatsuri. Also called Dolls’ Day or Girls’ Day, it’s a special day in Japan. Hinamatsuri is celebrated each year on 3 March. Platforms covered with a red carpet are used to display a set of ornamental dolls (hina-ningyo) representing the Emperor, Empress, attendants, and musicians in traditional court dress of olden Japan. Young girls dress in traditional kimono and attend local street festivals and parties.

We have also begun learning the Japanese alphabet called hiragana. In the next few weeks I will send home a link for an online quiz which all students from Year 3-6 can use to practice their hiragana recognition.

UNIFORM SHOP,
Open Thursday afternoon 2.00pm – 3.00pm or you can order your uniform on flexi school.
House T Shirts have arrived. We are still waiting on Senior Polos.

TUCKSHOP REPORT
Thursday 3 March - Tracey Zimmerman I Lydia Moss
Ice Blocks - Help needed
Friday 4 March - Kristy Griffin I Tammy S
Ice Blocks - Help needed
Monday 7 March - Paula Black
Ice Blocks – Help needed
Tuesday 8 March - Mel Harrison
Ice Blocks - Help needed
Wednesday 9 March - Beth Sonter I Loretta Wood
Ice Blocks - Help needed
Thursday 10 March - Tracey Zimmerman I Lydia Moss
Ice Blocks - Monica Whetter
Friday 11 March - HELP NEEDED PLEASE
Ice Blocks – Help needed

Break times reminder
First Break: 11.00am - 11.40am
Second Break: 1.40pm - 2.10pm

Have a great week....
Nicole Meesen - Tuckshop Convenor