PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
What do you get when you mix nine willing volunteers, a skillful tutor, precise preparation and a batch of home-made scones? In two hours yesterday morning, this combination resulted in the covering and processing of over 230 books in preparation for use in the classrooms. I wish to thank the ladies for their work and recognise the expert guidance from Irene, processing skills of Jenny and the coordination by Kathy. There will be another session to process more books that have been purchased with money raised by the Gilston Club in week two of next term. If you are interested in contributing, and sharing Nicole’s delicious scones tell the ladies in the office.

Thursday’s final bell marks the end of Kelly’s tenure at Gilston as Deputy Principal. Kelly has contributed very positively in her six months at Gilston. Her skills and enthusiasm have led to progress in a range of facets and we intend maintaining links with her into the future for our mutual benefit. We wish Kelly well as she moves onto her next adventure. Graeme has been spending time this week at school and will return officially for the first day of next term.

An integral support element in our annual strategy this year is the work of Nutana, Toni, Peta and Debbie as Curriculum Leaders. Coupled with Debbie’s emphasis on supporting
teaching practice throughout the school in the attainment of long-term memory of critical concepts and skills, this support has led to greater precision and consistency of practice and some very impressive student results. I commend these ladies for the additional time and effort they have invested in their roles.

There will be some minor changes to staffing in term 2 to accommodate long service and special leave for some of our teachers. I have collaborated with teachers to identify staff best suited for these roles and expect minimal disruption to learning. Among the new faces next term will be some university students who will be mentored by some of our teachers.

It is Easter concert time again. I look forward to my time with Danielle and her paint brushes in preparation for the big event, but it is the students’ performances that bring us all together. I know I will see many of you there on Thursday to bring our term to an enjoyable close.

Following the working bee last month, 3N thought they would continue the good work in gardens by spreading mulch. Their industry and application has given a facelift to some of the spaces near the oval. This photo is an example of their handy work.

I wish you all a very safe and happy Easter break.
Kelly Clark

P & C NEWS
Wow, how time flies, it seems like only last week we were back at school after our end of year break and now Term 1 is drawing to a close. It has been a very busy and productive term for the P & C and I would like to thank all our volunteers who work tirelessly to make Gilston the amazing school we all know it to be.

It has been exciting to see all the children and adults getting prepared for the Cross Country with their new house shirts. Just a friendly reminder all Fun Run monies and sponsorship forms are due back Wednesday/Thursday this week. Prizes will be drawn 1st week back at assembly. Thank you for your support.

The next P & C meeting will be held on Monday 27 April 2015. The P & C would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday over the Easter break and we look forward to seeing you all again re-charged for Term 2.

Any questions or queries please feel welcome to give me a call, Christene Dukes, P & C Vice President Tel: 0432275195.

Uniform Shop
Homework sachets, senior shirts and house shirts are now fully stocked and available in the Uniform Shop and on Flexischools. Thank you for your patience in this matter. Please visit www.flexischools.com.au for on-line ordering.
Uniform Shop opening hours are Tuesday 2.15–3.15pm and Friday 8.30–9.30am. The uniform shop will re-open first week back after the holidays.

CROSS COUNTRY
Unfortunately today’s Cross Country could not be conducted due to the wet weather. It will now be run on Thursday 23 April. The medals will be awarded on assembly in the afternoon. We look forward to a great event.

CONGRATULATIONS to Taj Hoff in being awarded U11 Age Champion at Mudgeeraba Little Athletics. I’m sure Taj will have a big athletics season at Gilston next term.

TENNIS AUSTRALIA is giving every student a free t-shirt as part of the Hot Shots program. Prep students can also claim a free racquet. If interested, fill in the registration form attached to this newsletter and hand it to Mr Stavar.
HELLO FROM THE FAIR COMMITTEE
Save the date - Saturday 12 September 10.00am-3.00pm. Firstly thank you to the families that responded so quickly in regards to the school banner. As term 1 comes to an end the plans and preparations for the fair have only just begun. Stay tuned for more information to follow.
Enquiries to: gilstonschoolcommunityfair@gmail.com
Remember...’Many hands make light work’

LIBRARY NEWS
Wishing all families a safe and restful Easter holiday break. With the arrival of some cooler weather, it is a great time of year to be encouraging children to read a book or share a story with them.

Reading for adults – On 25 March the ten finalists for the "Man Booker International Prize" were announced. There are some great books to read here for parents and carers. Also the ten finalists for the Australian "Miles Franklin Literary Award" were also announced yesterday. There are some wonderful Australian writers work showcased in this list as well.
Happy reading this autumn break. Kathy Stone

April is Autism Awareness Month. Around the world 2 April marks World Autism Awareness Day. There are over 800 families on the Gold Coast living with Autism, and they all have potential! Autism is a neurological disorder affecting 1 in 100 persons in our community, typically presenting 4 times more in boys than girls. It affects their communication, social interaction and sensory processing causing a range of daily challenges in their lives. There is currently no medical detection or cure for autism. With early diagnosis and intervention, the outcomes for people on the autism spectrum are becoming greater. However community awareness and understanding of this condition will help us see the potential within!
On Friday of Week 2 of next term, students at Gilston SS will have the opportunity to support Autism Awareness Month by dressing in blue, the theme colour for “Go Blue for Autism”. This could be a ribbon in the hair, a bow tie, or a shirt! More news next term.
The Goldmine team

TUCKSHOP REPORT
Thursday 2 April – Kristy Griffin
Ice Blocks – Karen Cribb
Monday 20 April - Alex
Ice Blocks – Karen Bowden
Tuesday 21 April – Amé Seagrove, Karen Bowden
Ice Blocks – Help needed
Wednesday 22 April – Tracey Z
Ice Blocks – Help needed
Thursday 23 April – Help needed
Ice Blocks – Karen Cribb
Friday 24 April - Teresa/Jade
Ice Blocks – Help needed

Sushi Day is on Tuesday 28 April. Pick up an order form from the tuckshop. All orders need to be in before 9.00am Monday 27 April.

Wishing all volunteers and families a Happy Easter.
Nicole Meesen / Tuckshop Convener

COMMUNITY NOTICES
TITANS HOLIDAY FOOTY CLINIC Wednesday 15 April, 2015
10.00am-2.00pm. boys and girls 5 to 12 years, $40 per child, Ormeau Shearers Junior Rugby League club, Brian Harris Oval, Orange Mountain Road, Ormeau. RSVP by Friday 10/4/15 via trybooking.com/edhv. For more information phone 5656 5650.

FAMILY FUN DAY – Country Paradise Parklands, Beaudesert Nerang Rd, Nerang Saturday 16 May 2015. For more information visit www.countryparadiseparklands.com.au

TRIVIA NIGHT NERANG STATE HIGH SCHOOL Friday 29/5/15. Doors open 6.30pm for 7.00pm start. Tickets $10 or $12 on the night. Tables of 8 can be booked by calling Tracey Spiers 0412 267 263 or tspie16@eq.edu.au.

Mudgeeraba Uniting Church, 89 Franklin Drive, will be holding their VILLAGE CRAFT FAIR on 1 & 2 May 2015 8.00am-2.00pm. Original artworks, handmade crafts and quilts, plant stalls, gardening demonstrations, book stall, pre-loved art, coffee shop and BBQ. For bookings and enquiries phone 0417 608 705.

TWO DAY SOCCER CAMP 16 & 17 April, 9.00am-2.00pm, Assisi Catholic College, Upper Coomera, Cost $135. Book now – davidlawrencefitness.com.au david@davidlawrencefitness.com.au 0404 082 770.

AUSKICK Sign on & 1st Session: – Thursday 7 May, 3.10pm - 4.10pm, Gilston SS, sports Oval, $70
For more information contact 5594 5722 or visit www.aflauskick.com.au. Register & Pay online by 10 May to receive your free tickets to a GC Suns Game. Register online & pay online at www.aflauskick.com.au. Please print your receipt and bring to the first session.

MERRIMAC SHS is pleased to offer SCHOLARSHIPS in academic performance, sports, instrumental music and dance for students in Year 7 – 2016. Applications are available from Merrimac SHS Admin or online www.merrimacshs.eq.edu.au. Applications close 24/4/2015.

YOGA CLASSES: Kids and Adults classes available Monday evening: 6.00pm Thursday morning: 9.30am Frank Chaston Oval (Yoga room at the rear) Worongary Road - across the road from the school. Also Kids Yoga Workshops during school holidays. Contact Trudy 0401911064.

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