



# GILSTON STATE SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



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### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

If your child's class teacher's eyes are looking a little tired this week, it is likely this relates to the **preparation of student reports**. To ensure your child is receiving an **accurate depiction of their skills and abilities against a standard**, teachers have undergone extensive **moderation of their judgement** against specific criteria. I believe the **level of professionalism** in this regard has **never been higher**. I thank our teachers for this attention to detail on your behalf. I am confident that the report you receive will be clear insight into your child's progress against the curriculum.

When next you walk past the tuckshop, firstly thank the ladies for the wonderful work they do each day, and secondly, wander over to the **new garden beds** that have been installed on the eastern end of the building. I wish to thank **Allan from Bunnings** for the provision of the gardens and his time and expertise to install them. It will not be long before we are able to **use the plants in the cooking for our tuckshop**. The gardens will also provide an **opportunity for students to practice their horticultural skills**.



Do you have a **child who will be starting Prep at Gilston in 2017**? If the answer is yes, please ensure you let the ladies in the office know so we can calculate numbers for our future planning. **If you have a sibling of a child at Gilston starting next year** ensure you have submitted a completed application form as planning for 2016 is well underway. To ensure **safety around our school**, officers from **traffic branch** were scheduled to attend yesterday. Due to unforeseen

### FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday	11 June	Last day payment Year 5 & 6 Sport Gala Day
<b>Friday</b>	<b>12 June</b>	<b>Last day for Pie Drive orders</b>
Monday	15 June	Year 5 & 6 Sport Gala Day P & C Meeting 7.00pm
Friday	19 June	Gilston Performing Arts Competition
Wednesday	24 June	Senior Athletics Carnival Years 4, 5 & 6
Thursday	25 June	Junior Athletics Carnival Years 1, 2 & 3
Friday	26 June	Prep Athletics Carnival
Saturday	12 September	Gilston School Community Fair 10.00am – 3.00pm

#### 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
95.38	94.8	95.32	93.89	93.27	94.36	94.29

circumstances, the officers had to be redeployed. Tracey, the officer in charge, has assured me that there will be regular deployments to our school to ensure drivers **adhere to all rules including the waiting times on the collection and delivery zones.**



In closing this week I wish to salute a group of staff you probably have never seen at Gilston. Our **cleaners** work through the dark before and after school to ensure the spaces in which we teach and learn are neat, tidy and clean. **Thank you Gary, Ray, Lee and Carol.**

Stay safe and keep smiling.

Bruce

### DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

#### Commonwealth Games

Commonwealth Games Minister, Kate Jones, today joined with our school captains, Sol and Tracen to launch Gold Coast Schools Connect, an initiative that will link local schools with others in the Commonwealth. The Gold Coast is preparing to host visitors from 71 Commonwealth nations and territories, including Australia, and local students will play a key role in welcoming them to the city. With the Commonwealth Games as the context for learning, students can deepen and extend their knowledge and skills in Australian Curriculum learning areas and subjects ranging from geography, health and physical education, civics and citizenships to English, mathematics, science and the arts.

There are now less than three years to go, and a great time for students to start learning about other Commonwealth nations, their cultures and customs. Thousands of Gold Coast students will learn about the Commonwealth and Australia's important place in the Commonwealth of Nations through Adopt a Commonwealth Country.

Our job is to learn a lot about the country and create a presentation to share with delegates from New Zealand (our chosen country), when they come to visit the Coast later this year.

#### Report Period – Semester One

Assessment for the first half of the year is all but finished. Now teachers have the task of compiling a snapshot of our students' achievement, then proof reading and signing. Reports will be handed to students in the last week of term, Wednesday 24 June.

#### The Quiet Achiever

A student from our school Jake Elton had a unique opportunity to attend a massive Taekwondo training session with all students from the Gold Coast and Northern NSW classes. This session is a truly auspicious occasion, run 4 times a year by World Master Instructor Chong Chul Rhee. Master Rhee was the original founder of Taekwondo in Australia. Jake did not apply for a black belt on the day but Master Rhee was so impressed with Jake's technical ability, he offered him the opportunity to do the test. On the day Master Rhee promoted Jake to the rank of Black Belt

in the Rhee Taekwondo organization based 100% on his ability and dedication. Jake's dad, David was understandably proud of his son's efforts but it was not until after the promotion he introduced Jake to Master Rhee as his son. What a remarkable moment that would have been. Well done Jake!



**Desire is the key to motivation, but it is dedication and commitment to an unrelenting pursuit of a goal - a commitment to excellence - that will enable us to attain the success we seek.**

### P & C NEWS

Our next P & C meeting will be Monday 15 June at 7.00pm. All parents and carers are both invited and most welcome to attend.

#### Volunteers Required

We are currently looking for some volunteers to assist in the **Uniform Shop**. If you have an interest in helping on either day, please give Christene a call on 0432 275 195.

We are currently looking for some volunteers to assist with our **School Banking** on Friday mornings between 9.00-11.00am each week. If you have an interest in helping, please give Mel a call on 0416 085 689.

The normal opening hours for the **Uniform Shop** remain Tuesday 2.15-3.15pm and Friday 8.30-9.30am.

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.

#### Winter Uniform Clearance

Well it seems that winter is again upon us. **The Uniform Shop will be having a DISCOUNT SALE on a number of our winter items.** These include boys' cargo pants, girls bootleg pants, microfibre track pants and limited sizes in old style fleecy jumpers and track pants. These items will be discounted until the end of June 2015 and will be available for purchase in store at our Uniform Shop. Items will be available while stocks last. Any questions or queries please feel welcome to give me a call, Christene Dukes P & C Vice President Tel: 0432275195.

#### HELLO FROM THE FAIR COMMITTEE...

Thank you to all the families who submitted recipes for the school cookbook, it was a slow start but they finally came thick and fast in the end. Very excited to say we have well over 300 recipes plus a few surprises so it will be a fantastic investment. The class with the most recipes submitted from each student will be announced during assembly this Thursday.

**Calling all TRADIES...** I'm sure there has to be a few Tradies out there amongst the Fathers? All we ask is you offer a couple of hours of your time for us to include in the Cent Auction on the day of the fair. This in turn may result in more business for you - a win win situation really!

Please contact us via email if you can help us out...

[gilstonschoolcommunityfair@gmail.com](mailto:gilstonschoolcommunityfair@gmail.com)

'Remember many hands make light work'

## SPORT NEWS

Recently, 35 of our best runners competed at the District Cross Country. There were some great performances with many runners recording personal best times. Congratulations to Andrew Prisley who finished his race in 12<sup>th</sup> position and then at the Regional Carnival placed 11<sup>th</sup>. Well done Andrew.

**Gala Day** – On Monday 15 June our year 5 and 6 students will travel by bus to Firth Park or to Mudgeeraba Soccer Club to participate in a Gala Day with Nerang, Tallebudgera and Coolangatta State Schools. They will participate in a variety of sports from 10.00am to 2.00pm. Canteens will operate at both venues on the day. To avoid lengthy delays at Firth Park, it is recommended that students pre-order food by placing correct money in a bag with name, school and food required on the front. These will be handed to teachers upon arrival. A menu will be available soon. We look forward to another great Gala Day.  
Scott Stavar / HPE Teacher

## GILSTON PERFORMING ARTS COMPETITION

Auditions continue for the competition throughout this week. The finalists will be posted on the music noticeboard at 2.50pm this Friday 12 June. Students can check the list before going home or see it on Monday morning. The competition will be held in the hall on Friday 19 June, starting at 11.50am. That's only 9 days away! Parents are welcome to attend to see Gilston's talent on show. It's shaping up to be a very entertaining afternoon.

## LIBRARY REPORT

**Book Club Issue 4** has been ordered and should be delivered sometime next week.

**Overdue Books** – if your child has an overdue or lost book please either ensure it is returned promptly or speak to the library staff about payment for its replacement cost.  
Thank you. Kathy Stone / Librarian

## CHAPPY'S SPACE

What a wonderful day was had by all who participated, volunteered and attended Ks4kids this year! A massive thank you to Mr Stavar for being the driver behind the day and for all the hard work Mr Stavar and Ms Angus did in training our year 6 fun runners. Thank you also to all the parents who supported their children with training and on the day. A huge thank you must also go to Karen, Harley and Matilda Adams and to Tracey, Trevor and Josh Clements for their generous help in supervising the rides. Congratulations to all our participants - Yannik Zwolsman, Paige Faulkner, Jake Elton, Nathan Haling, Sol, Hudson and Stephen Paech, Montana McKenzie, Lockie Slade, Zander Meiklejohn, Eloise, Gian, Shaun Regan, Miss Helena, Miss Sharon, Miss Emma, Miss Jenny and Ms Donaldson. Between our fundraisers and the rides we raised just under \$600! Congratulations to Hudson Paech for being our number one fundraiser! Looking forward to next year's fun run/walk.

### **Breakfast Club: Thursdays 8:15-8:45am - All Welcome**

There is room for new volunteers to come and help out at breakfast club. Your help is invaluable to keeping the breaky club up and running. If you can spare any time between 8.00-9.15am you are most welcome to join us. If you can't help but you are able to supply spreads, cordial (artificial colour and flavour free), margarine or other goodies such as plastic cups, napkins - every little bit helps. If you work for a business who could donate supplies to our breakfast club please contact me [samanthab@chappy.org.au](mailto:samanthab@chappy.org.au).

Thank you so much to Hayley, Karen and Alex. Without

you there would be no breaky club.

Thank you to Nerang Bakery in Nerang Mall who supply our bread and Ozharvest who supply us with fruit when it's available.

**Prayer For Our Families:** If there are any families in our community who wish to send prayer requests for any situation to our School Chaplain, no need to go into detail, you can access this community service via Chappy's email [samanthab@chappy.org.au](mailto:samanthab@chappy.org.au)

### **Food Parcels For Emergency Food Relief**

Newlife Uniting Church Robina 55789322, Mosaic Family Baptist Church 07 5525 2477.

**Saturday Night Kids Club - 'Kids Roc'** 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month put on by United City Church held in William Duncan School Hall. Enquiries - Sue 0421 64466. [www.kidsroc.com.au](http://www.kidsroc.com.au).

You can access the Chaplaincy service at Gilston via Mr Weatherburn or by contacting Chappy Sami at [samanthab@chappy.org.au](mailto:samanthab@chappy.org.au). All referrals however, need to go through our admin SNaC committee as per Mr Weatherburn. You can start this process through your class teacher.

Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800, Beyond Blue 1300 224 636, Lifeline 131 114, Cancer Council support line 131 120, Commonwealth Carelink Centre 1800 052 0222, Juice 107.3 Careline 55 283 555.

## TUCKSHOP REPORT

Thursday 11 June - Help needed

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Friday 12 June - Kristy Griffin / Help needed

Ice Blocks - Help needed

Monday 15 June – Tammee Heaton

Ice Blocks - Help needed

Tuesday 16 June – Amé Seagrove

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Wednesday 17 June - Help needed

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Thursday 18 June – Help needed

Ice Blocks – Karen Crabb

Friday 19 June – Teresa Evans / Help needed

Ice Blocks - Help needed

Reminder all **Pie Drive forms and money** need to be in by this **Friday 12 June, 2015**. Please note no orders will be accepted after Friday.

I still need more volunteers, so if you can spare an hour or two please come and see me.

Have a great week. Nicole Meesen - Tuckshop Convenor.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**ROBINA STATE HIGH SCHOOL** will offer a number of **SCHOLARSHIPS** to our incoming Year 7 cohort for students excelling in Academic Excellence, Japanese Immersion, Sport, Leadership and The Arts. Applications are available on the school website [www.robinashs.eq.edu.au](http://www.robinashs.eq.edu.au) and close on Friday 26 June. For more information contact Head of Junior Secondary, Mr Ben Weeks [bweek12@eq.edu.au](mailto:bweek12@eq.edu.au).

### **EXCITING NEW HOT SHOTS TENNIS PROGRAM**

Tennis Australia Endorsed Program for primary students uses specially designed court sizes & equipment to help develop skills for life, making it A LOT OF FUN. Lessons are held before school every Tuesday & Thursday mornings 7:45am-8:45am at Gilston School Tennis Court. The cost will be \$12 per lesson. Look forward to seeing you on the court. For details and bookings contact Jonathon 0488 696 939

**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.

