



GILSTON STATE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Gilston is proud of the **academic, cultural and sporting achievements** of the students in attendance. We work diligently to assist these students to attain these results. It is their **character** development though that will **dictate** to a large degree the **future success** of these young people as they **interact with other human beings in society**. Gilston continues to focus attention on working with parents to develop character traits in our students that will be recognised by future employers and society in general. The five key components of Our You Can Do It! program, **Getting Along, Organisation, Persistence, Resilience and Confidence** are explicitly taught within our classrooms and reinforced through interactions within the playground. Each week on assembly we recognise students who have demonstrated these traits by presenting certificates from teachers. I will never tire of hearing positive stories about our students as they interact in our community and I **thank you for your continued support of our endeavour to achieve excellence** in this regard.

In 2015 we have focused on **Guided Reading and Explicit Instruction – short to long-term memory** as two critical aspects for student success. I am very pleased to report that the focus on these strategies by our teachers has yielded **success** in the form of **NAPLAN results** that are now available. Of particular note are the writing results and the percentage of students above National Minimum Standard. I commend highly and applaud our **teachers, Curriculum Leaders and paraprofessionals** for these significant improvements. I also wish to recognise the significant role **Debbie Favero** has had in refining our practices this year in her role as **Pedagogy Leader**.

If you want a deeper insight into the statistics, the following table provides a comparison of the **Mean Scale Scores** and percentage of students above the **National Minimum Standard** for Gilston, Queensland and Australia for all areas tested.

FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday–	13 August	Eisteddfod choir to perform at assembly
Wednesday	19 August	Senior Band Gold Coast Eisteddfod 6.00pm
Saturday	12 September	Gilston School Community Fair 10.00am – 3.00pm
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
94.05	94.03	94.49	93.47	92.93	93.46	93.48

NAPLAN 2015	Mean Scale Scores			Percentage above National Minimum Standard		
	Gilston	Qld	Aust	Gilston	Qld	Aust
3 Reading	425	418	425.8	98.9	95.1	94.6
3 Writing	429.5	405.8	416.3	100	95.1	95.5
3 Spelling	400.9	396.5	409.2	98.9	92.7	93.1
3 Grammar & Punctuation	428	430.4	432.7	96.8	95.2	94.5
3 Numeracy	392.4	392.8	397.8	98.9	94.9	94.4
5 Reading	520	494.6	498.2	96.1	93.7	93.1
5 Writing	493.5	470.2	478.1	100	90.6	92.3
5 Spelling	496.7	489.2	498.1	97.5	93.1	93.4
5 Grammar & Punctuation	515	499.9	503.8	96.2	93.6	93.1
5 Numeracy	506.6	485.9	492.3	98.7	95.5	95.1

Green indicates where there was a considerable positive gap to the national result.

On a cultural note, I was very **proud of the students' performance in the choir at the Eisteddfod** on Monday night. The dedication by Alison and Marg and the hours of practice by the students resulted in a delightful performance. They were recognised with a **Very Highly Commended** award. I invite you to **join us this Thursday on assembly** when we will be treated to a **performance** by these dedicated students.

Stay safe and keep smiling.

Bruce

Eisteddfod Choir

Congratulations to all students who did so well at the Eisteddfod on Monday night. Your talent was on show and appreciated by all those who went along. Thank you also to Mrs Miller and Mrs Edgelow for working so tirelessly with the children and developing their talent. Well done to all.

NAPLAN results

We are all very proud of the way students have performed in NAPLAN. The results show Gilston students doing very well not only in the south east region but doing very well measured against the nation. We would also like to thank teachers in classes in the NAPLAN years, the support staff involved and teachers in the in-between years who have made sure our children are in a position to succeed.

HELLO FROM THE FAIR COMMITTEE...

4 weeks to go, we are counting down!

Ride all day passes are now available on FlexiSchools or from Nicole at the Tuckshop.

1 PASS - \$30, 2 PASSES - \$55, 3 PASSES - \$80

Get your passes now to save time queuing for them on the day! Passes on the day will be \$30, there will be no discounts for multiple passes on the day so save some money and get them early!

The Cookbook is finished and looks fantastic! 180 pages jam packed full of delicious family favourite recipes. Pre-sales will be available on Flexi Schools this week. Price is \$15 with a limit of 5

copies per pre-sale (great value). 'Pick up' will be at the Fair.

Thank you to everyone who has sent in their Mystery Jars, blocks of chocolate, hair supplies and other requested items. Keep them coming for the chance for your child's class to win a Pizza Party. The class with the most donations wins! YES, you can donate multiple items AND items requested for other classes! We need lots more crazy hair supplies!

We will be finalising prize donations for the Cent Auction this Friday.

If you have any contacts or are able to donate suitable prizes please email us on

gilstonschoolcommunityfair@gmail.com

LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you to the parents and staff who have brought books in for our book stall for the fete. It is getting close to Book Week, August 21-28. We will be having a book display of the short listed and prize winning books for 2015 during this week. Please visit our library for a look at these wonderful books. The theme for Book Week is "Books light up our World."

Kathy Stone

Librarian

RUGBY UNION

A Rookies to Reds afterschool program will be starting on Thursday 20th August on our school oval. To promote this program, development officers from Qld Rugby will be organising activities and handing out flyers during first breaks on Thursday and Friday. Any student interested in the program is invited to attend during these times.

P & C NEWS

Uniform Cap Discussion – Have your say!

The next P & C meeting will be held this coming Monday the 17th August at 7.00pm. We invite all parents and carers to attend. We will be opening up a discussion about the possibility of changing our current school caps to a more sun smart option. We encourage you to come along and have your say.

Woolworths Earn & Learn is back! This program is a great opportunity to contribute some new educational equipment to our school. You can place your reward sheets in the drop box located inside the Woolworths store at Nerang Mall, or you can drop them into the Earn & Learn collection box at the office. It's great to see that the sheets have started coming in and thank you to those who are participating in this program. For more information on how to participate you can jump onto the Woolworth's website and look for Earn & Learn information.

Do you have a favourite Worthy Cause or Charity you support and want to raise awareness for in 2016??

Gilston P&C is calling for nominations for Worthy Causes/Charities to support in 2016 through recognition/awareness days. All causes that were supported in 2015 will be automatically put forward. The P&C will choose 3-4 causes to raise awareness for in 2016 and will not consider any more during the year.

Drop your suggestions into the wooden box in the office or email to pandc@gilstonss.eq.edu.au

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform Shop opens only on Thursday afternoons from 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.

TUCKSHOP REPORT

Thursday 13 August – Tracey Zimmerman

Ice Blocks – Karen Crabb

Friday 14 August – Teresa Evans/Sally McRobert

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Monday 17 August – Help needed

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Tuesday 18 August – Dorothy

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Wednesday 19 August – Dorothy

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Thursday 20 August – Tracey Zimmerman

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Friday 21 August – Kristy Griffin/Sally McRobert

Ice Blocks – help needed

Regards

Nicole

Tuckshop convenor

COMMUNITY NOTICES

A NERANG OZTAG Development Officer will be visiting our school next week. He will be handing out flyers and speaking to students about upcoming competitions starting in September. Remember 'Get Tagged, You'll Love It!!!'

For more info check out www.nerangozttag.com

MONTHGUARD POLICY COMPETITION: (OPEN JULY 1 2015 AND CLOSSES AUGUST 23 2015) - As part of the Australian Dental Association's commitment to oral health promotion, the association is offering seven \$1,000 grants to sporting clubs and schools in Australia. These grants aim to help sports' clubs and schools promote mouth guard awareness and injury prevention. To go in the draw to win a \$1000 grant for your club or school, simply follow these two steps;

Step one: Visit www.dentalhealthweek.com.au download the mouth guard policy form and fill in the missing fields and implement within your club or school.

Step two: Upload a creative photo of your team implementing the mouth guard policy to the ADA Healthy Teeth Australian Facebook page, like the ADA Healthy Teeth Page and hashtag #dentalhealthweek in your post.

QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT'S GET STARTED VOUCHERS ARE OPEN NOW -Get Started Vouchers assists children and young people who can least afford or may otherwise benefit from joining a sport or active recreation club. Eligible children and young people are provided with a voucher valued up to \$150, which can be redeemed at a sport or recreation club that is registered for Get Started Vouchers. **Google "Get Started Vouchers"** to find out more about the program.

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.

Sensory Movie day at Browns Plains.

This month's screening is this **Sunday 16th August at 11am.** movie "Inside Out"

More information can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Sensory-Movie-Day-Event-Cinemas-Browns-Plains/158202327675421?fref=nf>

