



GILSTON STATE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Scott certainly "arranged" some beautiful weather for the **senior athletic carnival** yesterday – not a drop of rain in sight, nor snow for that matter. The students **participated with energy and good sportsmanship** and the vision of them spread across the oval in their field events was quite a spectacle. Those excelling on the day will be representing Gilston at the District Carnival.

Upon enrolment of their child, every parent signs an agreement to "**read and act in accordance with the information contained in the school newsletter and other school communications**". As a reader of this newsletter you are complying with your undertaking and I encourage you to continue the practice to ensure you are informed of school events. We **distribute the newsletter via the email address registered by parents. I will continue to use this email address to contact parents in case of changes to events or for emergent issues** e.g. postponements due to weather, road closures due to flooding. Please ensure the address you have lodged with us is up-to-date.

On the topic of databases, I was pleased to receive confirmation that our participation in the **QParent app** project has been brought forward from term 2 next year to this term. This app will provide **parent access to their child's details** including **academic records and absence details** and provide functions for **paying invoices and changing contact details** from smart devices. This app will be available to parents prior to the end of the term. I will communicate relevant information as it comes to hand.

Our first **Pre-Prep classes** were conducted on Monday this week and it was a delight to see the **enthusiastic faces** (kids and, mums and dads) waiting for the doors to open. This program has been refined over the last few years and we are very confident of its impact in preparing girls and boys for school. I **commend Jolie** for the time she has committed to ensuring this success.

While the Pre-Prep program is designed for students beginning school next year, I remind everyone that **expressions of interest in enrolling for Prep for 2017** are already being accepted. If you wish to register your interest, please contact the school office.

The team of staff that has worked on the refinement of the positive behaviour practices within our school will welcome the "**Buddy Bench**" to Gilston next week. The concept has been promoted in our classrooms and on assemblies in preparation

FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Friday | 17 July | Last day payment Year 2 Hinze Dam & Beenleigh Historical Village National Pyjama Day |
| Monday | 20 July | P & C Meeting 7.00pm |
| Wednesday Friday | 29 July 31 July | Year 5 Camp Tyalgum Ridge Retreat |
| 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 |
|-------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|-------|
| 94.99 | 94.59 | 94.8 | 93.68 | 93.1 | 94.18 | 94.08 |

for its arrival. The bench will be presented to the school during the **Breakfast Show broadcast by Gold FM next Monday**. Richard, Bridge and Spida will be broadcasting from Gilston from very early until the first bell. Gold FM will set up **games for the students** and we will be selling **barbequed sausages for breakfast from 7.00am**. Along with the broadcast, **AFL Queensland** will have inflatable games on site and the **Gold Coast Commonwealth Games** group will erect marquees, providing easels and iPads to encourage children to design a mascot for the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games. **Students, accompanied by parents** are welcome from 7.00am to join in the fun of the event.

Each semester I am very pleased to **celebrate the attainments** of students in the categories of **“academic”, “behaviour” and “effort”**. Certificates are being prepared for students whose reports indicated that they had excelled in these categories. Graeme and I will be keen to make these presentations in the coming weeks.

When you are having one of those **parenting moments** where you are **looking for inspiration**, try the [handy hints](#) that have been uploaded to our website for your benefit. These short pieces are written by psychologist Michael Grose and cover a wide range of topics that are common to most families.

Are you one of the 24 people to have completed your **School Opinion Survey**? If you are, I thank you as the information we gain from your feedback helps us make informed decisions about our planning. If you are one of the 396 who have not, please take the time to provide this valuable feedback.

In closing this week I draw your attention to the fact that the girls and boys will be able to **wear their pyjamas** to school this Friday. Further details later in the newsletter.

Stay safe and keep smiling
Bruce

P & C NEWS

Welcome back for Term 3, 2015. The P & C trust you all had an enjoyable break. The next P & C meeting will be held Monday 20 July at 7.00pm. All parents and carers are both invited and most welcome to attend.

I think it is safe to say that winter has finally arrived. The Uniform Shop has winter uniform stock available if your child/children need some extra layers in the cold weather.

I would like to take the opportunity to remind parents and carers to name their child/children's belongings. I have just gone through and sorted out the school's lost property box and was astounded as to how much clothing was unnamed. The named items have been placed in the Teachers' pigeon holes to be returned to their rightful owners. Those items unnamed will be made available through our Uniform Shop and be sold as second hand. So remember please name your child/children's uniform as it makes it more likely that they will find their way home.

From week 1, term 3, 2015 our **Uniform Shop** opening hours will change. The Uniform Shop will now open 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.

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...

The Banner is up, the countdown is on. 8 WEEKS to go. 'Save the date', Saturday 12 September 10.00am-3.00pm.

Tickets for the Unlimited Rides are now available to purchase on FlexiSchools or call in and see the lovely Nicole at the Tuckshop. Prices are as follows:

\$30- 1 ticket

\$55- 2 tickets

\$80- 3 tickets

Unlimited rides include:

The Round Up

Storm

Bumper Balls

Super Slide

Tea cups

Jumpy Castle

Petting Zoo

Students will be bringing home notes next week outlining what we require your child to contribute to the school fair. If these items can be brought into their classroom as soon as possible, it would be greatly appreciated.

Next Wednesday night 22 July at 6.30pm we will be holding a Volunteers' Meeting in the school staffroom. Everyone is welcome to attend...please spread the word.

'Remember Many Hands Make Light Work'

NATIONAL PYJAMA DAY – FRIDAY 17 JULY, 2015

Is it a hassle getting the kids ready for school in the morning? Do you wish in this cold weather you could just roll out of bed and head to school in your pyjamas?

If so, this **Friday, 17 July, 2015** Gilston SS is participating in **National Pyjama Day** to support The Pyjama Foundation. That's right! Just get your children out of the door in their PJ's or onsie and do it to raise awareness of reading.

The Pyjama Foundation helps children in foster care enjoy a brighter future through reading, education and encouragement. There are approximately 43,000 children currently living in foster care. It is estimated 75 per cent of these children will not complete schooling due to their background of neglect and trauma. The Pyjama Foundation has a learning-based mentoring program where volunteers called Pyjama Angels visit a child up to 1.5 hours a week to read books, play educational games and work on their numeracy skills.

All you need to do is keep your pyjamas on and come to school, it's that simple! PLEASE remember school shoes MUST be worn and children must have a school hat for lunch times. This is NOT a gold coin donation day.

Thank you for your participation in this event

Nutana Donaldson

LIBRARY NEWS

Mrs Stone is on leave for the next four weeks. However the library is open as usual for borrowing before and after school.

Bookclub Issue 5 has been cancelled and a new system is being implemented for Issue 6.

CHAPPY SPACE

Welcome back! Hope you all enjoyed your break!

Breakfast Club - Please come and enjoy the breakfast club which is designed to be a community building event for our school. Please could I ask you to be careful not to use it as your only means of breakfast as I rely on volunteers to help run it and if they are all sick, which very rarely happens but did last term, I have no choice but to not run it. PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILDREN EAT SOMETHING OR TAKE SOME EXTRA FOOD AND NOT RELY SOLELY ON BREAKY CLUB. Think of it in the same way as when there is a free sausage sizzle- you still bring lunch but sausage sizzle is a bonus.

Breakfast Club is held on Thursdays 8:15-8:45am. ALL ARE WELCOME. There is room for new volunteers to come help out at breakfast club. Your help is so 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. Thank you so much to Hayley, Karen and Alex whom without there would be no breaky club. Thank you to Nerang Bakery in Nerang Mall who supplies 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.

Food Parcels For Emergency Food Relief - Newlife Uniting Church Robina 5578 9322, 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 0421664466 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. 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 0520222, Juice 107.3, Careline 55 283 555.

TUCKSHOP REPORT

Thursday 16 July - Help needed

Ice Blocks – Karen Crabb

Friday 17 July – Teresa Evans/Sally McRobert

Ice Blocks - Help needed

Monday 20 July – Help needed

Ice Blocks – Mel Moore

Tuesday 21 July – Amé Seagrove

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Wednesday 22 July – Caroline Elliott

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Thursday 23 July - Help needed

Ice Blocks – Karen Crabb

Friday 24 July – Kristy Griffin / Help needed

Ice Blocks - Help needed

We are having another pie drive/slice drive! For all those families who didn't place an order last time, here is your chance. After receiving so much positive feedback and several requests to have another pie drive, we thought we would run another one. Pie Drive/slice drive forms will be coming home this week, so check your youngest child's bag. All order forms and money need to be back by Friday 24 July. Pies and slices can be collected from the tuckshop on Thursday 6 August and Friday 7 August between 2.30-4.00pm.

We now have EFTPOS facilities available in the tuckshop for your convenience.

Also I would like to welcome 2 new tuckshop assistants, Mel Wright and Karen Bowden. These ladies will be assisting me in providing our children with healthy smart choices. So if anyone of us can help you out with any queries please don't hesitate to pop in and see us.

Have a great week, Nicole Meesen Tuckshop Convenor

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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.

