Welcome back

Great to see everybody again after the break. I'm envisaging all to be bright-eyed and bushy-tailed, ready to go with the learning planned over the term. It'll be a busy time with some of the activities and events program so far.

Week 2 – Year Six Enrichment (Home Economics), at Nerang High

Week 3 – UNSW English, Maths Olympiad Starting and the Arts Performance

Week 4 – Year Five Camp, year Six Enrichment (Technology), Whole School Teaching and Learning Audit, Whole School Discipline Audit

Week 5 – Choir Eisteddfod

Week 6 – Year Six Camp, Year Seven Camp and Book Character Parade

Week 7 – Wipe Out Waste, Gilston Day of Excellence highlighting Japanese Culture, Year 1 Fire Truck visit, Gold Coast Show Day

Week 8 – Gala Day

Week 9 – School Photos (Wed, Thurs)

Week 10 – Japan Tour departure, Yelarbon State School visit

Attendance

Attendance figures are starting to look as they should with everyone getting back from holidays and into the swing of things again. Please remember to let the office know if your children are going to be away.

Transition to High School 2015

As parents of Year 6 and 7 students you will soon, or have already, made the decision about which high school to send your child to. Next year there will be almost 100,000 students entering high schools across Queensland, so there'll be plenty
of other parents making similar decisions in the next six months. Here are some tips which might help you when thinking about options for your child:

- Understand the Junior Secondary model, academic program and student wellbeing support systems being offered by your local high school
- Speak to the school directly or attend parent information events prior to enrolling your child to ensure you are comfortable with the academic program offered by your chosen high school and that it suits your child’s specific needs
- When talking to your child about high school, be enthusiastic and talk positively about the upcoming transition
- High school will have a wealth of new experiences for your child to enjoy, take time to listen to any concerns or worries and reinforce the positive aspects your child is looking forward to.

You can always feel free to talk to your child’s teacher if you have any questions or concerns about the transition to high school. We’re here to help.

Choose to Plan
Bill Shakespeare once wrote “Determine on some course, more than a wild exposure to each chance.” So I ask every student at this time, do you set yourself goals, do you make a plan for getting homework and assignments done, or your holidays, or did you just let it happen? Chances are, if you just let things happen, you won’t achieve as much in your school career/life as you could, and in addition miss out on opportunities on offer. This will then be a determinant on the type of career options you’ll have at high school and tertiary levels of education. So take on the responsibility, get organised and be a winner!

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
Welcome back to a term that promises to be full of enriching times for everyone. From those who are beginning their primary school experiences in our pre-prep classroom, to our years 6 and 7 students who are creating memories of their final primary school year, and to all of our students in between, we wish you a great semester 2. During the holidays, NAIDOC Week (6-13 July) celebrated the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. At our NAIDOC gathering in the last week of term 2, the students, teachers and Indigenous guests of Gilston State School provided great entertainment and thought-provoking learning opportunities. It was a privilege to be part of the audience and, later, when discussing the event with a year 5 class, it was decided that it was the best NAIDOC celebration we had ever seen at Gilston. Well done to all who presented. The cooler weather we expect in winter has finally arrived and, later, when discussing the event with a year 5 class, it was decided that it was the best NAIDOC celebration we had ever seen at Gilston. Well done to all who presented. The cooler weather we expect in winter has finally arrived.

Theme Park Passes – we are extending this great offer for another week as we need to order a minimum of 20 passes to get them at this price. They will go up in the next order! They are $39.00 to buy online and even if you get the “Buy 3 and get 1 Free” it works out the same as buying all four from us – and the school benefits too! Remember, for all things Gilston Club, contact us at abovementioned email address.

Age Champions
Congratulations to the following students who are our Age Champions for 2014:

- 9 Years: Joshua Atkin, Emily Feld
- 10 Years: Hudson Paech, Charlotte King, Chloe Rayner
- 12 Years: Kobe Wood, Keyshia Matenga, Zali Lindley
- 13 Years: Nash

A new record of 9.16m was set by Koby Clayton for girls 11 years Shotput. Well done Koby.

The senior athletics carnival was won by LATIMER. The junior athletics carnival was also won by LATIMER and the junior ball games trophy by DUNCAN. Congratulations to all for a great effort.
LIBRARY NEWS

Book Week this year is 18-22 August and the theme this year is “Connect to Reading”. Please mark Friday 22 August in your diary as this is when the book Parade will be held.

There will be a display of the award winning books for Young Readers, Early Childhood and Picture Books in our school library as well.

From Week 2 this term our students who have volunteered to be Library Monitors will start their duties.

Please see the librarians for a copy of the roster to see when you are on duty. Thank you to these students.

The theme for Book Week is “Connect to Reading” and following this theme is the concept of a Book Club. This term any students in Years 6 and 7 who enjoy reading will be invited to join our school Book Club. We will be selecting a book together and then take part in a structured discussion about the book. We will also be participating in an on-line book club discussion group as a school. Interested students please see the librarians this week.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER
Thursday 17 July - Tanya
Ice Blocks – Karen
Friday 18 July – Melissa Moore, Alex McCarthy
Ice Blocks – Kamila Bestmann
Monday 21 July – Dannie Faulkner
Ice Blocks – Deb
Tuesday 22 July – Erinna Lake
Ice Blocks – Help needed
Wednesday 23 July – Stacey Gardner
Ice Blocks – Grant Patching
Thursday 24 July - Tanya
Ice Blocks – Karen
Friday 25 July – Alex McCarthy
Ice Blocks – Kamila Bestmann

Welcome back everyone; we hope you all had a wonderful, relaxing holiday.

Promoting healthy eating – this term we would like to try something NEW to encourage healthy eating. Tuesdays’ menu will only have a selected group of healthy foods to choose from (which means no amber foods) for the entire day (lunch orders and over the counter during lunch).

Things such as salads, sandwiches, wraps, home cooked meals, fruit, water and OJ (everyday foods).

Anyone who has any suggestions to help with new ideas for the students, please come and see me to discuss these ideas.

A new menu will be available from the tuckshop next week.

Sushi will still be available on Tuesdays, but NO hot chocolate will be made or served on this day.
Have a fabulous week. Mandy & Nicole

COMMUNITY NOTICES

AFL AUSKICK SIGN ON & 1st SESSION: – Monday 21 July, 3:10pm 4:10pm, School oval, Cost: $65. For more information contact: Tim Searl on 5594 5722. Online registration only at www.aflauskick.com.au

BIGSSPORT commences 24/7/14 on the school oval. Enrolments forms available at the school office or enroll online at www.big5sports.com.au

ELITE RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS CLUB – rope, hoop, ball, clubs, ribbon etc. All Saints Anglican School. Beginners Class Friday 3.30-4.30pm, Saturday 10.00-11.00am. Ph 0403 034 914.

TENNIS CACHING: Classes conducted on Monday mornings from 8.00am. Cost is $17 per lesson, discounts for 3 or more children. All enquiries to Rowan Hollonds, Gold Coast Tennis Coaching, 0411 867 971, rowan@gctenniscoaching.com.au or www.gctenniscoaching.com.au

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