



GILSTON STATE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Informed decisions are good decisions. Each day our teachers use information to modify the teaching that occurs to maximise the learning for students. More broadly, I **use the data we have to draw conclusions to ensure we target the use of the available resources to maximise learning.** The data I access comes from a range of sources including feedback from parents, students and staff. Last week students took home information about seeking parent opinions through our annual survey. The information from this survey is compared to all schools in Queensland and provides us with another part of the data jigsaw that we examine to make decisions. **The survey opens on 29 June. I urge you to make the completion of this survey a priority.**

As part of a **community approach to managing schools**, I regularly confer with agencies beyond the school fence. Last week I met with representatives from a group of **local schools and police officers** responsible for our district. It was pleasing to learn that the **incidence of crimes involving schools has decreased** in the past year largely due to the vigilance of all involved. The only disappointing statistic was the growing number of offences by drivers in the vicinity of schools. Based on this information, police have instigated campaigns like that we launched early this term to combat actions that jeopardise the safety of families around schools. As part of the ongoing commitment to safety at Gilston and in particular on Worongary Road, **we can expect more police presence at our busiest times.** As always, I remind you to comply with all road rules to ensure family safety.

FOR YOUR DIARY

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

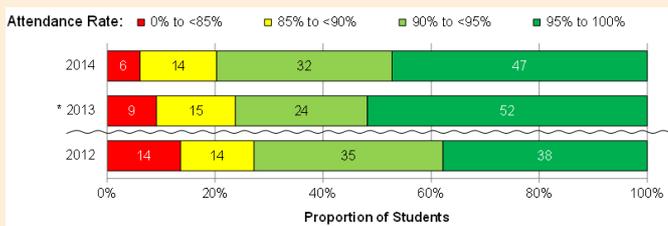
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Our performing artists will be shining this Friday as they vie for the **Gilston Performing Arts prize.** I **commend all students** who have participated in the process of auditions, recognising their confidence and persistence in producing their best. I **invite all parents** to share this event and to marvel at the talent that exists at our school.

Pies must be good winter food if the number sold during our pie drive is an indication. Thank you for your support of this fund raiser. I, like you, look forward to tasting the wares when they are delivered. **Congratulations to Nicole** and her team for the coordination of this venture. Our students were treated to a show by 3N last week on assembly that outlined how we will use the **Buddy Bench** when it arrives next term. It was pleasing to see that **strategy to self help** is at the cornerstone of the concept. Warm days, a little rain and the herbs have grown quickly. With some tender loving care, it won't be long before we are **enjoying tasty treats from our garden through our tuckshop**.

I am currently compiling the **2014 School Annual Report**. This is a public document that contains a range of data pertaining to our school. It will be **published on our website** prior to the end of this term. A section in the report refers to attendance. This image illustrates that we have improved each year since 2012. With your help we'll make 2015 even better!



At the **P & C meeting on Monday night** (which incidentally finished in record time), I advised that I have registered our interest for the adoption of an **app that will support parent access to their child/children's details at school**. These will include their academic records, address and contact details, invoices (with payment directly from the site) and attendance records. Mudgeeraba Special School has been part of the initial trial and parents have been very satisfied with the functionality. The bad news is that it has been very popular and consequently we may not have access until term two 2016. **Reminder: There is no formal supervision by staff before and after school** apart from the collection zone and escorting students to the buses. Parents remain responsible for students during these times. **There is no need for students to be on site prior to 8:45am unless they are participating in the Instrumental Music Program on Thursdays**

Our last week of the term promises to be exciting with **three athletic carnivals** planned. After the rain this week, we'll have a brace of clear days to enjoy these events (fingers crossed). Please **join us if you can**.

Stay safe and keep smiling.

Bruce

P & C NEWS

Our next P & C meeting will be Monday 20 July at 7.00pm. All parents and carers are both invited and most welcome to attend.

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.

Uniform Shop

The P & C are looking to trial EFTPOS facilities in the Tuckshop for an additional two weeks leading up to the June/July school holidays. This will impact our in-store Uniform Shop EFTPOS facility on Friday mornings for the trial duration. I recommend ordering through FlexiSchools or popping down to see the lovely ladies on Tuesday

afternoon for uninterrupted EFTPOS facilities. If Fridays are your only option then we will endeavour to provide the best possible service given the circumstances. The P&C thank you for your patience.

The normal opening hours for the 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 is having a DISCOUNT SALE on a number of winter items**. These include boys cargo pants, girls bootleg pants, microfibre track pants and limited sizes in old style fleecy jumpers & 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 on a while stocks last basis. Any questions or queries please feel welcome to give me a call, Christene Dukes P & C Vice President Tel: 0432275195.

GILSTON CLUB NEWS

With the school holidays approaching, now is the perfect time to buy an Entertainment(tm) Book or Entertainment(tm) Digital Membership. All you need to do is choose which Membership suits you? <http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/about/choose-your-membership>>

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Thank you for your support!

HELLO FROM THE FAIR COMMITTEE...

During assembly last Thursday the class with the most recipes submitted for the school cookbook was announced. The winning class was **3W**. **Congratulations** to you all on your efforts. A special mention also to 2W and 1N for your wonderful results.

We also had the pleasure of announcing the winner of the Artwork competition. Congratulations to Shakayla Brown 2S. A special thanks to Ros Bates Mudgeeraba MP for taking the time to select the winner.

Thank you Danielle Wibaux, Andrea Goldring, Kari-Ann Elliot and Tam Bell for your time and effort so far in putting this cookbook together. Can't wait to buy a copy!

Any questions regarding the school fair please don't hesitate to contact us.

gilstonschoolcommunityfair@gmail.com

Check out our Facebook page - Gilston School Community Fair - to keep up to date

'Remember many hands make light work'

ATHLETICS CARNIVALS

This year's athletics carnivals will be held on the following days:

Senior (Years 4-6) – Wednesday 24 June
Junior (Years 1-3) – Thursday 25 June
Prep – Friday 26 June

In the event of rain, all carnivals will move to the following day.

All pupils require a House t-shirt, hat, suitable footwear, water bottle and sunscreen.

As always the focus of the carnivals is on participation and enjoyment.

Spectators are most welcome. We look forward to fun filled days and successful carnivals.

Scott Stavar / HPE Teacher

GALA DAY

On Monday, our Year 5 and 6 students travelled to Firth Park and Mudgeeraba Soccer Club to compete in a Sports Gala Day against Nerang, Tallebudgera and Coolangatta State Schools. The students enjoyed playing netball, rugby league, soccer and AFL. The weather was fantastic as was our participation and sportsmanship.

A big thank you to the Mudgeeraba Soccer Club for the use of their facilities.

We look forward to our next Gala Day which will be held in term 3.

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Club Issue 4 arrived this week and has been given to the children. Thank you to all families who support our school by purchasing from Book Club.

Borrowing and Returning of Books – please encourage your child to borrow books from our library and read at home. Books are due back 2 weeks after they are borrowed. If your child has an overdue book, please return it. If you have lost a book, please see the librarian.

Thank you. Kathy Stone / Librarian

TUCKSHOP REPORT

Thursday 18 June – Help needed

Ice Blocks – Karen Crabb

Friday 19 June – Teresa Evans / Help needed

Ice Blocks - Help needed

Monday 22 June – Tammee Heaton

Ice Blocks – Mel

Tuesday 23 June – Amé Seagrove

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Wednesday 24 June – Karen Bowden

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Thursday 25 June - Help needed

Ice Blocks – Karen Crabb

Friday 26 June – Kristy Griffin/ Help needed

Ice Blocks - Help needed

The tuckshop now has **EFTPOS facilities** for your convenience.

Thank you to all the families who ordered pies from our school **Pie Drive**. The pies will be ready for collection on **Tuesday 23 June, Wednesday, 24 June and Thursday 25 June from 2.30 to 4.00pm.**

Please bring something with you to carry your pies home, e.g. shopping bag, environmental bag or a box.

Sports Carnivals are happening next week on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Parents are welcome to **order their lunches** on these days. Menus and order bags are available from the

tuckshop. All orders need to be placed before 9.00am.

Tea, coffee and hot chocolate will also be available for sale, along with a selection of snacks and sweet treats.

Thank you to Tammee Heaton, Mel, Amé Seagrove, Karen Crabb, Teresa Evans, Kristy Griffin, Trudy Brown, Mel Wright and Karen Bowden for all your help and support in the tuckshop this term. I really appreciate it and welcome more volunteers to help out.

Have a great week. Nicole Meesen/Tuckshop Convenor

COMMUNITY NOTICES

SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS FUN CAMP - June/July Holidays.

Activities Include tennis, treasure hunt, table tennis, basketball, soccer, movie, arts and crafts finishing with our famous Tennis Olympics in the afternoon. Hinterland Tennis Club, Price Street, Nerang. **Cost:** Full Day 8:30am-4.00pm \$40, Half Day 8:30am-12.00pm \$25. **Week 1** - Monday 29 June, Tuesday 30 June, Wednesday 1 July. **Week 2** - Monday 6 July, Tuesday 7 July, Wednesday 8 July. **Please note bookings are essential.**

Interested? Call Jonathon 0488 696 939

JOIN YOUR KIDS FOR THE BOTANICA MISSIONS. Use the **NaturePlay Qld Passport** to complete your missions at the **Gold Coast Regional Botanic Gardens**. Friday 10 July at 9.30am. Bookings essential phone 0449 561 674. Meet at the Friends Centre. Bring a hat, drink bottle and wear closed shoes. Cost \$5.00.

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.

