PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It is always a pleasure to meet the new families as they enrol their children at Gilston. It is apparent that those attending the Orientation yesterday share the ethos of the school and have been keen to engage in all facets of the "Enrolling Families" project. I extend a warm welcome to our newest families and forecast a smooth transition into school given the work that has already been undertaken.

News bulletins recently have focused attention on terrorist threat levels within Australia and throughout the world. When your children inquire about these news stories, it is important to share with them the facts pertaining to these news stories and to provide clear perspective about the likelihood of danger to them. Earlier this week the Prime Minister announced that the National Terrorism Public Alert Level had been raised to High, following the decision by ASIO to raise the national threat level. Importantly he noted that the decision was in response to an increase in the general likelihood of a terrorist attack in Australia, although there was not specific intelligence of an attack. As a result of the increase in the public alert level, members of the community have been asked to increase their vigilance and report any suspicious activity to police or the National Security Hotline: 1800 123 400.

The students, staff and some parents from Yelarbon arrived yesterday for their tour of the Gold Coast attractions. You may see them coming and going this week as they are staying in our science/technology room and the library outdoor area.

During term four Graeme will be taking long service leave. His replacement for this time will be selected from the sixteen applications I have received through an expression of interest process. Planning is underway for the Years 6 and 7 presentation nights in the last week of term four. The challenges presented by the additional event this year have required our staff and volunteers to find some creative solutions. Details will be sent home with the students in these year levels to ensure all families are well-informed.

On the topic of seniors, at the P & C meeting on Monday night, the leadership shirt design for 2015 was selected. The design and insignia will allow us to have these ordered prior to the end of this year so that our Year 6 students will have them for the start of school. I thank the P&C for their attention to detail in this process.

To avoid me having to buy Mrs Miller a ladder and safety apparatus to climb over the mountain of unclaimed clothing on...
the music room veranda, please take some time to check whether any of your child’s clothing is in the collection. I congratulate our tuckshop team on the record sales during the last few weeks and for the efficiency with which the meals have been prepared. I also applaud the emphasis on promoting healthy foods for both students and staff.

On Friday, our students and staff will begin a well-deserved break from school. The intensity of the daily business of teaching and learning will be put on hold while the “batteries” are recharged. The first day back next term is Tuesday 7 October as the Monday of that week is the Labour Day holiday. Please note also that the third Monday of the term will be a pupil-free day. Stay safe and keep smiling.

Bruce

GILSTON CLUB NEWS

Footy Fan Day This Friday 19 September – for a gold coin donation, the kids get to come to school dressed in their footy team colours, whether it is AFL, NRL or soccer! The Gold Coast Suns will be sending their mascot (and maybe some players), and we’ll get to see a great game between the teachers and students. It will be a great afternoon and parents are more than welcome to come and watch. It kicks off at 1.40pm (second break).

Kids Artwork Fundraiser – the kids have been busily doing beautiful artwork this term which can be turned into calendars, diaries, mouse pads and phone covers. The artwork will be on display ready for ordering the second week of Term 4.

Trivia Night tickets available now - $10.00 p/person with tables of 10 (to be held on 8 November). I have attached a Flyer and there are more in the office. Remember, if you have something you can donate towards the raffle or auction, please let me know. That’s it for this term – everyone, have a wonderful holiday! Remember, for all things Gilston Club, email us at gilstonclub@gilstonss.eq.edu.au

Thanks…. Lisa - Chairperson

LIBRARY NEWS

Lost and Late Books – Please return all overdue books to the library as soon as possible please. If books cannot be found, please speak to the librarians, Mrs Stone or Mrs Batson, about any lost books. After the school holidays, accounts will be issued for all unreturned or lost books.

Reading in the Holidays – Please take the opportunity to read to your children in the holidays. Consider taking them for a visit to their local library.

DENTAL VAN NEWS

Students in Year 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 and Prep have been provided with an offer of oral health care examination card to take home. The pack includes:

- Child & Adolescent Oral Health Service Brochure
- Examination Card

If your child is enrolled in one of the grades listed above or is new to the school and did not receive an examination card and would like to arrange for your child to receive oral health care please contact the Oral Health Call Centre 1300 300 850. Monday to Friday 8.00am–4.30pm excluding Public Holidays. If your child requires disability access please identify this requirement with the Call Centre Operator.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Thursday 18 September – Tanya
- Ice Blocks – Karen
- Ice Blocks – Bev/Theresa Evans/Kristy
- Ice Blocks – Kamila

Friday 19 September – PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- Ice Blocks – Help Needed
- Ice Blocks – Help Needed
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Monday 6 October – Monday 6 October – PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- Ice Blocks – Help Needed
- Ice Blocks – Help Needed

Wednesday 8 October – Erinna
- Ice Blocks – Help Needed

Thursday 9 October – Tanya/ Rebecca Moore
- Ice Blocks – Karen
- Ice Blocks – Alex
- Ice Blocks – Kamila

I have only a handful of senior shirts left: Year 6- size 12 and Year 7-size 10. They are only $5 each. Come and see me at the tuckshop. Also I have swimming caps available for $7.00 each. If you have any healthy meal options suggestions or anything else you would like to see on the menu, please come and see me. I would like to wish everyone a safe & happy holiday, and I will see you all back in term 4.

Regards, Nicole Meesen - Tuckshop Convenor

FRIDAY 19 SEPTEMBER - FOOTY COLOURS DAY NRL AND AFL (Gold Coin Donation Fundraiser)

Come dressed in your favourite team’s footy colours for the last day of school. Then come and cheer for your favourite team as the students play footy against the teachers. AFL Qld will be the Referees, so there will be no cheating!!!

Sunny Ray will be visiting from the Gold Coast Suns to get everyone cheering. He may have a few giveaways for the loudest cheer.

Parents are encouraged to come along and watch and cheer at the afternoon footy match which will start at 2.15pm (must wear your colours). All welcome.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

ROBINA STATE HIGH SCHOOL – please submit enrolment forms by Friday 19 September. Packs available info@robina.shs.eq.edu.au.

JUNIOR OZTAG – Sign on September. View website for more details www.nerangoztag.com

ELITE RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS CLUB – Rope, Hoop, Ball, Clubs, Ribbon, Acrobatics & Dance. Beginners Class Friday 3.30-4.30pm, Saturday 10.00-11.00am, All Saints Anglican School Basketball Hall – Phone 0403 034 914 or 5593 8197

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

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