PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

School Rules – Ways of Being, Acting and Doing
As children step through the gate of the school we have high expectations of them regarding their every day, all day actions and take full advantage of all learning opportunities available. At all times, Gilston State School seeks to reflect the values and behaviour that are acceptable in our society. Gilston State School is committed to providing a safe, respectful and disciplined learning environment for students and staff, where students have opportunities to engage in quality learning experiences and acquire values supportive of their lifelong wellbeing. (Excerpts from GSS Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students).

Being a Learner
What does engaged learning look like? Successful, engaged learners are responsible for their own learning. These students are self-regulated and able to define their own learning goals and evaluate their own achievement. They are also energized by their learning; their joy of learning leads to a lifelong passion for solving problems, understanding, and taking the next step in their thinking. These learners are strategic in that they know how to learn and are able to transfer knowledge to solve problems creatively. Engaged learning also involves being collaborative—that is, valuing and having the skills to work with others.

Being Respectful – traits of a respectful person
They’re honest. They don’t lie. People can depend upon them. They act with honesty and integrity and are generous with others. They don’t lose their tempers, scream, yell or strike out against others when things don’t go their way. In other words, they rarely lose control. When negative things happen to them, they remain positive. They treat people as they would like to be treated. They are tenacious. They don’t give up easily. They become resourceful when the going gets rough. They totally get that they can’t change other people or the circumstances but they can change their attitudes about situations. They admit when they’re wrong. Instead of sticking to their guns (no matter what), just to be “right,” they fess up to their mistakes, particularly when it lets another person “off the hook” or eases a situation. They aren’t lazy; they strive. They are hard workers who always want to “get it right.”

2014 Explicit Improvement Agenda
- Reading and Spelling
- 21st Century Learning
- Consistent and Positive Behaviour Management

Gilston Expectations
- Be a Learner
- Be Responsible
- Be Respectful
- Be Safe

Current Attendance Levels

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They have their priorities straight. They put what is truly important, what will really help others or a situation, above their own needs. They have an inner sense of right and wrong. They innately know the right thing to do, and they understand clearly when an injustice is being served. They tend to be role models for other people. Others admire and look up to them. They are givers. They have high self-esteem. They believe they deserve success and know they can do anything they go after. They know that a mistake is something that they do and not who they are. They keep a positive self-image because they know that self-esteem is a state of mind that they have chosen. They are loyal, even when it’s tough to do so. They stand behind those with whom they have forged relationships and don’t betray them.

Being responsible
A description of being responsible could be framed as;
A moral obligation to behave correctly towards, or in respect of oneself or another individual/s, and being able and responsible to control one’s behaviour.

Being Safe
Being safe could be described as a state of mind where all students treat others fairly, with respect and kindness, and act in a socially responsible way towards all members of the school community.
As an adult/ parent, behavioural expectations of a child can be higher than what is actually developmentally appropriate for the child’s age. A child at the age of one year old is unlikely to understand and learn discipline, whereas a child of three years of age is highly likely to have a better understanding of their behaviour and the consequences of their misbehavior. At a school age, a student (Preschoolers 4-5 years) asks questions constantly and becomes more critical. Compares selves to others.

Make simple judgments (good/bad).
Begin to understand consequences of their behaviour.
Uses words to hurt others.
Needs encouragement to support self-esteem.
Consciously aware of their own interests and intentions.
Begin to manipulate ideas in their minds.

Able to make appropriate decisions before acting.
Can talk through things in a simple manner.
Learn how to be a friend.
Becomes very competitive.

Recently the school adopted these headings to highlight ways of being, doing and acting. These are not to be construed as school rules, rather the traits that are intrinsic in all children and are what they need to be successful in life. A great number of Queensland schools are, or have for a long time, adopted the same position in regard of the four ways of being, doing and acting. They aren’t things that only exist in a school environment but rather are innate in us all from an early age. As a school community we need to be firm on all students actively portraying these attributes at all times, in all situations, while they are at school. Our students need to know the secret that the more you give, the more you receive when you are genuine.
You will get all you want in life - if you help enough people get what they want.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
Life is certainly busy in Admin!! Reports, planning meetings, injured children, visitors and administrative jobs certainly make the day go way too quickly.
I was privileged to attend the P & C meeting on Monday night. It’s been several years since I attended one of these meetings (and it was in the role of Treasurer), so I enjoyed being able to listen to the wonderful group of enthusiastic parents share their plans for our school. Interestingly enough there were parents who were on the committee when I was, still doing a fabulous job, so I thought I would take this opportunity to share some of the positives of this wonderful opportunity.
I became a member of the P & C to meet other families and that certainly happened. I got to join a great bunch of parents and share a laugh as we did the weekly banking, worked in the uniform shop, helped in the tuck shop, ran a fete and greeted all the children after school as the lollypop ladies. It made my kids proud to see me helping around the school and I really enjoyed giving some of my time.
I have made lifelong friends and learnt new skills that only took a small amount of my time. I never had to go out of my way because I was going to be at the school anyway, so it was certainly not an onerous task. I can’t encourage new families enough to get involved in the school this way.
Nicola Minehan (Acting DP)

GILSTON CLUB NEWS
Hi Everybody…. Well, after 4 weeks of selling tickets, we will find out who the winner of the Fiji Raffle tomorrow at Assembly. It is still not too late to get your tickets in. The winner of last year’s raffle returned her tickets on the day it was drawn! We will publish the winner in next week’s newsletter. A big thank you must go to Hannah & Piper in 5N for sitting and folding all the ticket stubs on the weekend.
Family Portrait Day - (Saturday 19 July) – follow this link www.trybooking.com/EWOU to book your time. The photos make great Christmas presents for family and whilst Christmas seems a long way away, there are already Christmas Cards in Target!! It will be here before we know it so get prepared now.
Entertainment Books can be purchased via this link https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/1446u93 and will be delivered direct to your child’s classroom – remember school holidays are almost here and the book has great ideas to keep the kids busy.
Athletics Carnivals next week – there will be no tea/coffee/cake stall this year so you will have to BYO. Have a great week and remember for all things Gilston Club, email us at www.gilstonclub@gilstonss.eq.edu.au or phone/text me on 0414912217.
Lisa Chairperson

CONGRATULATIONS
Well done to the following boys: Hudson Paech ran 34th in the U10 Regional Cross Country Trials and Connor Nunns has been selected in the U12 Gold Coast South District Rugby Union Team. Keep up the good work boys.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL (Year 4-7)
The Senior Carnival will be held on Tuesday 24 June. All pupils require house T-shirt, hat, suitable footwear and sunscreen. Tuckshop must be pre-ordered. As always, the focus of the carnival is on participation and enjoyment. Spectators are most welcome. All enquiries to Mr Stavar.
We look forward to a fun and successful carnival.

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JUNIOR SPORTS DAY will be held for Years 1-3 on Friday 27 June, commencing with a march past at 9.15am, followed by sprints and tabloid games. (Please note – Prep will do their sprints and tabloids on Thursday 26 June, due to increased student numbers). Students require house T-shirt, a hat, suitable footwear, water bottle and sunscreen.

As always, spectators are most welcome. We look forward to fun filled days and successful carnivals.

GALA DAY
On Monday, our Year 6 and 7 students travelled to Firth Park 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 Gilston Club for the purchase of our new AFL jerseys.

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

LIBRARY NEWS
Congratulations to our Readers’ Cup Team. Last Wednesday, 11 June, our team, Alissa Lott, Anna Yamada, Lachlan Doonican, Angel Faulkner and Evan Lecaille (our team reserve who was unwell on the day) represented Gilston at the Gold Coast Readers Cup Challenge. They came second in the competition which is a wonderful result. The competition had 24 other schools and Gilston was only 2 points behind Hillcrest, the winning team.

The team has worked hard over the last two months, reading six books and preparing for the quiz. Their dedication has paid off with this great result. We have really enjoyed coaching this team and we all enjoyed reading and discussing the nominated books.

Shelley Batson, Kathy Stone / Librarians

DENTAL VAN
Students in grades (3, 6, and 7) have been provided with an offer of oral health care examination card to take home. If your child is enrolled in one of the grades listed above or are 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 19 June - Tanya
Ice Blocks – Karen
Friday 20 June – Melissa
Ice Blocks – Kamila
Monday 23 June - Dannie
Ice Blocks – Irene
Tuesday 24 June – Erinna
Ice Blocks – Help needed
Wednesday 25 June – Stacey
Ice Blocks – Grant
Thursday 26 June - Tanya
Ice Blocks – Karen
Friday 27 June – Alex, Melissa
Ice Blocks – Kamila

Our preferred method of ordering is online at www.flexischools.com.au. This also allows us to make sure the lunches are ready by 11.00am. Please note we don’t usually have hot chocolate left by the first break, therefore we are unable to accept these as a lunch time order.

Also please note: Hot Dogs are now $2.50, Garlic Bread $2.50, CJ $2.50, P Pizza $3.00.

Small cookies, Mini Oreos, Hello Pandas or Grain Waves are no longer available. Children are being refunded or not charged if they have these items on their lunch bags.

Have a great week.

Mandy & Nicole

COMMUNITY NOTICES

RUGBY UNION SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINIC Thursday 3 July, 9.30am-3.00pm, 5 to 12 years. To register visit Rookies@Reds.com.au or call 1300 753 733

NERANG SCOUT GROUP FUNDRAISING GARAGE SALE – August – looking for all kinds of donations (good condition only please). De-clutter your home and help raise much needed funds. Phone Danielle 0402 562 093.

QUEENSLAND THEATRE OF PUPPETRY require a couple of older class students who are interested in sound, lighting, and backstage management, to assist in the upcoming production of Alice in Wonderland at the QTOP theatre at Macintosh Island Park, Surfers Paradise, during the school holidays i.e. Monday 30 June to Friday 11 July, Monday to Friday two shows per day 9.30am and 11.00am. Anyone who is interested can contact Phil Bell at 0413043898 or email to philbell@bigpond.net.au

The 86th annual MUDGEERABA SHOW is on just in time for the school holidays (28 & 29 June). Heaps of free entertainment, spectacular night program & Grand Parade with a massive fireworks display. Over 150 trade, community and heritage sites. Thrilling rides and side show alley, Art, craft & Education pavilion, BMX & FMX Demos, sand sculpturing, strongman, sheep shearing, cattle judging, show princess and much more!!! So start the holidays with fun and excitement and come to the Mudgeeraba Show. Cost $30 family, $15 Adults, $10 Children & Aged Pensioners. Enquiries to Kylie Holzinger, 55302754 / 0418 182 533

KIDS BOXFIT CLASSES to be held at the Gilston Hall, Mondays and Wednesdays from 3.30-4.15 starting Monday 16 June. We have designed a fun, interactive program to inspire & motivate your children to enjoy the variety of our Kidz BoxFit Program. Children will learn hand eye co-ordination, listening and social skills, a mixture of boxing and other fitness based drills and games.$10pp per class & parents must be present to assist kids at all times. They must also provide their own boxing gear. For more information and to book, call Be At One Health & Fitness on 55022343. Numbers are limited and bookings essential. All ages welcome!

TENNIS COACHING: 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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