



# GILSTON STATE SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



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### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I lead this week with reference to an article about **Dr Michael Carr-Gregg's** most recent book entitled, "**Strictly Parenting**". In this book, this renowned psychologist and internationally acclaimed child and adolescent behavioural expert reveals some worrying trends that he has identified in modern-day parenting.

Through his work, Dr Carr-Gregg has seen many children running wild and parents running for cover. He asserts that in the desire to give their children the very best, **parents sometimes give them too much and fail to set adequate boundaries.**

In his book "Strictly Parenting" Michael asks parents to "take a good hard look at the way they are parenting – to toughen up and stop trying to be their kid's best friends."

As a **principal** of a school where all behaviour is measured against boundaries, I find the topic fascinating. As a **parent** of two children, I found myself reflecting on my actions with Michael's words resonating in my head. If you are curious and want to read a **review of the book** visit: <http://whichschoolmag.com.au/raising-school-aged-children-2/>

It is performance time again! Tonight I will be at the **Performing Arts Centre** again to enjoy the talents of our **Senior Instrumental Band** guided by **Steve Broxton**. I am pleased that Steve was able to coach our emerging band members so they could have this performance and competition experience.

While on a **music** note (excuse the pun), the **Junior Band** will commence before school practice beginning Thursday 3 September. Details will be sent home with your child.

The all-important ride passes for the Fair are on sale now through FlexiSchools. The **Gilston Cookbooks** that are also available through this avenue **are selling fast**. Avoid disappointment by placing your orders today!

You may have noticed that more of the **junior playground** has been restricted due to some safety concerns. Consequently, **Amanda Otto**, in collaboration with Jan, is **investigating some cost-effective solutions** to rectify the issues. I thank Amanda for her generosity for her expertise in this regard.

I am very pleased that access to the **QParents app** has been delivered well ahead of schedule. All parents who have submitted completed QParent account details have been invited to register for the app. As registrations are received, access has been granted and the **full functionality of the app** now resides on their devices. As one parent reported yesterday, "**It is great!**"

### FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday	19 August	Senior Band Gold Coast Eisteddfod 6.00pm
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>27 August</b>	<b>Last day payment Year 1 Science incursion</b>
Friday	28 August	Gold Coast Show Holiday
Wednesday	2 September	Last day for Book Club orders.
<b>Friday</b>	<b>4 September</b>	<b>Last day payment Year 6 Lake Ainsworth camp</b>
Monday	7 September	Year 1 Science incursion
Saturday	12 September	Gilston School Community Fair 10.00am – 3.00pm
Monday	14 September	P & C Meeting 7.00pm
Friday	18 September	Last day Term 3
Tuesday	6 October	First day Term 4
Monday	12 October	Spellathon
Friday	16 October	
Friday	16 October	Book Character Parade
Friday	23 October	Family Arts Night

#### 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
94.02	93.97	94.19	93.36	92.97	93.35	93.28

**I have been able to access absence details and lodge explanations, I've viewed report cards, I can see how much I owe - it's so convenient!"** If this access appeals to you, I suggest you register as soon as possible so your application can be processed. If you have an android device, the view you access will be a scaled web site instead of the apple device app. The same details are contained in both environments.

**School photos** will be taken later this term. Please ensure you put aside your child's "best" uniform for the day.

The **success** of our forward planning for 2016 **relies on the accuracy of our information**. I ask for **your help** in this regard. Already I have data about Prep students through our Enrolling Families project. The other side to the ledger is important too and so I ask that if your circumstance have changed and **your child will no longer be attending Gilston in 2016, please advise the office** as soon as possible. Early advice will allow me to make offers to families on our waiting list so they can adequately prepare for the change.

Remember, **next Friday is a public holiday**

Stay safe and keep smiling.

Bruce

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Gilston Chess Club

The inter-school chess tournament for Gold Coast Primary Teams, round three will be held at Carrara Basketball Stadium Wednesday 2 September. The event will start at 8.45am going through to 2.30pm that day. Shaun from Gardiner Chess will be handing out details to students in the near future. Those children who competed in the last event all did very well and represented our school wonderfully. Thank you everybody, can't wait to see how you go this time.

### Lost flute

If anybody has found a flute or knows the whereabouts of one with no apparent owner please drop it off to the office. I have someone who would dearly like to be re-united with it again.

### Art Club

The Gilston State School Art Club recently took part in the commemorative activities for Vietnam Veterans Day marking the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the arrival of 1 Battalion RAR in Vietnam in 1965. The program offered to students is not to extol war but to promote an understanding of the wider consequences on families and community. While there students listened to an address about citizenship and inherent values that form the basis for community and are an integral part of the values taught at Gilston State School. The artwork enabled our students to communicate in their own way their view of how such events can have a variety of consequences but conveyed through art. Their piece shows a soldier helping a small child. Well done everybody.



### Keeping busy

Along with the teachers and students being very productive around learning, there are a few other things going on as well. Here's a bit of a list, this week there's Eisteddfod for our senior

band (I hope you have a lot of fun tonight everybody), the Gold Coast Council Wipe Out Waste van coming to spend a week with students, Regional Athletics and school photo days. Then we have Gala Day, Japanese Day of Excellence, the Gold Coast Show holiday, a Year One Science incursion and the Father's Day Stall. After that we have NAIDOC celebrations and of course THE GREAT GILSTON STATE SCHOOL FAIR. Don't forget this last one, get your tickets and get ready to roll up for a lovely day.

As much as I don't want to leave anything out (and hope I haven't), I'm sort of thinking, all involved in any of these events and activities could do with a little down time afterwards.

Thank you to all of those parents and helpers involved in making our school as enjoyable, challenging and exciting for our children. I think at the end of it all though, in a quiet moment, perhaps we may cry because it's over and smile because it happened. Thank you again.

## HELLO FROM THE FAIR COMMITTEE...

Have you signed up to help on your class stall? Rosters are outside every classroom, and every class needs lots of parents to help out. If you can't make it into school to sign up please email your teacher (or us) to let them know when you are available. We need parents every hour from 9am until 4pm on the day, please help us make this day great!

[gilstonschoolcommunityfair@gmail.com](mailto:gilstonschoolcommunityfair@gmail.com)

**Second Hand Books** – if you have any books that you no longer want please deliver them to the Library to help them with their book stall.

**Ride all day passes** are now available on FlexiSchools or from Nicole at the Tuckshop.

1 PASS-\$30 2 PASSES-\$55 3 PASSES-\$80

Passes on the day will be \$30. There will be no discounts for multiple passes on the day, so save money and get them early! Individual rides on the day will be \$5 each.

Check out our website

<http://fetesfairsandfestivals.com.au/gilston-community-fair-2015.html>.

And also 'Like' our page on Facebook: Gilston School Community Fair to keep up to date.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Taj Hoff in 6N on his selection in Merrimac High School High Performance Sports Excellence Program. Another future sports star in the making. Well done Taj.'

## LIBRARY NEWS

**Book Week** is here! On Thursday we are celebrating with a visit from the local library. They will be having special activities with the children.

The books which are finalists are all on display in our library. The winners will be announced next week.

Please visit our library over the next 2 weeks and see our Book Week display. There are some wonderful books on show. The students will be able to borrow them in two weeks time.

**Book Club Issue 6** has been sent home this week. Orders are made on-line with a credit card. Our school is now in the LOOP. Go to website [www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) and follow the instructions. You no longer need to return your order form to our library; it will be electronically linked to our school LOOP payment system. The last day for orders is Wednesday 2 September 2015.

## P & C NEWS

Thank you to all the attendees of the P & C meeting on Monday night. One of the items on the agenda was the discussion about our current uniform cap and whether to opt for a more sun smart option. As a result of this discussion the P & C has put a motion on notice for the next P & C meeting where the decision will be made with regards to the uniform cap discussion. If a sun smart option is successful, this motion will constitute an amendment of the current uniform policy to include broad brim hats.

The next P & C meeting will be held Monday 14 September at 7.00pm. We invite all parents and carers to attend. We encourage you to come along and have your say.

A friendly reminder about the Woolworths **Earn & Learn** program! Keep those stickers coming in! You can place your rewards sheets in the box located inside the Woolworths store at Nerang Mall, or you can drop them into the Earn & Learn collection box at the office. It's great to see that the sheets have started coming in and thank you to those who are participating in this program. For more information on how to participate you can jump onto the Woolworths website and look for Earn & Learn information.

Do you have a favourite **Worthy Cause or Charity** you support and want to raise awareness for in 2016??

Gilston P & C is calling for nominations for Worthy Causes/Charities to support in 2016 through recognition/awareness days. All causes that were supported in 2015 will be automatically put forward. The P & C will choose 3-4 causes to raise awareness for in 2016 and will not consider any more during the year.

Drop your suggestions into the wooden box in the office or email to [pandc@gilstonss.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandc@gilstonss.eq.edu.au)

This year the decision has been made to do pre-orders for the **school backpacks**. A note will be going home in the next couple of weeks advising families how they can go about placing their order, payment, delivery and collection options.

**Uniform Shop** opens only on Thursday 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.

## TUCKSHOP REPORT

Thursday 20 August – Tracey Zimmerman

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Friday 21 August – Kristy Griffin / Help needed

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Monday 24 August – Help needed

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Tuesday 25 August – Dorothy

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Wednesday 26 August – Dorothy

Ice Blocks – Cath Sleep

Thursday 27 August – Tracey Zimmerman

Ice Blocks – Karen Crabb

Friday 28 August – Teresa Evans / Sally McRobert

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Reminder to all families that we are now offering a service where if your child is having a **birthday** and you have no time to bake, the tuckshop can bake a class set of cupcakes for you. We just need 3 days notice.  
Plain cupcakes \$20 and iced cupcakes \$25.

Also the tuckshop has been home-baking bite size treats for sale over the counter at lunch times. These range in price from 20 - 30 cents each. A popular item is our mini iced muffins.

Keep safe, Nicole Meesen / Tuckshop Convenor.

## COMMUNITY NOTICE

### MUDGEERABA NERANG CRICKET CLUB SIGN ON DAY

Sunday 23/8/15 – 10.00am – 2.00pm. [www.mndcc.com.au](http://www.mndcc.com.au)

Starting in October, **SOCCER X** will be running an 8 week Summer Soccer league at Carrara Soccer Fields for U6's – U11's. You can register a TEAM or as an INDIVIDUAL. For more information and online registrations please visit [WWW.SOCCER-X.COM](http://WWW.SOCCER-X.COM). If you have any questions please call Justyn on 0451 162346."

**KURRAWA SLSC NIPPERS SIGN ON DAYS 6 & 27** September, Pizze Park Pool 9.00-11.00am. Membership Prices \$40 per child  
**TWEED HEADS & COOLANGATTA SLSC, GREENMOUNT BEACH, NIPPERS SIGN-ON DAY** For New & Renewing Members, Saturday 12 September 9.00am-11.00am Oasis Pools, Banora Point. Must Be 5 Years Of Age As At 30/9/15. Please Remember To Bring Togs And Goggles

### MOUTHGUARD POLICY COMPETITION: (OPEN JULY 1 2015 AND CLOSES AUGUST 23 2015)

- As part of the Australian Dental Association's commitment to oral health promotion, the association is offering seven \$1,000 grants to sporting clubs and schools in Australia. These grants aim to help sports' clubs and schools promote mouth guard awareness and injury prevention. To go in the draw to win a \$1000 grant for your club or school, simply follow these two steps;

Step one: Visit [www.dentalhealthweek.com.au](http://www.dentalhealthweek.com.au) download the mouth guard policy form and fill in the missing fields and implement within your club or school.

Step two: Upload a creative photo of your team implementing the mouth guard policy to the ADA Healthy Teeth Australian Facebook page, like the ADA Healthy Teeth Page and hashtag #dentalhealthweek in your post.

**YOGA CLASSES:** Monday evening: 6.00pm - Frank Chaston Oval (across the road from school) - Hall at the rear. All levels welcome. Any questions contact Trudy 0401 911 064.

