



GILSTON STATE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Book characters galore! What a **spectacle** greeted me as I arrived late to the parade on Friday. I continue to be impressed with the dedication shown by students, and their **creative parents** to the Book Character Parade. Dressing up remains fun no matter what age... a glance at the staff who adopted a Dr Seuss theme is evidence enough. Well done everyone!

The **Speaking Out Competition** at Nerang SHS last week was again a success with the talents of our young people showcased with their peers. Our Gilston representatives delivered their speeches with confidence and our **Year 6 representative Taj, won his division** (after being runner up last year). Another aspect of the night that was pleasing to witness was the number of ex-Gilston students in the high school divisions and in organisation roles such as MC and time keeping. It was clear that their preparation at Gilston had provided them with the skills to perform these roles confidently. I congratulate all the students taking part.

Interviews for Prep for 2016 have begun and already I have had the pleasure of meeting some of our next wave of **Prep students and their parents**. These meetings give me a chance to get to know the families and to gain a more personal insight into their lives. It is apparent already that both children and parents have been well-prepared through their involvement in the Enrolling Families Project.

Following the Orientation last week we have been busy identifying exactly how many families from within the catchment and those with siblings at school will be bringing children to Prep at Gilston in 2016. Once we complete this data verification I will have pleasure in **inviting some out-of-catchment families to join us**. Again, if you know you will be **leaving Gilston in 2016, please let us know**.

Only four sleeps until the **Family Arts Night** and the excitement is building. Our budding artists are vying for prizes in a range of age categories and sections. I have not been alone in my wonder of the **talents of the students** as exhibited in the pieces that have been displayed in the library. Visitors to our school have remarked that the skills that are evident in these productions certainly outstrip their own and that they would be proud to have been able to produce such quality works themselves. I applaud all our students for their contributions and thank my lucky stars that judging the winners is not my task.

Free morning tea baked by Nicole and the tuckshop team!! That's the reward for those who turn up to cover the books we have recently added to our school. If you can help please tell

FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday	23 October	Family Arts Night Backpack orders due
Wednesday	28 October	Final day for Book Club orders
Monday	9 November – 23 November	Book Fair
Tuesday	17 November	Japan visit information meeting 3.15-4.00pm
Friday	27 November	Expressions of interest close for 2016 Japan visit

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
94.07	94.13	93.96	93.26	93.03	93.74	93.02

Pat or Roz so we can ensure there is sufficient food on hand. The book covering will take place next **Tuesday** in the library from **9.00-11.00am**.

Reminder: **No students in Years 2-6 are permitted to play on the junior playground** irrespective of whether parents are in attendance.

Last week I was pleased to see that two year levels (Prep and Year 1) had regained the "yellow" status in the attendance race for 2015 having again reached greater than 94%. With winter behind us, perhaps we can surge back in to "green" category and reach our target of 95% overall for the year.

I close this week on a sombre note. It is with sorrow that I share that **Terri**, one of our Gilston mums passed away on Monday after a very lengthy illness. Terri contributed positively to our school as an active volunteer in the Gilston Club and banking team. On behalf of the Gilston State School community I **extend to Adam, Jai and their family and friends our deepest condolences at this time**. Terri's passing certainly serves to recalibrate our perspective about our own family. A service will be held at Allambe Gardens at 12:30pm on Monday 26 October at which all who knew Terri are welcome to attend. Stay safe, and for Terri, keep smiling.

Bruce

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Book Character Parade

What a fantastic show it was, and despite the connotations which could be drawn from the photo all of our children put their best foot forward and were angels on the day.

Our sincere thanks go to the parents and families who helped to make it such a great day. I can image the trauma incurred, and do sympathise with all those who had lively conversation with their offspring over costumes, changes of mind, this isn't right, etc., but thank you again for your efforts - and your stamina over the lead-up period.

Of course the most important thing is that the day is all about reading and developing the love of literature in children for a myriad of reasons that will inevitably hold them in good stead for the rest of their lives.



More Gilston Greats

Members of the Xtreme Dance and Cheer team, Matilda, Jasmin, Sommer, Lana and Tia competed at the National Titles for Cheerleading over the week-end just passed. They have figured

very highly in the standings achieving these results;

Matilda: - Jnr Level 1, Cheerleading – 2nd Place

Lana: – Hip Hop – Highly Recommended, Pom – Highly Recommended

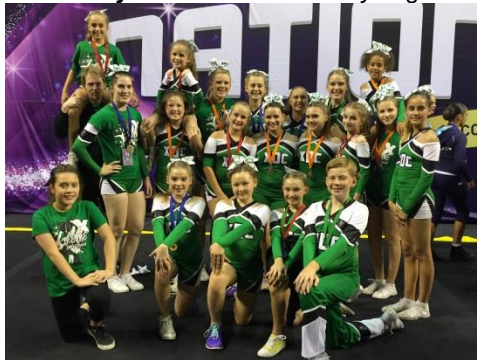
Summer: - Group stunt, Level 2 – Highly Recommended, Junior Level 1, Cheerleading – 2nd Place

Tia: - Pom – Highly Recommended, Junior Level 1, Cheerleading – 2nd Place

Jazmin: - Pom – Highly Recommended, Jazz – 4th Place, Junior Level 1, Cheerleading – 2nd Place, Senior Level 2, Cheerleading – 3rd Place

Our school is full of children who are achieving great things in their in-school and out-of-school endeavours and we are very fortunate to be able to share in their successes. Congratulations ladies!

To all those who have achieved in their endeavours to be better, the adage; **the harder you work, the more fortunate you'll become** certainly rings true.



School Photographs

By all accounts the photos will be delivered to school early next week. We'll get them out to families straight after that so keep an eye out.

P & C NEWS

The P & C would like to announce that \$25,000 is the final fundraising total for the school fair. This money will go towards seating at the oval and a projector wall in the hall. These projects are expected to be done over the Christmas holidays. Again we would like to thank all involved in such a successful fundraising event.

Uniform Shop - The new broad brim hat style has been chosen. Keep an eye on the newsletter for information on when they will be available for purchase.

Just a reminder that orders for school backpacks are due by this Friday 23 October. Orders can be placed and paid for at the Tuckshop, Uniform Shop or on FlexiSchools. Backpack orders placed by this Friday will be available for collection on Thursday 10 December from the Uniform Shop.

Uniform Shop is open only on Thursday 2.30– 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.

GILSTON CLUB

Gilston Club wishes to acknowledge the passing of a truly amazing lady this week. Terri was a volunteer for many years throughout many events. Her friendly smile and willingness to help will be greatly missed at Gilston Club and at school in general. We send our sincerest condolences and love to her Family at this difficult time.

LIBRARY NEWS

Last week **Book Club** Issue 7 went home with students. Please order using the Book Club LOOP on-line ordering and payments system by going to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP.

Final day for payment is 28 October.

Our **Book Fair** will be held from Monday 9 November to Monday 23 November. Please support our school library by purchasing a book.

Indigenous Literacy Foundation

Thanks to your generous support at our recent school fair, we have raised \$100 from the secondhand Book Stall to donate to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation or ILF. The ILF raises awareness and funds for children in remote indigenous communities across Australia.

Thank you.

Kathy Stone / Librarian

CONGRATULATIONS to Year 6 student Amelia Hughes for placing 16th out of 30 in Discus at the State Athletics Carnival. This means that Amelia is the 16th best Discus thrower in Queensland for her age group. Well done Amelia.'

2016 BUS PASS APPLICATIONS ARE DUE NOW

Please see the attached sheet for more information.

GILSTON- KOBAYASHI SISTER SCHOOL EXCHANGE

Gilston State School has been involved in a sister school arrangement with Kobayashi Junior High School in Japan for the last 20 years. Our arrangement with Kobayashi has seen students hosted between our schools on alternate years during this time. Next year, 2016, would once again be Gilston's turn to travel to Japan for an exchange with Kobayashi. Kobayashi Junior High School is located a short distance from Narita International Airport outside Tokyo. The 2016 Japan visit is proposed for 15-26 September, pending Education Queensland approval.

For parents of students who are interested in going on the exchange, Gilston State School will be holding an information meeting at 3.15-4.00pm on Tuesday 17 November in the Japanese teaching room. Students took home a pamphlet recently, explaining some of the details which will be discussed at the meeting. Expressions of interest will close on **Friday 27 November**. The "Nihon Keiken" program will be open to all students who will be enrolled at Gilston State School in 2016 in Years 5 and 6. Expressions of interest will be reviewed in relation to a selection criteria (language studies, leadership, initiative, social and emotional readiness, independence, behaviour and effort in school). **Please send a note to Mrs Doonican if you will be attending the meeting.**

TUCKSHOP REPORT

Thursday 22 October – Tracey Zimmerman

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Friday 23 October – Teresa Evans / Help needed

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Monday 26 October – Help needed

Ice Blocks - Help needed

Tuesday 27 October – Dorothy

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Wednesday 28 October – Dorothy

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Thursday 29 October – Tracey Zimmerman

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Friday 30 October – Kristi Griffin / Tammy Schenau

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Please come and try out our new Summer Fruit Cups for \$2 each. The Cups have a selection of summer fruits and are very yummy.

Also keep an eye out for our daily tasty treats, for example mini donuts, mini muffins, vegemite and cheese scrolls, mini apple and cinnamon muffins.

I would like to thank all the volunteers that have supported Mel, Karen and me throughout the year, you all are very much appreciated and I thank you for your time and effort. Have a great week, Nicole Meesen – Tuckshop Convenor

COMMUNITY NOTICE

MERRIMAC STATE HIGH SCHOOL ENROLMENT INFORMATION EVENING for students entering Year 7 in 2016 will be held on Wednesday 11 November at 5.30pm in the library.

SLEEPOUT UNDER THE STARS on Metricon Stadium field or join in for a few hours from 4.00pm to help raise much needed funds for Gold Coast youth homelessness. Movies on the big screen, activities for all ages, etc. \$10 adults, \$5 kids & \$25 family, www.goldcoastfc.com.au/sleepout.

VILLAGE CRAFT FAIR MUDGEERABA UNITING CHURCH, FRANKLIN DRIVE – Friday 23/10/15 9.00am-4.00pm & Saturday 24/10/15 8.00am-2.00pm. For bookings and enquiries phone 0417 608 705.

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.

