



GILSTON STATE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back! It was a pleasure to visit the classrooms on Monday and witness the immediate **focus on learning** that was evident. It appears that both staff and students have recharged during the break boding well for another productive term. We **welcome Graeme** back after his extended leave and look forward to his analysis of the progress that has occurred in the last six months.

ANZAC assembly at Gilston is a special annual event that reinforces the learning from each classroom about the significance of ANZAC day to Australians and New Zealanders. It provides a time for all in our school community to **reflect on the sacrifices** that have been made by the servicemen and women and importantly, their families. Their **commitment** to the cause of affording us a **future that is rich in freedom and choices** is beyond what most people can comprehend.

Our reflection and focused conversations with our students influences us all to **direct our attention to that which we have** and away from the growing infatuation with that which we want. What would the men and women who gave their lives in conflicts think of the **attitudes displayed by some of the community members today?** I suspect they would be displeased with those who demand every right without accepting their responsibilities, those who fail to take responsibility for their actions and those who are unwilling to help their fellow man.

Gilston State School remains **committed to instilling values that demand a balance of rights and responsibilities.** We unashamedly coach our children to consider others both within our school and their families, throughout our country and beyond our shores. If our actions lead to positive outcomes in the shape of well-rounded citizens then collectively we have done our job.

On **Friday at 9.00am at school**, and this Saturday at ANZAC services, we will **formally recognise the heroism and self-sacrifice** of those who served and continue to serve Australia in times of conflict. Whether at dawn or later in the day I hope you and your family attend a service at one of many venues throughout the Gold Coast. As you watch those marching on Saturday think about those who have never marched as they perished in battles beyond our shores. **Think about their families. Think about your life. And, be grateful.**

I was pleased to receive a letter from Wendy Cooke, a grandmother of students Lilli and Giselle advising me that her grandfather, **Private William Arthur Fisher**, was **one of the**

FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Friday | 24 April | ANZAC Assembly 9.00am |
| Saturday | 25 April | ANZAC March at 9:30am from Arthur Earle Park, Ferry Street, Nerang. |
| Monday | 27 April | P & C Meeting 7.00pm |
| Tuesday | 28 April | Book covering project 9.00am to 11.00am. |
| Wednesday | 29 April | Gilston Club Meeting |
| Thursday | 30 April | Cross Country |
| Saturday | 23 May | K's4kids Fundraising Walk / Fun Run |
| 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

| P | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
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| 96.29 | 95.42 | 95.73 | 94.27 | 94.6 | 94.74 | 94.33 |

soldiers on the first boat to land at Gallipoli 100 years ago. Wendy included copies of **extracts from his letters sent to his future wife**. I found the reading compelling and have attached the full version of the details Wendy shared to this newsletter.

During the past two years our students, under the guidance of Kathy Stone in the library, have been contributing to the projects undertaken by the Nerang RSL. As an extension of this association we have been invited to participate in the **ANZAC March at 9:30am from Arthur Earle Park, Ferry Street, Nerang**. 10 selected students from our year 6 group will march with a banner depicting a Division that played a major role in our military history. Each of these 10 students will be representing 1000 soldiers of the Division. The remainder of the students will march behind our school banner. If you want your child to be part of the Nerang ANZAC March, please ensure they are in **full school uniform** at the park **by 9:20am on Saturday** morning. Please note that we **will not** be convening a group to march in the **sunset service at Mudgeeraba** this year.

I received advice last term from Vanessa at the District Crime Prevention Unit that a **Traffic Operation was being conducted this term**. The unit will be targeting traffic offences occurring in and around our school. The Operation will be performed as part of a **four week action plan** (Information, Education, Enforcement and Publication). As part of the information strategy, please find the **attachment from the police** to this newsletter.

Following the success of the first **book covering project** last term another session is planned for Tuesday, 28 April, 9.00am to 11.00am. Morning tea and a great chat is a promise. If you can help please let the ladies in the office know (phone 5501 2333) you will be attending.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the assembly this Friday.

Stay safe and keep smiling.

Bruce

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back, it's great to see everyone again after the break.

This term we see a number of events taking place. Some of these are our ANZAC Day Celebration on this Friday, the School Cross Country, Life Education, Excursions, Gala Days and the senior athletics carnival to name a few. As always families are invited to be a part of these events. Another thing I should mention too is report cards at the end of the term.

There are a number of programs going on within classrooms, across cohorts and the school that are reaping rewards regarding children's academic growth which is extremely pleasing. My congratulations to the children, all their teachers and support staff and to parents and carers who have contributed to this success. It's great to be a part of such a strong community.

Further to that I'd like to make mention of the great work our before and after school care teachers from the PCYC at Nerang do for our school and community. Below is a sample of the children's work, the real thing is hanging in the hall.



Nerang State High Jnr Secondary Showcase – 12.00pm Friday 22 May (Wk5)

Staff from Nerang High School will be coming to our school to showcase their school to our year six students for their Jnr Secondary Showcase Tour. The Showcase will feature information for 2016, Signature Program information, student performances, teacher demonstrations and of course a Q&A session. The students will go home with Signature Program Applications and an invitation to the first **Parent Information Evening** (which will be **Wednesday 27 May**).

Proposed Performing Arts Signature Program Audition Dates

Length: The auditions will run for approximately 1 hour and will be fully staffed and supervised by Nerang SHS Performing Arts Staff

Performing Arts Signature Program Auditions – Round 1, Week 10 of Term 2. **Thursday 25 June – Gilston SS at 9:30am**

Performing Arts Signature Program Auditions – Round 2, Week 10 of Term 3. **Thursday 17 September - Gilston SS at 9:30am**

P & C NEWS

Welcome back to Term 2, we trust everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday and your children are settling back into their routines.

Our Cross Country Fun Run will be held on Thursday 30 April. Just a friendly reminder all Fun Run monies and sponsorship forms are due by Thursday 30 April and can be placed in the collection box at the Office. Prizes will be drawn the following week at assembly. Thank you for your support.

The next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 27 April 2015 at 7.00pm in the Teachers' Staff Room located in the School Administration Building. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

School Parking, Pick Up & Drop Offs

First day back after the holidays is always a very busy day, thank you to all parents who showed care and consideration. As a community if we all work together, follow the best examples of road rules and the "dos" and "don'ts" for Gilston we can all have an easy start to our day and keep our children safe. Attached is how to use the school drop off and pick up zones as a refresher for all our school community.

The **Uniform Shop** normal opening hours remain Tuesday 2.15–3.15pm and Friday 8.30–9.30am.

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. We also have a range of adult sizes in the House Shirts that are available free to interested parents and carers. These are available while stocks last.

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.

Any questions or queries please feel welcome to give me a call Christene Dukes P & C Vice President Tel: 0432275195.

GILSTON CLUB

Hello from the Gilston club. To kick off term 2 we have a Gilston club meeting next Wednesday 29 April at 9.15am in the back room of the library. At this meeting the position of president will be open for nominations and voted on. If you wish to have a say in this please come down. We will also be discussing and making plans for the upcoming Mothers' Day stall which is in week 3.

If you are free Wednesday morning I encourage you to come down and have a cuppa and a chat with us. For all things Gilston club please email gilstonclub@gilstonss.eq.edu.au or call Mel on 0416085689.

CROSS COUNTRY

This year's event will be held on **Thursday 30 April**. Races begin at 9.15am and will proceed from youngest grades to oldest. All competitors will receive a house point and an ice block when participating.

Any 10-12 year olds who place in the top 4 will represent Gilston State School at the District Cross Country on Thursday 28 May, 2015.

We look forward to a fun and successful carnival.

Cross Country Program

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| Prep | 9.15am |
| Year 1 | 9.30am |
| Year 2 | 9.50am |
| Year 3 | 10.10am |
| Girls & Boys 9 Years (Only Year 4) | 10.30am |
| Girls & Boys (10 years) | 11.50am |
| Girls & Boys (11 years) | 12.20pm |
| Girls & Boys (12 years) | 12.50pm |

Scott Stavar / PE Teacher

TUCKSHOP REPORT

Thursday 23 April – Help needed

Ice Blocks – Karen Cribb

Friday 24 April - Teresa Evans

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Monday 27 April – Karen Bowden/Alex Wilson-McCarthy

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Tuesday 28 April – Amé Seagrove/Karen Bowden

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Wednesday 29 April – Tracey Zimmerman

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Thursday 30 April – Help needed

Ice Blocks – Karen Crabb

Friday 1 May – Kristy Griffin / Help needed

Ice Blocks - Help needed

Attached is a new price list for the Tuckshop

Please be aware that some prices have increased effective immediately.

Please note we will not be having any more Sushi Days.

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT

Over the Easter long weekend the Queensland Junior/Senior Long Track and Dirt track Titles were held in Brisbane. Two students took part in the events with successful results. Bray Bowden brought home a 2nd place in the 7 to under 10 85cc 4 Stoke modified class for long track and a 4th place aboard the same bike for dirt track. Anthony Gordon also had success coming home with a 3rd place in the 9 to under 11 85/150 small wheel class for Dirt track and 4th on the 65cc 9 to under 11.

Congratulations to both boys who rode hard all weekend to come home with the results they have. Well done boys

APRIL IS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH, a time to reflect upon the diversity of our student population.

If you met one person with Autism... then you met one person with Autism. Each one is uniquely different.

The puzzle pattern reflects the mystery and complexity of Autism. The different colours and shapes represent the diversity of people and families living with this condition. The brightness of this symbol signals hope. Hope through research and increasing awareness and understanding in people like you!

Dress in BLUE to support Autism Awareness on Friday 1 May.



Ks4KIDS FUNDRAISING WALK/FUN RUN

<https://suqld.goregister.com.au/ks4kids2015/fundraise/>

When Saturday, 23 May, 2015

Cost Registration - Early Bird - Primary & High

School Students \$5. All other participants \$10

LAST CHANCE FOR EARLYBIRD PRICES THIS WEEK!!

Purpose Ks4Kids is proudly supporting SU Qld state school chaplains that are working in our school communities.

Why not donate to someone walking for this great cause, or better still.....walk yourself and raise valuable funds to ensure these invaluable Chaplaincy services are maintained and expanded in our school communities. All funds raised will go directly to your school to support chaplaincy.

Fun Run Options:

30kms from Southport SLSC, Main Beach Pde. (7.00am).

20kms from Don Macsween Park, Miami, cnr Hythe St & Marine Pde. (9.00am)

10 kms from Palm Beach Parklands, cnr GC Highway & Thrower Dve. (10.30am)

3.5kms from Bilinga SLSC, 257 Golden Four Dve, Bilinga. (12.00pm).

Please arrive 20 min before scheduled start time.

The four walks will culminate by finishing at Queen Elizabeth Park, Coolangatta where walkers will be greeted with a carnival like atmosphere including entertainment and activities for the family. The end zone will be open from 11:30am–2.00pm. An awards presentation for walkers will be from 1.40pm.

For a course map and more detail about the route and to register for early bird price please visit <https://suqld.goregister.com.au/ks4kids2015/fundraise/>

All Registered Walkers Receive:

Complimentary Ks4Kids T-shirt, food and drinks plus the chance to win some great prizes.

Complimentary transport is available to take you back to your starting point from 2:15pm

Training is offered to our Year 6 students who are participating in Ks 4 Kids.

Mr Stavar and Ms Angus will train students every Monday and Thursday from 3:30pm– 4.30pm.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

FAMILY FUN DAY – Country Paradise Parklands, Beaudesert Nerang Rd, Nerang Saturday 16 May 2015. For more information visit www.countryparadiseparklands.com.au

TRIVIA NIGHT NERANG STATE HIGH SCHOOL Friday 29/5/15. Doors open 6.30pm for 7.00pm start. Tickets \$10 or \$12 on the night. Tables of 8 can be booked by calling Tracey Spiers 0412 267 263 or tspie16@eq.edu.au.

Mudgeeraba Uniting Church, 89 Franklin Drive, will be holding their **VILLAGE CRAFT FAIR** on **1 & 2 May 2015** 8.00am-2.00pm. Original artworks, handmade crafts and quilts, plant stalls, gardening demonstrations, book stall, pre-loved art, coffee shop and BBQ. For bookings and enquiries phone 0417 608 705.

AUSKICK Sign on & 1st Session: – Thursday 7 May, 3.10pm - 4.10pm, Gilston SS, sports Oval, \$70

For more information contact 5594 5722 or visit www.aflauskick.com.au. Register & Pay online by 10 May to receive your free tickets to a GC Suns Game. Register online & pay online at www.aflauskick.com.au. Please print your receipt and bring to the first session.

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.