PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
School Opinion Survey
The 2014 School Opinion Survey is now open, and will officially remain open between 21 July and 3 August 2014. The suite of School Opinion Surveys are undertaken each year to give parents/caregivers, students and staff in state schools an opportunity to have their say about what their school does well, and how their school can improve. Responses are confidential.

The School Opinion Survey is conducted after semester 1 so that most respondents have had sufficient experience of the school to provide considered opinions and so that all parents/caregivers have had the opportunity to experience school-based reporting. Term 3 is selected to provide sufficient time to provide survey results back to schools during the current school year.

When should the survey be completed?
Ideally, all surveys should be completed during the first week that the survey is open. Please complete the survey as soon as possible to ensure that your responses contribute to the final results to be provided back to your school.

Who administers the survey?
The end-to-end processing of the School Opinion Survey is undertaken by the Queensland Government’s Department of Education, Training and Employment, and includes project management, administration of the online surveys, processing and reporting. An independent private contractor is responsible for the printing and distribution of the paper survey forms and online access slips, and the scanning of completed paper forms.

Is it compulsory to complete the survey?
Participation in the annual School Opinion Survey is voluntary. Respondents are strongly encouraged to provide their opinions, as the greater the response rate from survey participants, the more closely the survey results will be representative of the overall opinions held at each school.

How will individual responses make a difference?
Survey results will be used to assess and investigate on how well schools are going, and to identify areas for future development. If you are a parent/caregiver of a child at a
school, your responses can be used by the school to provide a better learning environment for your child.

Who will see the survey responses?
The login and password combination for the online versions of the survey and barcodes on paper forms are unique but are not linked to individuals. The login and passwords for online surveys, and the barcodes for paper forms are used to ensure that forms are distributed to the correct school and to allow for school level analyses of the information collected. Confidentiality envelopes remain sealed until opened by an external contractor for scanning, and the data are forwarded to the Department of Education, Training and Employment for analysis and reporting. All survey responses are treated confidentially and stored securely by the Department of Education, Training and Employment in accordance with the Information Privacy Act 2009 (Qld). Access to individual responses is restricted to a small number of central office staff. Schools will only receive aggregated reports where sufficient responses are received to guarantee the confidentiality of individual responses.

KEEPING KIDS SAFE
(The following communication was recently received from the Nerang Police. Please take note.)
Officers from Nerang Police Station have been contacted by both the school and concerned parents in relation to people’s mannerism of driving and behaviour around school zones. Speed limits, drop-off, pick-up and parking rules exist to keep your children, parents and carers safe and to minimise speed and traffic jams around schools. Whilst we appreciate that the drop off and pick up is a particularly busy time of day it does not excuse dangerous behaviour that could come with fatal consequences.

Police from Nerang along with the Gold Coast Road Policing Unit are constantly patrolling our school zones. Some offences that have resulted in the issue of Traffic Infringement Notices include;

- Parents stopping in the middle of the road (double parking) to allow children to get out of the vehicle, U-turns over double white lines into on-coming traffic (when the roundabout was only 50 meters down the road),
- Running red lights,
- Speeding,
- Children not restrained (however the parents were),
- Road rage (offensive language whilst the children were in the vehicle) to name a few.

Over the next few weeks you will see an increase in High Visibility Traffic Patrols. We are keeping our roads safe by proactive and targeted traffic enforcement in relation to all school zones within the division. Please remember the road rules and don’t break them just to save a few extra seconds. The consequences will be with you for the rest of your life.

Below outlines some of the penalties which apply to traffic offences that are currently occurring within your school zone.

Speeding
School zone times have been standardised in Queensland to help motorists remember when to slow down. The standard operating times for your school zones is 7.00–9.00am and 2.00–4.00pm.

Speeding
- <13km over the speed limit $151 and 1 point
- 13-20km over the speed limit $227 and 3 points
- 21-30km over the speed limit $379 and 4 points
- 31-40km over the speed limit $531 and 6 points
- 41km and over the speed limit $1062 and 8 points

Parking
Make sure to take extra care when parking on school grounds and on the roads and streets around the school and follow the signed parking rules at all times.
Remember most schools are around residential areas; please be courteous and respectful to these people by not parking over their driveways.

- Stop across Footpath $45
- Stop contrary to flow of traffic $45
- Double Parking $45
- Stop Contrary to continuous yellow line $45

Other Common Offences
Seatbelts – As the parent you are responsible that your child has their seatbelts on and if required the correct car seat. Penalties for not wearing a seatbelt are $341 and 3 points. If your child is under 16 and is not wearing a seatbelt, the driver of the vehicle will be issued the ticket.

- U-turns – Illegal U-turns when not signed to do so - $91 and 2 points
- Red Traffic Light - $341 and 3 points
- Cross Double Lines - $204 and 3 points
- Disorderly conduct - $341

My staff and I will continue to work towards keeping your children safe around school zones and your support in this regard is appreciated.

Peter Gordon
Officer in Charge
Nerang Police

Get Started funding program
Ros Bates has asked me to pass on that she is encouraging Mudgeeraba families to Get in the Game and submit their applications for the fourth round of the hugely popular Get Started funding program.

The initiative is successfully lowering the cost of living for local families with 1,019 vouchers issued in Mudgeeraba since the program commenced.

Get Started officially opened for applications on 15 July and provides vouchers valued up to $150 to help kids whose families can least afford for them to join a sport or recreation club.

Under the first three rounds of the Get Started program almost 54,000 vouchers were issued to help families who struggle with the cost of living to give their children the opportunity to join one of our sport or recreation clubs. Get Started is part of the Queensland Government’s $47.8 million Get in the Game initiative.

For more information on how to apply for a Get Started voucher, visit www.nprsrl.gov.au.

Active Holiday Champions
During the school holidays Chloe Paul (5W) and Alfie Paul (3W) competed in the South QLD BMX Championships. Chloe made it to her first final and came 8th place in 11 girls. Alfie came 1st place in 8 boys Expert. Superb achievement by both.
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

It is great to do playground duty on the oval each Tuesday lunchtime because the school leaders in years 6 and 7 organise games for the students. Tuesday’s games this week were Tug of War and Capture the Flag. I was told by one of the organisers that they mix the games up and select different games each week. Lots of energy being expended all around and lots of fun being had by everyone. Those students not interested in being organised are able to play other games with their mates. It is a good feeling to be walking around the oval and supervising cooperative students who are being respectful and responsible. At the other end of the school, each Monday and Thursday, other energetic groups of children can be found in the prep playground. The pre-preps, after participating in early learning experiences in the classroom, take great delight in releasing lots of energy during supervised play at lunchtime before heading home for the day.

Speaking of learning experiences, here are some links so that our students and others can enjoy some learning experiences outside the classroom. The first is a link to a maths site about fractals. Don’t know what they are? “Fractals are geometric figures, just like rectangles, circles and squares, but fractals have special properties that those figures do not have.” You’ll have to follow the link to find out more (http://math.rice.edu/~lanius/frac/). A second maths site, though strangely named, is well worth a look if you like numbers. http://www.numbergossip.com/. To complete the learning adventure, follow this link to Spacehopper (http://spacehopper.io/). This is a geography game based on Google Maps Street View imagery. I’ll do some more exploring so that I can share interesting sites with you next week. Stay safe and have fun.

GILSTON CLUB NEWS

Theme Park Passes – just reminding you that we need all orders in (including payment) by this Friday 25 July. I am attaching the flyer with all the information. Currently we have not reached the minimum order of 20 tickets so unless we get some more orders this week, we will have to refund all payments made so far. We will not be running this again if this has to happen.

Entertainment Books – these are still for sale, both the book and the digital version. You can either pay online or via the flyers in the office.

For your Diary – Trivia Night – Saturday 8 November 2014.

For all things Gilston Club, email us at gilstonclub@gilstonss.eq.edu.au or call/text me on 0414912217.

Have a great week. Lisa - Chairperson

LIBRARY NEWS

Bookclub Issue 5 has been sent home. Please remember that if you want to order any books you can either pay online or by phone. You then bring the order form and receipt to the school library and we will do the rest. Orders need to be finalized by 4 August. Thank you.

Our Library Monitors have started their duties now and are working on a roster. It is great to see them doing such a wonderful job.

Book Week is being celebrated from 18 to 22 August. The theme this year is “Reading to Connect”. Please mark Friday 22 August in your diary as this will be our Book Week Parade. There will also be activities every day in our library during Book Week to celebrate books and reading. Stay tuned!

Premier’s Reading Challenge – students who are participating in this challenge, remember to keep on reading and recording your books on the reading sheet. Any student who requires a new recording sheet can easily get one from the librarians.

Thought of the Week: Reading to your children, even before they can understand words, teaches them to associate books with love and affection.

Librarians / Shelley Batson & Kathy Stone

CHAPPY’S SPACE

Welcome to term 3. For those of you interested in the High Court Challenge, the issue was about the Federal Government funding a state program basically. Though the challenger won the case, the Government has promised to fund the School Chaplaincy Program until the end of 2014 and in the meantime come up with a better way of funding it for the future. I feel very privileged to have the opportunity to work within the Gilston School community and I am very available to all students, parents and staff regardless of beliefs or background. The very core of chaplaincy is supporting the community as a whole emotionally, socially and if needed spiritually. If you have any needs I may be able to help with please don’t hesitate to email me samanthab@chappy.org.au

Breakfast Club – thank you, thank you to those wonderful mums and grandad who have been helping out at breakfast club. Your help is so invaluable to keeping the breaky club up and running. Thanks to Alex, Kylie, Helena, Haley, Christene, Mandy and Grandad. A great big thank you also to Taylors Bakery Nerang Mall corner of New Street who have been supplying our bread and also to Amcal Chemist Nerang Fair who donated a gift voucher so we could top up our cordial and margarine. Please support these businesses that support us.

Prayer for Our Families: If there are any families in our community who wish to send prayer requests to our School Chaplain, no need to go into detail, you can access this community service via chappy’s email samanthab@chappy.org.au

Food Parcels for Emergency Food Relief

Newlife Uniting Church Robina 55789322
Mosaic Family Baptist Church 07 5525 2477
Saturday Night Kids Club - ‘Kids Roc’ 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month put on by United City Church held in William Duncan School Hall. Enquiries - Sue 0421664486 www.kidsroc.com.au

Food Hampers For $15 with $50 or more value. Pick up is at New Street Nerang. For further information call Nathan 0402227575
You can access the Chaplaincy service at Gilston via Mr Weatherburn or by contacting Chappy Sami at samanthab@chappy.org.au. All referrals however, need to go through our admin SNaC committee as per Mr Weatherburn. You can start this process through your class teacher.

Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800
Beyond Blue 1300 224 636
Lifeline 131 114
Cancer Council support line 131 120
Commonwealth Carelink Centre 1800 0520222 Juice 107.3 Careline 55 283 555

QUOTE: ‘By learning you will teach; by teaching you will understand.’ - Latin

DENTAL VAN
Students in Year 7, 6, 3 and 1 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 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 24 July - Tanya
Ice Blocks – Karen
Friday 25 July – Melissa Moore
Ice Blocks – Kamila Bestmann
Monday 28 July – Help needed
Ice Blocks – Janet Green / Tanya Komrowski
Tuesday 29 July – Erinna Lake
Ice Blocks – Tanya Komrowski
Wednesday 30 July – Stacey Gardner
Ice Blocks – Help needed
Thursday 31 July - Tanya
Ice Blocks – Karen
Friday 1 August – Help needed
Ice Blocks – Kamila Bestmann

28 July to 1 August is CANTEEN WEEK
To celebrate we will be running a colouring competition. You can win a $20 iTunes voucher! Come and collect your colouring picture from the tuckshop during break time and return it by Friday 1 August to be in the running.

Healthy Eating Tuesdays will be on hold until we get some more feedback. Keep an eye out for a quick survey/questionnaire that you or your child can fill out to help us decide what food and drink to have that day.

Dads and Mums – we need some more volunteers! If you are free to help out for as little as 1 hour a week or fortnight, please come and see us. We would love your help

COMMUNITY NOTICES
HINTERLAND TENNIS CLUB – Junior coaching $10 per lesson. Children’s Comp Friday afternoons $5.00 – 4.00-5.00pm. Phone 5596 0308.
HERE ON WEDNESDAYS – LITTLE BIG SPORT FUN & EXCITING SOCCER! Fun soccer sessions for 2-8 year olds are held on the school oval every Wednesday 3.15pm. Call 0426236063 for a FREE trial session, or go to www.littlebigsport.com.au
BIGSSPORT commences 24/7/14 on the school oval. Enrolments forms available at the school office or enroll online at www.big5sports.com.au
ELITE RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS CLUB – rope, hoop, ball, clubs, ribbon etc. All Saints Anglican School. Beginners Class Friday 3.30-4.30pm, Saturday 10.00-11.00am. Ph 0403 034 914.
COOMERA COMETS TOUCH FOOTBALL – SIGN ON 5.30-7.00PM 8 & 15 August – www.coomeracomets.net

www.gilstonss.eq.edu.au