



# GILSTON STATE SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



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### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

There is an expression that you may have heard, one that I have used about myself, "I've a good head for radio". After viewing this photo I may have to reconsider pursuing a career in broadcasting. Monday's outdoor broadcast by **Gold FM** was a novelty for the students and parents in attendance. The highlight of my morning however was the **tasty treats that Nicole and the tuckshop team** sold for breakfast. They made getting out of bed early worthwhile.



The genesis for the visit by Gold FM revolved around the **Buddy Bench** concept that was promoted by the station earlier this year. During the show on Monday we were officially presented with the Buddy Bench. Our students are familiar with the bench and its purpose, having learnt about the intent through classroom instruction and presentations on assembly. The students have now been invited to **submit plans for the decoration of the bench** as they thought it a bit "drab" after seeing bright and colourful versions online.

At Gilston, we encourage and are proud of the **involvement of parents** in our **performances** and **celebrations**. I recognise that at these times many of you capture keepsakes in the form of **photos and videos** to proudly share with your families. I know that this opportunity is appreciated by you all. To ensure I meet privacy requirements, I remind you that **sharing any photos or video footage publicly is not permitted**. This includes posting to **social media** such as Instagram and Facebook. I appreciate your adherence to this requirement so that we can maintain this freedom within our operations.

The volunteers within our uniform shop do a marvelous job providing the full range of clothing for your children. Flexibility

### FOR YOUR DIARY

|           |              |  |
|-----------|--------------|--|
| Friday    | 24 July      | Last day for Pie Drive forms and money         |
| Wednesday | 29 July      | Year 5 Camp Tyalgum                            |
| Friday    | 31 July      | Ridge Retreat                                  |
| 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     |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 94.85 | 94.55 | 94.81 | 93.65 | 93.09 | 93.81 | 93.97 |

has been incorporated through the adoption of online ordering to accommodate busy schedules. Please note that the **opening times have been reduced to Thursday only from 2:30pm until 3:30pm**

**Financial assistance is available to parents** of both state and non-state school students travelling to and from school daily by private arrangement. This assistance is known as **[Conveyance Allowance Class A, B and C](#)**. Follow the hyperlink to learn more.

It appears that the dreaded flu is scheming to derail our attainment of the **95% attendance goal**. It is not too late though. With half the year to go we can raise these statistics (published each week in the newsletter) and reach our target. Please play your part by having your child at school on time every day (unless they are genuinely ill). **Let's work together.**

Throughout this year I have received **applications for enrolment for students in a range of year levels**. In compliance with the Enrolment Management Plan, these applications will be considered against vacancies within our school. Due to students leaving and changes to the teacher-student ratio from year 3 to 4 **it is likely that we will have some spaces to start 2016**.

I wish to close with a simple expression of **gratitude to the wonderful volunteers** who, through their contributions, make a difference to our school every day.

Stay safe and keep smiling.  
Bruce

#### **P & C NEWS**

Well wasn't it exciting to have the Gold FM Team - Richard, Bridge, Spida & Mr Langes broadcasting from Gilston this week? I think Mr Langes may have found a new calling. But all jokes aside, it was lots of fun. What a wonderful way to welcome our new Buddy Bench. Thank you to those who helped out on the morning.

Woolworths Earn & Learn is back! We are now registered for the program and this gives us a great opportunity to contribute some new educational equipment to our school. You can place your rewards sheets in the box at Woolworths Nerang Mall or you can drop them into the wooden collection box in the office. For more information on how to participate you can jump onto the Woolworths website and look for Earn & learn information.

The next P & C meeting will be held Monday 17 August at 7.00pm. All parents and carers are invited and most welcome to attend.

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

#### **HELLO FROM THE FAIR COMMITTEE...**

7 weeks to go, the countdown is on!

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.

**Ride All Day Passes** are now available on FlexiSchools or from Nicole at the Tuckshop, jump the queues!

- 1 Pass \$30
- 2 Passes \$55
- 3 Passes \$80

We would appreciate the support from our families and the community please. If you are available to attend this evening's Volunteers Meeting at 6.30pm in the school staffroom, please come along.

Notes will be coming home this week outlining what we would like your child to bring in to support this event. If you

are able to get these items in as soon as possible it would be greatly appreciated. Collection boxes are located inside your child's classroom. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact us [gilstonschoolcommunityfair@gmail.com](mailto:gilstonschoolcommunityfair@gmail.com). Attached is a full list of all Class Stalls. Thank you all so far for all your support. 'Remember Many Hands Make Light Work'

#### **ATHLETICS**

Congratulations to the following students who are our **Age Champions for 2015:**

|          |                 |               |
|----------|-----------------|---------------|
| 9 years  | Carter Wilson   | Kayley Moore  |
| 10 years | Joshua Atkin    | Emily Feld    |
| 11 years | Yannik Zwolsman | Hana McManus  |
| 12 years | Isaac Williams  | Amelia Hughes |

**The Senior Athletics Carnival was won by LATIMER**

**Junior Athletics Carnival winner - HINZE**

Congratulations to all for a great effort.

#### **LIBRARY NEWS**

Many children choose to spend their lunch time in the library. Some read, others play the board games that are available.

If you have any complete games that your family no longer uses, we would gratefully add them to our depleted collection.

#### **BPOINT PAYMENTS**

When making payments via the BPoint web site, please ensure that you complete the fields with the correct details.

**CRN is the Customer Reference Number** as shown on the invoice. Do not use the Student EQID number in this space as the payment will not be processed correctly.

Make a BPOINT Payment

Billor Code: 1002534 (Department Of Education Training And Employment)

CRN:

Invoice Number:

Student or Parent Surname:

Amount: \$

Select your payment option:

## **TUCKSHOP REPORT**

Thursday 23 July – Tracey Zimmerman

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Friday 24 July – Kristy Griffin / Sally McRobert

Ice Blocks - Help needed

Monday 27 July – Help needed

Ice Blocks – Mel Moore

Tuesday 28 July – Dorothy

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Wednesday 29 July – Caroline Elliot /Dorothy

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Thursday 30 July - Help needed

Ice Blocks – Karen G

Friday 31 July – Teresa Evans / Sally McRobert

Ice Blocks - Help needed

**New products available** at the tuckshop this term: Tutea Peach Ice Tea. This is a school approved product - 300ml re-screwable lid - \$2.00 per bottle. Homemade mini ham & cheese quiche - \$1.00 each.

All **pie drive forms** and money need to be in by Friday 24 July.

If anyone has any queries please don't hesitate to come and see me.

A special **thank you** to the following ladies and gentleman who volunteered on Monday morning for the special breakfast broadcast: Jemma Baldwin, Mel Wright, Tamara Bell, Karen Grixti, Karen Bowden, Tracey Zimmerman, Amanda Wilkinson and Mr Weatherburn for washing our dishes. I really appreciate your time and effort and without any of you, I wouldn't have been able to do this.

Keep safe. Nicole Meesen – Tuckshop Convenor

## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**ROBINA STATE HIGH SCHOOL** enrolment information evening Wednesday 12/8/15 – 5.00-6.00pm – Robina SHS Library.

**NERANG BRANCH LIBRARY - Bedwetting** be solved in 7 easy steps? Learn the steps to achieving a dry night. Thursday 23 July 10.00am-11.30am. Book online at <http://bit.ly/GCLibrariesEvents> or phone 5581 7180

**ELITE RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS** – Rope, Hoop, Ball, Clubs, Ribbon Acrobatics and Dance. All Saints Anglican School, Beginners Class Friday 3.30-4.30pm, Saturday 10.00-11.00am. Tatiana 0403 034 914 / 5593 8197

**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.

