



# GILSTON STATE SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



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### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I have received a request from Longreach State School to transfer Scott to them as physical education teacher. They have heard that every time he plans a carnival or sporting event it rains. They figure he might be able to break the drought. Of course you are aware that the **senior carnival has been postponed** from today. Our **plan is to hold this event on the first Tuesday of next term (14 July)**. Weather permitting we will go ahead with the junior carnival tomorrow and Prep on Friday. If these days are washed out then we will hold them on Wednesday and Thursday of the first week back.

I was again inspired by the talent that was on display last week at the **Gilston Performing Arts Competition**. I congratulate all who performed and **thank Alison** for her continued commitment to promoting performing arts at Gilston.

The **student progress reports will be home today**. You will notice an addition this year that provides a **graphical representation of your child's position within the year level** at Gilston. The ratings have been deduced from the standards of the Australian Curriculum and moderated both internally and with local schools to ensure they are comparable.

In this, the last newsletter for term 2, I **applaud the individual and collective efforts of the staff** at Gilston. Our focus on "Guided Reading" and "Explicit Instruction – short to long-term memory" has had some very positive consequences.

**This agenda has required change**, and with change comes some discomfort. I am **impressed with the attitudes displayed** to these changes that have been required and the commensurate **energies that have been expended to attain these results**. I am very **proud of our team at Gilston** and thank them on behalf of the students who are the major beneficiaries.

One element of the You Can Do It! program that we follow at Gilston is "**organisation**". When we teach this to students we attribute the name "Oscar" to this trait. It is apparent that we have many "Oscar Organised" people among our parent and prospective parent body. There are well in excess of 100 students on our Prep list for 2016 and more than 20 for 2017. Your organisation helps ours and our planning is well advanced for next year. **If you wish to apply for enrolment for 2016**, ensure you contact the ladies in the office immediately.

We are fortunate to have had an extension to the tuckshop as yesterday it was difficult to see into the space through the stacks of **pies that had arrived for distribution**. From the

## FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday	25 June	Junior Athletics Carnival Years 1, 2 & 3
Friday	26 June	<b>Last day for payment Year 6 camp deposit Year 5 camp</b> Prep Athletics Carnival <b>Last day Term 2</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>13 July</b>	<b>First Day Term 3</b>
Tuesday	14 July	Senior Athletics Carnival Years 4-7
Monday	20 July	P & C Meeting 7.00pm
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
95.16	94.73	95.21	94.06	93.31	94.45	94.19

feedback I heard this morning the pies are delicious. I look forward to sampling those I purchased soon. Thank you to Nicole and her team for the organisation of the project.

I was **proud to have some visitors from Surfers Paradise State School yesterday**. These teachers had heard about the teaching practices that we have adopted and the results we have achieved with students. They were able to watch some classroom practice before speaking with Debbie who explained some of the finer points of our focus. They were impressed with what they witnessed and were grateful to our staff for sharing.

The **2014 School Annual Report** has been completed. This is a public document that is compiled into a standard template and captures details from a range of facets within our school. The [report](#) can be accessed from our website.

Reminder: **School Opinion Survey opens on 29 June**. Please use the details that were sent home to access the online survey. The completed details will be collated to provide feedback about those things we do well and those aspects that require attention.

Friday marks the last day of term 2 and, with the final bell at 3.00pm, the start of a well-deserved mid-year break for students and most staff at Gilston. **I wish you all time to spend doing things you enjoy with the people who mean most to you.**

Stay safe and keep smiling.

Bruce

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### From our School Captains

On 9 June, we had the opportunity to go to the XXI Commonwealth Games School Captains Information and Leadership Breakfast. It was all about how important and exciting the 2018 Commonwealth Games will be. We also got told about how we are right in the middle of so many exciting learning opportunities. We learnt many fun facts like, there are six thousand people volunteering or participating in these games from India alone. Another thing was that there are seventy-one countries competing and coming here to the Gold Coast.

There is also a school activity that will allow Gold Coast schools to communicate with other countries through 'Gold Coast Schools Connect'. Every school has been allocated a buddy country and ours is New Zealand. To find out more visit [GC2018.com](http://GC2018.com) or #GC2018.

### Cyber Safety for Children

I wanted to use this opportunity to just remind everyone who is using social media sites like Facebook or Instagram to ensure they have deactivated the location services for these apps. Without doing this each and every post leaves a footprint of where you were at that moment you posted including your exact location, time and date. This in turn allows for any person to see your movements. It is important for child safety purposes to ensure parents educate their children of these risks and make an informed decision to decrease the chances of harm being brought to children. If you need any assistance with learning how to do this or guidance about child cyber safety please don't hesitate to pop into the Nerang Police Station for help or check out <http://www.police.qld.gov.au>.

### GPAC

**Success is finding satisfaction in giving a little more than you take.** Congratulations and well done to all those who tried out for, and took part in, the performing arts day on Friday. It is truly wonderful to see students showing us all a part of their lives that we may otherwise not be aware of. The talent is abundant; the will to do something

wonderful is strong in our children and a joy to witness. Thanks also to Mrs Miller for her work in organising and running yet another successful year. Thank you all!

### Chess

Recently some of our students took part in the **Inter-School Chess Tournament, Gold Coast South** at Caningeraba State School. It's great to see them carrying on this tradition, with some great results achieved on the day. Thank you to the parents who went along and supported their children and also for your efforts along the way during the children's learning journey. This is the sort of thing that's great to see and a wonderful part of our school community.



### Nerang High Performing Arts visit

On Monday, students from Nerang High came to entertain our prep to year three students. The show was enjoyed by all and demonstrated the talents of the high school students, **many** of which were past Gilston students. Our thanks go out to the staff and students from Nerang High for their efforts. Can you recognise some them?



There are so many things happening at any given time in the school, it's hard to acknowledge them all, all the time. I believe though, that we are always acutely aware of the amazing talent of past and present Gilston students. Their success was built from previous preparation in the form of wonderful parents, a solid schooling and their own desire. With such preparation, there is sure to be success. With the Semester coming to a close I'd like to take the opportunity to thank everyone involved in any way with our school and hope you all have a quiet and pleasant break before we come back to do it all over again.

## P & C NEWS

It has been a very busy and productive term for the P & C and I would like to thank all our volunteers who work tirelessly to make Gilston the amazing school we all know it to be. I would also like to thank all our staff for their tireless efforts to make sure our children have what they need day to day here at Gilston.

As term 2 comes to a close, I would like to extend the P & C's best wishes to all for a safe and enjoyable mid-year break. We look forward to seeing you all in term 3.

Our next P & C meeting will be Monday 20 July at 7.00pm. All parents and carers are both invited and most welcome to attend.

From week 1, term 3, 2015 our **Uniform Shop opening hours** will change. The Uniform Shop will now open on Thursday afternoons from 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.

**The Uniform Shop is having a DISCOUNT SALE on a number of our winter items.** These include boys cargo pants, girls bootleg pants, microfibre track pant and limited sizes in old style fleecy jumpers & track pants. These items are discounted until the end of June 2015 and will be available for purchase in store at our uniform shop. Items will be available on a while stocks last basis.

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...

A Fair is not a Fair without exhilarating rides and we have booked some of the best for this year's Fair. Pre-purchase your ride passes early to take advantage of the discounts.

The passes will be available to pre-purchase on FlexiSchools and at the Tuckshop the first week of Term 3.

Unlimited rides passes... Prices are:

1 Ticket-\$30

2 Tickets-\$55

3 Tickets-\$80

We can't do this on our own so we need the support of the parent and school community to make it a success! On Wednesday 22 July at 6.30pm we will be holding a volunteers' meeting in the school staffroom. If you can attend we would love to meet you. If you are unable to attend but are keen to support a great cause then please [email...gilstonschoolcommunityfair@gmail.com](mailto:gilstonschoolcommunityfair@gmail.com)

The money raised from the fair will be used to improve educational facilities at the school.

We hope you all enjoy the school holidays and we look forward to the next busy few months ahead!

Remember - Many Hands Make Light Work

## BORROWED SCHOOL CLOTHING

If your child has recently come home in school clothing, could you please make sure it is returned to the office **as soon as possible.**

We have no shorts left to change your child if they have an accident. If you have any spare shorts that you would like to donate to the office we would appreciate it.

Thank you.

## LIBRARY NEWS

**Book Club** – next term we will only be handing out Issue 6 in the second half of the term. We will skip Issue 5.

I will be on Long Service Leave for the first 4 weeks of Term 3. Mrs Yolanda Dickmann will be replacing me in the Library.

I wish everyone a safe and restful break.

Kathy Stone / Librarian

## TUCKSHOP REPORT

Thursday 25 June - Help needed

Ice Blocks – Karen Crabb

Friday 26 June – Kristy Griffin/ Help needed

Ice Blocks - Help needed

Monday 13 July – Tammee Heaton

Ice Blocks – Mel Moore

Tuesday 14 July – Amé Seagrove

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Wednesday 15 July - Help needed

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Thursday 16 July - Help needed

Ice Blocks – Karen Crabb

Friday 17 July – Teresa Evans/Sally McRobert

Ice Blocks - Help needed

**Big thanks** to Tracey Zimmerman, Karen Bowden, Trudy Brown, Kari-ann Elliott, Kylie Marks, Mel Wright and Suzanne Jewry for all their help sorting out Pie Drive orders. Your help is much appreciated. Thank you.

Reminder that the tuckshop is offering Tea/Coffee and cake for \$5 during the Sport Carnival days. Also if parents would like to order your lunch, please do so before 9.00am.

Have a good break everyone, stay safe.

Regards, Nicole Meesen

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS FUN CAMP - June/July Holidays.

Activities Include tennis, treasure hunt, table tennis, basketball, soccer, movie, arts and crafts finishing with our famous Tennis Olympics in the afternoon. Hinterland Tennis Club, Price Street, Nerang. **Cost:** Full Day 8:30am-4.00pm \$40, Half Day 8:30am-12.00pm \$25. **Week 1** - Monday 29 June, Tuesday 30 June, Wednesday 1 July. **Week 2** - Monday 6 July, Tuesday 7 July, Wednesday 8 July. **Please note bookings are essential. Interested? Call Jonathon 0488 696 939**

**JOIN YOUR KIDS FOR THE BOTANICA MISSIONS.** Use the **NaturePlay Qld Passport** to complete your missions at the **Gold Coast Regional Botanic Gardens.** Friday 10 July at 9.30am. Bookings essential phone 0449 561 674. Meet at the Friends Centre. Bring a hat, drink bottle and wear closed shoes. Cost \$5.00.

**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.

