



GILSTON STATE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Learning is what we are about at Gilston. Our outcomes are the product of intentional teaching and explicit instruction. Teachers are at the forefront of this instruction, however we have a **wonderful team of support staff** who assist in a variety of ways each day to support student learning. Our paraprofessional **teacher aides** are often face-to-face supporting students, our **office staff** ensure the efficacy of our school-wide systems and procedures, our **facility officers** and **cleaners** ensure that the environment in which we work and learn is fit for the task. Support services provided by these dedicated people are essential to our success and with **"Support Staff Week"** next week, I wish to publicly acclaim their respective contributions and thank them on behalf of the a very grateful Gilston School Community.

How great does our **Buddy Bench** look now? The students were surprised when the beautifully decorated bench was revealed at assembly last week. We are very lucky to have had the very creative talents of super mum, **Danielle Lewis**. Danielle offered her **time and artistic energy** so our students could enjoy the Buddy Bench. The gasp of appreciation when the students saw it for the first time must have given Danielle a warm and fuzzy feeling! When walking through the Tuck shop area, make sure you stop to admire the bench.



Last week I was proud of our **senior band** as they competed in the Gold Coast Eisteddfod. They were awarded an **honours certificate** for their efforts. Whilst small in number our students **represented Gilston with the distinction** to which we are accustomed. I thank Steve for his tutelage of the band and look forward to the development of the bands throughout the remainder of the year.

FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday	27 August	Last day payment Year 1 Science incursion
Friday	28 August	Gold Coast Show Holiday
Wednesday	2 September	Last day for Book Club orders.
Thursday	3 September	Last day payment Year 5 & 6 Gala Day
Friday	4 September	Last day payment Year 6 Lake Ainsworth camp
Monday	7 September	Year 1 Science incursion
Wednesday	9 September	Year 5 & 6 Gala Day
Saturday	12 September	Gilston School Community Fair 10.00am – 3.00pm
Monday	14 September	P & C Meeting 7.00pm
Friday	18 September	Last day Term 3
Tuesday	6 October	First day Term 4
Monday	12 October	Spellathon
Friday	16 October	
Friday	16 October	Book Character Parade
Friday	23 October	Family Arts Night

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
93.9	94	93.79	93.31	92.94	93.36	93.03

There are 50 of you able to access your child's details through the QParents app. There are another 123 who have received the invitation to register (after nominating your details with the office). If you are one of the 123, please complete the registration so we can approve your access. If you are yet to provide details, return your forms to the office as this triggers the production of an invitation that will be sent to your nominated email address.

Need some help, or want to know more about the QParents App? Come along **Monday morning from 8:30am and Mel Wright**, our wonderful Gilston Club chair will be in the rotunda to demonstrate the QParents app and provide support for parents in setting up the feature. Mel has been using the app through another school and is happy to share how it has helped her save time.

Before school, parents are responsible for their children. Many of you trust your child to behave sensibly prior to the first bell at 8:55am and I am pleased that in the vast majority of cases this trust is not misplaced. However, should your child breach your trust by exhibiting behaviours that breach our school behaviour code during this time, I will be meeting with you to arrange alternative options for this period of time. I encourage you to revisit this topic regularly with your child if they are here alone before school.

Brian Ragh, our regional supervisor will be visiting today to learn of our progress with our improvement agenda. I will be proud to share the latest data from classrooms pertaining to the effect of our instruction and the recent NAPLAN results that clearly showed growth in most areas.

I close this week with an expression of gratitude to all of you who have contributed to the Fair through your donations. The success of our event relies on your support. I am looking forward to a wonderful community celebration.

Enjoy your **Gold Coast Show Holiday!**

Stay safe and keep smiling
Bruce

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Eisteddfod news for Gilston S.S. Band/Orchestra

The report from the judges was full of praise for our band members. Some of the comments reported by them were: great start, very good soft playing and very good rhythm throughout the percussion section. The judges went on in the second piece to say: students produced another great opening, great efforts by all instruments, confident playing, another great ending and very good stage presentation. The final comment was, 'a very good job from a small band'. Well done everybody, you make us all very proud.

Using polite, verbal and non-verbal language and tone

Gilston State School ways of acting and being are, Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe, Be a Learner. A respectful school is the foundation for an effective learning environment. Children and adults have a right to expect standards of behaviour which allow teaching and learning to take place and make school a happy and secure place for all. At school we constantly model and help students to become aware of, and to use, polite verbal and non-verbal language and tone. We then hope this transfers to other social settings.

This week, with everyone's help, I want to raise awareness and use of polite verbal and non-verbal language and tone at school. Students need to be much more respectful and responsible and not get into using inappropriate language, avoiding profanity and being more humble dealing with others at school. There has been a steady rise in the use of these negative traits in all grades across the school this term. We all recognise the importance of promoting positive behaviour and will continue to encourage students to always use polite verbal, non-verbal and tone at all times.

Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it's thinking of yourself less.

HELLO FROM THE FAIR COMMITTEE - 2 ½ weeks to go, not long now!

The cake stall needs your help! Do you have a favourite cake, slice or homemade treat that you have made so many times that you could do it in your sleep? You do? Great! We would love to sell it at the Fair. Year 3 children will this week receive a plate to place baked contributions on. If anyone from other grades would also like to provide baked goods, please visit Nicole at the Tuckshop for a plate and more details. Baked goods are to be delivered to the Tuckshop on Friday 11 September.

Ride all day passes are available on Flexi Schools or from Nicole at the Tuckshop.

1 PASS-\$30 2 PASSES-\$55 3 PASSES-\$80

Passes on the day will be \$30. There will be no discounts for multiple passes on the day, so save money and get them early! Individual rides on the day will be \$5 each.

Receipts for passes purchased through FlexiSchools will be delivered in an envelope to the name of the child's account purchased through in the week before the fair. Cash purchasers of passes must pick up their receipt from the Tuckshop in the week before the Fair. This receipt MUST be presented to the Ticket Box on the oval before an Unlimited Ride Stamp will be given. Lost receipts are not the responsibility of the school.

A big **THANK YOU** to the following people for their help with the Fair – Teresa Evans, Angela Prisley, Natasha Perry, Tammy Schenau, Kerrie Harper, Tammy Bowden, Ellie Bowden, Suzanne Jewry, Erin, Tam Bell, Danielle Wibaux, Sharon Collis, Brenda Fleming, Nicole Meesen, Christine Dukes, Helen Anderson.

GILSTON CLUB NEWS

Only a few weeks left to buy your **Entertainment(tm) Book** or Entertainment(tm) Digital Membership. To order your book or digital membership securely online visit: <http://www.entbook.com.au/1446u93>

20% of the proceeds from every Entertainment(tm) Membership we sell will contribute towards our School! ORDER TODAY.

Attached to this newsletter is a timetable for the **Fathers' Day Stall** on Tuesday 1 September and Wednesday 2 September.

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Thank you for your support!

GILSTON SCHOOL LEADERSHIP PROCESS

A leader is one who guides and inspires others. Leadership is more than meeting class and school expectations of good behavior, it is: helping your classmates, leading in a group and inspiring others, being involved in the school community.

At the beginning of Term 3 year 5 students were invited to complete a Gilston Leadership application. The application process requires the student to reflect on the qualities of a good leader.

Students are asked to consider:

- What does being a leader mean to them.
- What will they be contributing that will enhance Gilston School.

They have been asked to choose four values from a list and discuss what these qualities encompass and how they display them in their school and daily lives. This is the first step in the leadership process for those students considering School or House Captaincy positions.

Part of being a leader is showing responsibility; therefore

we will be strictly enforcing the deadline for the leadership applications. These will be accepted earlier but not after the closing date – Monday 14 September.

EISTEDDFOD CHOIR AND BAND

I have had a few enquiries from parents regarding the purchase of an eisteddfod video or photographs. Please note that you can order these from the following businesses:

Limelight Multimedia - www.limelightmultimedia.com.au, email - admin@limelightmultimedia.com.au or Matthew Smith 0409 61LIME(5463).

Move Photography photographed the School Choirs and Bands. The images are available to view and order online (until 7 September) at www.movephotography.net. Access Code: 646732

Alison Miller / Music Teacher

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Week winners were announced on Friday.

Early Childhood	“Go to Sleep Jessie”
Young Readers	“The Cleo Stories”
Picture Book	“My Two Blankets”
Information Book	“The A-Z of Convicts”

Congratulations to the authors of these wonderful books. They are on display in our library and can be borrowed out next week.

Thanks to our local librarians from Nerang Branch for their visit last Thursday. The students enjoyed the sessions.

Book Club Issue 6 was sent home last week. Orders are made on-line with a credit card. Our school is now in the LOOP. Go to website www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP and follow the instructions. You no longer need to return your order form to our library; it will be electronically linked to our school LOOP payment system. The last day for orders is Wednesday 2 September 2015.

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. Please see attached example.

CHAPPY SPACE

URGENT Breaky Club Volunteers Required! If you can spare 45 minutes every Thursday morning or fortnightly from 8:15am our breaky club is in urgent need of volunteers. Otherwise we may need to consider closing it which would be a shame.

Spring Holidays Camp- CYC's Spring Junior Camp is on again! The best way to spend your holiday (if you're in grade 4-6)! Grab your mates and come along for a jam packed week of awesome activities and times to make new friends! You won't want to miss activities like Tubing, Stand Up Paddle Boarding and Surfing - just to name a few! **Date:** 28 September – 2 October 2015. **Cost:** \$220 (Register before 24 August to Receive a FREE T-Shirt) **For:** Years 4-6 **Location:** CYC Burleigh. Registrations close on 21 September. So don't miss out!

Breakfast Club: Please come and enjoy the breakfast club which is a community building event I run - along with my volunteers - for everyone. But please be careful not to use it as your only means of breakfast as I rely on volunteers to help run it and if they are all sick, then I have no choice but to **not** run it. So **PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILDREN EAT SOMETHING OR TAKE SOME EXTRA**

FOOD AND NOT RELY SOLEY ON BREAKY CLUB.

Think of it in the same way as when there is a free sausage sizzle - you still bring lunch but sausage sizzle is a bonus. If you think breaky club is a great idea and you would like to put your name down as a backup person in the event we are short of helpers please email me, I would love to hear from you!

Breakfast Club is held Thursdays 8:15-8:45am. ALL ARE WELCOME. There is room for new volunteers to come help out at breakfast club. Your help is so invaluable to keeping the breaky club up and running. If you can spare any time between 8.00-9.15am you are most welcome to join us. If you can't help but you are able to supply spreads, cordial-artificial (colour and flavour free), margarine or other goodies such as plastic cups, napkins - every little bit helps. If you work for a business who could donate supplies to our breakfast club please contact me. samanthab@chappy.org.au Thank you so much to Hayley and Karen, without you there would be no breaky club. Thank you to Nerang Bakery in Nerang Mall who supply our bread and Ozharvest who supplies us fruit when it's available.

Chappy Programs this term: Friends For Life: Currently working with year 3 and 4 children. Co-facilitating with Ms Helena and Ms Sharon. Shedmen: Year 6 boys- We are doing bicycle makeovers with Andre.

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILIES: If there are any families in our community who wish to send prayer requests for any situation 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,

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.

TUCKSHOP REPORT

Thursday 27 August – Tracey Zimmerman

Ice Blocks – Karen Crabb

Friday 28 August – **GOLD COAST SHOW HOLIDAY**

Monday 31 August – Help needed

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Tuesday 1 September - Dorothy

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Wednesday 2 September – Dorothy / Help needed

Ice Blocks – Cath Sleep

Thursday 3 September - Tracey Zimmerman

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Friday 4 September – Kristy Griffin / Help needed

Ice Blocks – Help needed

I would just like to say a big thank you to all my lovely volunteers for all your help and support over the year. I really appreciate you all and the time you give to help out in the tuckshop. The tuckshop couldn't do what it does best without you all – Thank you.

Have a great week, Nicole Meesen – Tuck shop Convenor.

COMMUNITY NOTICE

GARAGE SALE – Living Rivers Uniting Church – 5 Nerang River Drive, Nerang, Saturday 5 September, 6.00 –11.00am, Linen, Kitchenware, Great bargains in Clothing. Miscellaneous stuff.

SOCCER X will be running an 8 week Summer Soccer league at Carrara Soccer Fields for U6's – U11's starting in October. You can register a TEAM or as an INDIVIDUAL. For more information and online registrations please visit www.soccer-x.com. If you have any questions please call Justyn on 0451 162346.

KURRAWA SLSC NIPPERS SIGN ON DAYS 6 & 27 September, Pizzey Park Pool 9.00-11.00am. Membership Prices \$40 per child
TWEED HEADS & COOLANGATTA SLSC, GREENMOUNT BEACH, NIPPERS SIGN-ON DAY For New & Renewing Members, Saturday 12 September 9.00am-11.00am Oasis Pools, Banora Point. Must Be 5 Years Of Age As At 30/9/15. Please Remember To Bring Togs And Goggles

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.