



GILSTON STATE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Tempting treats, good company and coffee were enjoyed by those who stopped to learn more about the **Gilston Club** last week. Those who attended learnt about the important part played by the club and offered some suggestions. I look forward to the contributions of those who committed to playing a part. The list of names on the "expression of interest" list for **Prep for 2016** (and 2017) is growing daily. On **Tuesday** we will be presenting the **second information session for parents** regarding the **Enrolling Families** project. All those on the list who had not attended the first session will have received an invitation via email. If you know of anyone interested in enrolling their child next year, please advise them of this opportunity to learn about the process.

It's **P & C Day this Friday**, a time when we recognise the combined efforts of the past and present members of this vital group. Without our P & C there would be no tuckshop, no uniform shop, no Fair, no strategic input into school planning and the list goes on. Since 1996 when I first arrived at Gilston, the parents who contributed to the P & C have provided a myriad of opportunities for students through their generous commitment of their skills, talents and time. This had occurred for decades prior to my arrival and I expect, given our community spirit, we will continue to enjoy the fruits of the labour of our P & C for years to come. On behalf of the entire Gilston School community, I tip my hat in salute of all members of the committee. **Thank you ladies and gentlemen.**

To **inform the judgements** required for the **student progress reports**, teachers have been undertaking a **series of assessments**. I have been **impressed with many of the data sets** that I have seen so far regarding student progress. When you read your child's report you can be confident that **teachers have expended significant energy to ensure you have a comprehensive understanding of progress against the standard for their curriculum.**

The sound of the drum line from **Nerang State High School** reverberated throughout the hall last Wednesday impressing the assembled group of year 5 and 6 students and staff members. The Funk band and singers and dancers also impressed with their collective talents. I was like a proud parent watching the ex-Gilston students among the groups as they provided an overview of the offerings at the school and answered questions from students. Tomorrow night there is an **open night for parents** at Nerang State High School.

The **Minister for Police** has collaborated with Education

FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday	1 June	Auditions begin for GPAC
Wednesday	3 June	Gilston Club Meeting 9.00am in the Library.
Friday	5 June	Last day for Book Club Issue 4 orders Last day for recipes and drawings for cookbook
Thursday	11 June	Last day payment Year 5 & 6 Sport Gala Day
Monday	15 June	Year 5 & 6 Sport Gala Day P & C Meeting 7.00pm
Friday	19 June	Gilston Performing Arts Competition
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
96	95.13	95.43	94.29	93.65	94.44	94.29

Queensland to offer students the opportunity to design a road safety awareness poster. The poster can feature any aspect of **road safety** and the winning entry will be used as part of the campaign. If you want to know more, please see Kathy in the library on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday.

On the topic of **road safety**, I remind you all again that the collection zone has a **two-minute limit**. Parking in this space before 3.00pm causes **congestion** that results in banking onto **Worongary Road**. Please ensure you arrive after three o'clock to improve our road safety. If your child is responsible, I suggest arriving about 3:15pm as there is clear passage at this time on most days.

Recipes for the Gilston Recipe Book will be accepted up until next Friday.

Stay safe and keep smiling.

Bruce

PS Go Queensland!!

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Tomorrow sees students from Gilston competing in the **District Cross Country** event. Those students are (and in no particular order), Charlotte, Isaac, Azaliya, Jack, Braydon, Indiana, Shaun, Paige, Zac, Olivia, Hana, Zade, Eloise, Amelia, Hanna, Heidi, Sol and Jade. I wish you all well, hope you have a lot of fun competing and thank you for your efforts representing our school. **To be competitive, love the challenge of mastering new things – try harder when you think you can't.**

Readers Cup is on again. Last year our Gilston students as good as won, missing out on the title by one point. Over the years I've been attending, Gilston students have always performed exceptionally well and, looking at the students having a go this year, I'm positive this trend will continue. Keep up your studies in this area ladies and gentleman, I have every faith in your abilities.

Thank you also Mrs Stone for your ongoing work with our students in all areas.

Nerang State High Parent Information Evening

Staff from Nerang High will be hosting their Parent Information Evening, **Wednesday 27 May** from 5.30pm. Students in year six will be coming home with letters today to remind parents wishing to attend.

From our PCYC kids

Thank you to the Administration staff, teachers and the cleaning team who attended our breakfast. It was a great start to our morning and we really enjoyed having you at our place.

PCYC truly is a part of the school community. They are still taking new enrolments for Before School Care and After School Care. On Tuesday and Wednesday a spot for casual bookings cannot be guaranteed as the service is at capacity. See the friendly staff for further information, or email your enquiries to Lisa Monteith, SAC Coordinator – lisa.monteith@pcyc.org.au

Check out the Nerang PCYC website or Nerang PCYC app for further information about PCYC Nerang – www.pcyc.org.au/nerang

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data

Schools across Australia are again taking part in the national data collection on school students with disability. The data collection has been introduced in stages over three years and started in 2013. From 2015, this information will be collected in every school across Australia, every year.

Why is this data being collected?

The information provided through this new national data collection will enable all Australian governments to better target support and resources to benefit students with

disability. It will help to put the right supports in place for students with disability so that they have the same opportunities for a high quality education as students without a disability.

What are schools required to do?

Every school in Australia is likely to have a student with disability at some point. Schools need to be able to support students with disability by removing any obstacles for them to participate in their education.

What information will be collected?

Your child's school will collect and report information every year about:

- the level of adjustment provided
- the number of students who receive each level of adjustment
- where known, the student's broad type of disability.

Some students who are not provided with an adjustment at the time of the collection will meet the definition of disability under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and will be eligible to be included in the data collection.

HI FROM THE GILSTON CLUB

It was great to meet so many of you on our recent coffee morning, thanks for coming along and seeing what we are all about. Attached to the newsletter is a list of just some of the things we have bought or contributed to within the school.

Just a reminder that our **next meeting** will be held at 9.00am on 3 June in the library. We hope you will all come. Children are most welcome.

Remember for everything Gilston Club please call our President, Mel Wright, on 0416 085 689.

HELLO FROM THE FAIR COMMITTEE...

This is the last week for recipes to be submitted, they must be in by Friday 5 June. The class who has the most number of students who send in a recipe will win ice blocks for the whole class! 2W is currently in the lead, followed by 1N & 1S. So get that competitive spirit going, get your recipes in and ask your friends if they have sent theirs in to!

65 families have submitted recipes out of 420 families. All art work for the front cover needs to be in by Friday 5 June to Nicole at the Tuckshop.

Thank you to those parents who have contacted us about prizes for the Cent Auction, we appreciate your help. We still need more so please if you can, ask your employers, ask your friends, ask anyone you can think of if they can donate prizes to us.

Email: gilstonschoolcommunityfair@gmail.com

'Remember many hands make light work'

GILSTON PERFORMING ARTS COMPETITION

Entry forms are due this Thursday. All students who are auditioning need to check the music noticeboard this Friday for their audition time. Auditions will be next week.

LIBRARY REPORT

Book Fair is on this week. Please feel free to come down and have a look at all the great books we have on sale. All students who buy a book will be eligible for gift vouchers in a raffle drawn at Thursday's assembly.

Book Club Issue 4 has been sent home. Last date for orders will be Friday 5 June. Please return all orders to the school library.

Kathy Stone / Librarian

Readers Cup Competition

Our school Readers Cup team will be representing Gilston next Tuesday evening 2 June at Hillcrest Christian

College. Our team members are Eloise, Heidi Benford, Tracen Nel, Levi Jordison and Yannik Zwolsman.

These students have been avidly reading the 6 books we will be quizzed on next Tuesday.

Well done and good luck in the competition.

Mrs Stone (Readers Cup Coach)

Maths Olympiad

Our school Maths Olympiad team performed well in last week's first competition. Well done to all students. We have some talented problem solvers in our school!

Mrs Stone (Maths Olympiad Coach)

CHAPPY SPACE:

IT'S CHAPPY (AWARENESS) WEEK!

Lots going on!!

Bring in your **Legó** building entries - originals only - no kits to Chappy's Room for display and judging on Thursday. Last chance for TAGYI photos entry and bring all Ks4kids fundraising money in to be in the draw for the skateboard (for raisers \$200 plus)

FREE Magic Show- 'Jace The Ace' First break in the hall for all grades

THURSDAY: French toast and chocolate milk at Breaky Club

Minute to Win it games for seniors in the area near Chappy's room at second break.

Assembly presentation of prizes- Legó, TAGYI and Ks4kids.

FRIDAY: Free accessories day yellow and orange.

FREE BBQ for whole school including staff at first break Games for juniors at second break

Breakfast Club: Thursdays 8:15-8:45am - All Welcome

This week for Chappy Week we will be having French toast and chocolate milk!! There is room for new volunteers to come help out at breakfast club. Your help is 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, Karen and Alex. Without you there would be no breaky club.

Thank you to Nerang Bakery in Nerang Mall who supply our bread and Ozharvest who supply us with fruit when it's available.

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.

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 0421 64466.

www.kidsroc.com.au.

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 052 0222, Juice 107.3 Careline 55 283 555

QUOTE: A smile is the quickest way to change your looks.

TUCKSHOP REPORT

Thursday 28 May – Bec Moore/Kylie

Ice Blocks – Karen Crabb

Friday 29 May – Tracey Zimmerman/Teresa Evans/Help needed

Ice Blocks - Help needed

Monday 1 June – Karen Bowden

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Tuesday 2 June – Ame Seagrove/Karen Bowden

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Wednesday 3 June - Help needed please

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Thursday 4 June – Kristy Griffin

Ice Blocks – Karen Crabb

Friday 5 June – Teresa Evans/ Help needed

Ice Blocks - Help needed

If any family hasn't received a "Pie Drive Form", please come and see Nicole in the Tuckshop. Please remember to ask all your friends and family to buy a pie, remembering all funds raised goes back to our children and school.

Have a good week, Nicole Meesen Tuckshop Convenor

COMMUNITY NOTICES

ROBINA STATE HIGH SCHOOL will offer a number of **SCHOLARSHIPS** to our incoming Year 7 cohort for students excelling in Academic Excellence, Japanese Immersion, Sport, Leadership and The Arts. Applications are available on the school website www.robinashs.eq.edu.au and close on Friday 26 June. For more information contact Head of Junior Secondary, Mr Ben Weeks bweek12@eq.edu.au.

EXCITING NEW HOT SHOTS TENNIS PROGRAM

Tennis Australia Endorsed Program for primary students uses specially designed court sizes & equipment to help develop skills for life, making it A LOT OF FUN. Lessons start Tuesday the 19 May before school and will run every Tuesday & Thursday mornings 7:45am-8:45am at Gilston School Tennis Court. The cost will be \$72 per person for the remaining 6 Weeks (\$12 per lesson). Look forward to seeing you on the court. For details and bookings contact Jonathon 0488 696 939

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.

