I was proud to be witness to the pride of the Ks4Kids team on the weekend. Our students can be justifiably proud of their achievement in completing the 10km run. Our parent support group, both in the event and supporting, was wonderful ensuring the children were encouraged and nourished. Again I salute the staff for their extra commitment to this venture. There is already talk about next year.

The “Enrolling Families” project continues to provide precision in our preparation for transition of new students and families into our school. There are three information sessions associated with this project the second of which will occur next Friday at 1.45pm. Invitations have been distributed to those parents who have expressed an interest in enrolling their child in Prep in 2015. With the list of interested parents growing weekly (currently 103), I suggest you register your interest now if you wish to be part of the 2015 intake. The 2016 list is already at 13.

You may have noticed that signs have been erected to remind everyone that smoking is not permitted on school grounds. This is a compliance action and not a response to any breach. In fact I have often applauded the self-discipline and restraint that has been exhibited by the smokers in our community.

My regular scan of the attendance data relating to late arrivals gave me reason to celebrate. There has been a reduction in this statistic leading to reduced impact on classroom learning. I thank all families for your continued commitment to ensuring your children are punctual.

At Gilston, we have arranged to provide the requirements for the students in Prep in return for a one-off payment from parents. For the remaining year levels, book packs are required annually. The payments in Prep are not voluntary and accounts must be settled in full before students can participate in any extra-curricular activities including incursions and excursions. If you have not settled this account, a reminder will be arriving soon.

In addition to the weekly Wednesday morning meeting our teachers will be meeting on Thursday afternoon. Consequently they will not be available for meetings at this
time. Please support their learning by ensuring that you have collected your children on time.

In closing this week I wish to recognise and commend the input from you in the form of consolidating learning each night. Whether it is listening to your child read or practising sight words or establishing daily reading habits, or reinforcing social skills, your support of your child’s learning has a significant positive effect on their progress. As I have often written, “the best thing to spend on your child is your time”. Thank you for spending your time wisely.

Stay safe and keep smiling and, GO THE MAROONS! Bruce

GILSTON CLUB NEWS
Well we’re half way through the term – can you believe how quick it is going?? After 4 weeks of selling, the Raffle Books are due back this Friday 30 May. Every year we have over 100 books not returned and so I really implore everyone to PLEASE, PLEASE return your books either sold (preferably) or unsold. It takes a lot of effort to chase all unreturned books, and it’s really easy to return them – just drop them in the box in the office. If you do drop-off in the morning, give your child the responsibility of putting it in box – I know my kids love the responsibility of doing stuff like this. Just make sure it is in their hand when they get out of the car or else they will forget if it is in their bag. Thank you in advance for your efforts!!

Entertainment Book – see attached flyer for more great vouchers. Have a great week…..Lisa - Chairperson

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY
Last Wednesday, 25 of our best runners competed at the District Cross Country. They all tried their best and we are proud of their efforts. Congratulations to Hudson Paech who finished 10th in the boys U10 race and has qualified to run at Regionals. Good luck Hudson.

Scott Stavar

LIBRARY NEWS
As mentioned last week, May is National Family Reading Month.

This week (Week 6) we will be focusing on the senior years 6-7, by displaying and discussing great books for this age group.

Overdue Books – a big thank you to all the parents and children who have returned late books over the last week. We have had a good response to the overdue notes that were sent home recently. There are still books that have not been returned, so I would ask parents to please follow this up.

The Premier’s Reading Challenge 2014 started on 20 May and will finish on 5 September. It is an annual statewide event to encourage students to develop a love of reading. Several classes in our school are participating. The first Maths Olympiad Test was held this week and our team did very well. Congratulations to all team members. The Olympiad consists of five separate contests held one month apart between May and September. The overall aim is to encourage students to develop important maths problem solving skills.

Bookclub Issue 4 has gone home this week. Could all orders please be returned by Monday 9 June.

“Lost and Found” Story – we have recently had a stranger find one of our school library books in a borrowed work truck. He very kindly went to a lot of trouble to return it to our school library. Thank you very much from the librarians.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER
Thursday 29 May - Tanya
Ice Blocks – Karen
Friday 30 May – Alex McCarthy
Ice Blocks – Kamila Bestmann
Monday 2 June – Dannie Faulkner
Ice Blocks – Janette Green
Tuesday 3 June – Ernina Lake
Ice Blocks – Help needed
Wednesday 4 June – Stacey Gardner
Ice Blocks – Help needed
Thursday 5 June - Tanya
Ice Blocks – Karen
Friday 6 June – Alex McCarthy, Melissa Moore
Ice Blocks – Kamila Bestmann

New on the Menu – Winter Warmers
Home cooked meals – Tuna Pasta) $4.50
Corn on the cob $1.00
Mini Quiche $1.50

Hot chocolate is available over the counter – only $2.50.

We have replaced our Aroona Springs with Quench – same flavours Raspberry, Blueberry and Cola, and still have a natural Spring Fruits drink. Also LOL is the new GLEE with unreal flavours – Slammin Strawberry, Berry Blast, Blackcurrant Grape and Bubblegum Blast.

Homemade pikelets 20 cents and muffins $1.20 are also doing well. Try different flavours each week.

Don’t forget Sushi Tuesday – pre-order or purchase over the counter.

Items removed from menu – Fish Bites, Dim Sims and Oreo.

“Healthy Eating is a Healthy Life”
Have a wonderful week. Mandy & Nicole

COMMUNITY NOTICES
TENNIS COACHING: Classes conducted on Monday mornings from 8.00am. Cost is $17 per lesson, discounts for 3 or more children. All enquiries to Rowan Hollonds, Gold Coast Tennis Coaching, 0411 867 971, rowan@gctenniscoaching.com.au or www.gctenniscoaching.com.au

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