



GILSTON STATE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It appears that many of you are looking forward to having your **child's school details at your fingertips**. The response to my invitation to nominate a **QParent** Account Owner has been positive. This information is fundamental to our establishment for this application. We will be undertaking the task of entering this data systematically and will be forwarding invitations to register for the app to the account owners soon. To whet your appetite for what is coming I invite you to **watch this short video clip**. If you haven't already responded to the invitation sent last week, please do so to ensure we can provide this service as soon as possible. The **request for information** distributed last week is **attached** to this email in case you have "misplaced" it.

Another electronic upgrade that we have adopted is the **BPoint online payment system**. We have attached a "how to" sheet to this edition to ensure we maximise the potential of the reconciliation that is a feature of this application.

It may be winter however our **vegetable garden is growing well** in our mild climate. **Nicole has already been harvesting lettuce and herbs from the garden** for use in meals prepared in our tuckshop. Very impressive when the produce is only 20 steps from where the food is prepared.

The excitement among the **Year 5** students yesterday was significant as they made final preparations for the **camp** this week. I **applaud Merrilyn for taking the lead in the planning** of this activity and extend **thanks on your behalf to the staff who will be attending**. Their willingness to give of their time is appreciated by the scores of thrilled students.

I had visits to my office by two groups of young people as they navigated their way around the school. The **Pre-prep classes** met lots of staff as part of their transition to school, or "big school" as many described it. I was interested to learn about what they thought I did all day at school. I believe I gained an insight into many of your experiences in the principal's office from what they shared.

Congratulations to the participants in the **District Athletics Carnival** yesterday. I am pleased with the reports I received about the **behaviour** and **sportsmanship** that our Gilston students displayed throughout the carnival. And, there were several who performed so well they have been selected to compete **tomorrow at the Championship Day**.

NAPLAN reports will be available earlier this year. I have been informed that student reports were posted on Monday this week and should be available before the week's end. School

FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday	29 July	Year 5 Camp Tyalgum
Friday	31 July	Ridge Retreat
Monday	10 August	Eisteddfod Choir Competition 6.00pm
Wednesday	19 August	Senior Band Gold Coast Eisteddfod 6.00pm
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
94.34	94.35	94.75	93.65	93.05	93.78	93.93

reports and summaries are expected on 5 August. I have watched as the cumulative **attendance figures** on the front page of the newsletter decrease each week. I have coded the figures "green" for above 95%, "yellow" for 94-95% and unshaded for anything less than 94%. **Bring the colour back into our data by ensuring your child is here every day.**

I have suffered some writer's cramp this week as I proudly **signed hundreds of certificates**. Each semester I recognise those students who have impressed with their **academic** results, their **behaviour** and, or their **effort**. Please ensure you ask your child about their achievement when (if) they bring their certificate home.

We are eagerly awaiting the installation phase of our **wireless upgrade project**. All approvals have been granted and I will be meeting with the contractor on Thursday. Once complete we will have wireless access to all teaching spaces throughout the school broadening our opportunities with Information Communication Technologies. This project was **identified and promoted by the 21st Century Learning Team last year** and has been subsidised on a dollar for dollar basis **costing us \$26,000**.

The Gold Coast Eisteddfod is rapidly approaching and the **choir and band** are preparing for their respective performances. I was most impressed with the choir yesterday as they rehearsed with Alison and Margaret. **We have been blessed to have Alison's** experience, skills and motivation leading our choir for so many years. Not only has she blended the beautiful voices of the talented students in her charge year after year, she has taught me some of the finer points of what constitutes a high quality production. I know that what I heard yesterday is well on the way to this status. Whilst I haven't been able to witness any **band performances** yet, Steve is pleased with how this small group is developing. If your child is part of the band, please see **more details later in this newsletter**.

I close with some very **positive feedback about our Year 2 students** following their visit to the Hinze Dam yesterday. Sophie from the café reported, "Angela from SEQ came to me (after the students left) and shared how well behaved and spoken all the children were. She was **amazed how advanced their speech and questions were** and how organised the groups were." Sophie also noted that of all the groups she sees come through the facility, she has **never seen so many parent helpers**. Congratulations to all involved, especially our students for being **wonderful ambassadors for Gilston**.

Stay safe and keep smiling.

Bruce

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Student Medications

Gilston State School is committed to supporting students' health and wellbeing. We would appreciate parents/carers providing the school with current and relevant health information that is required to support the student at school. This information is also collected at enrolment but needs to be updated regularly, or if a new health condition develops.

Education Queensland policy requires school staff to ensure prescribed medication is provided in the **original container with an attached prescription pharmacy label** which constitutes a medical authority, and includes:

- student name
- dosage
- time the medication is to be taken
- any other relevant directions for use e.g. whether medication is to be taken with food.

We also need to have the child's prescribed medication in its original container with an attached prescription pharmacy label at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your assistance in this regard. For any enquiries, please contact the school office on 5501 2333.



Congratulations to Emily Feld on her getting a High Achievement Award for her entry in the Education section of the Mudgeeraba Show. The judges have agreed that she has captured the essence of our Australian way of life. Well done Emily, perhaps you could pursue a career in advertising given the talent you have shown here.



School Opinion Surveys 2015

Parents/Caregivers, school staff and a random sample of students are encouraged to have their say in this year's School Opinion Survey by providing their opinions about what Gilston State School does well and how we can improve our school. **Online surveys are currently open and will remain open until 31 July 2015**. Access details for the Parent/Caregiver Survey have been sent home with students a few weeks ago. If you haven't received, or can't find any survey access details please contact the school, on 5501 2333 and we can arrange to replace log-in details. If you have already completed your Parent/Caregiver Survey, thank you very much and please disregard this notice.

P & C NEWS

Woolworths Earn & Learn is back! We are now registered for this 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 drop box located inside the Woolworths store at Nerang Mall, or you can drop them into the Earn & Learn collection box at the office. For more information on how to participate you can jump onto the Woolworths website and look for Earn & Learn information.

Uniform Cap Discussion – Have your say! The next P & C meeting will be held Monday 17 August at 7.00pm. We invite all parents and carers to attend, as we will be opening up a discussion about the possibility of changing our current school caps to a more sun smart option. We encourage you to come along and have your say. Do you have a favourite **Worthy Cause or Charity** you support and want to raise awareness for in 2016? Gilston

P & C is calling for nominations for Worthy Causes/Charities to support in 2016 through recognition/awareness days. All causes that were supported in 2015 will be automatically put forward. The P & C will choose 3-4 causes to raise awareness of in 2016 and will not consider any more during the year. Drop your suggestions into the wooden box in the office or email to pandc@gilstonss.eq.edu.au

Uniform Shop is 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 as they are able.

HELLO FROM THE FAIR COMMITTEE...

6 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

The challenge has been set - the classroom that donates the most items for the fair wins themselves a 'Pizza Party', so please help the students by sending in your nominated items i.e.: Blocks of Chocolate, Mystery Jars, Hair Supplies, Stockings, Plants and Baking.

Thank you to everybody who attended the Volunteers Meeting last Wednesday night. It was great to see so many of you willing to help out.

Over the next couple of weeks we need to begin to finalise the Cent Auction Donations. If you are in a position to donate please drop your prizes off to Nicole at the Tuckshop at your earliest convenience.

Thanks to you all for your support.

'Remember Many Hands Make Light Work'

GILSTON CLUB NEWS

Entertainment Books are still available. If you would like to purchase one please follow the link for online payments. Alternatively please pick up a form from the office.

We have the **Fathers' Day Stall** coming up and will need some helpers. Following that is the Gilston Fair where we will be running the BBQ. If you can help with either of these please contact Mel on 0416 085 689.

We have a "text for help list" that we use for informing people when we have something coming up. If you would like to be added to this list, just let me know.

For all things Gilston Club – Mel Wright 0416 085 689.

SENIOR BAND AT THE GOLD COAST EISTEDDFOD:

On **Wednesday 19 August** the **Senior Band** will participate in the annual Gold Coast Eisteddfod. This year we are performing in the early evening. The Senior Band section commences at 6:00pm and we are the 9th Band to perform. Our arrival time at the Eisteddfod is 5:30pm. We will watch several other bands first before going backstage to prepare for our performance. The adjudication results will be right after our performance.

Full details and permission notes have been sent home with your child.

We thank you for your highly valued support and enthusiasm for Instrumental Music at Gilston SS!

Steve Broxton / Instrumental Music

LIBRARY NEWS

For the Fete, the library is collecting books that can be sold at the second hand book stall. If you have any unwanted books that you would like to donate, please leave them at the library. So please start searching on your bookshelves.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

The best gift any parent can give a child is the love of good books and the joy and benefits of good reading. Children who read at home, or are read to, have a head start on reading success in school.

Gilston State School is participating in Scholastic Book Club. Twice a term during the school year a Club flyer will be sent home with a different selection of books offered. You will find award-winning books, as well as old and new favourites. The books span a wide range of children's reading levels and interests and are inexpensive (some books cost as little as \$2.00).

It is easy to order. Our first issue will come home with children during term 3. Just look over the flyer with your child, select the books you want, then go to the new Linked Online Orders & Payments (LOOP) Book Club website and place your order.

Method of payment – Credit Card payments and orders can be made online, or on the iPhone/Android App. These order forms do not need to be return to school. Please refer to the accompanying 'LOOP – How to' flyer for easy step by step instructions.

No Cash Orders Please – the school is running a Cashless Book Club.

Owning your own books is something special! We hope that you will encourage your child to order books this year. Each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for our library and classrooms; however there is never any obligation to order. There is no better way to encourage reading than to allow children to choose the books they want to read.

CHAPPY SPACE

Unwanted Bikes And Parts Needed - Our year 6 Shedmen program is currently working on refurbishing old bikes. If you have any old bike frames or parts you don't need please bring them in on Thursday or Friday to Chappy's room down by the year six rooms.

Spring Holidays Camp- CYC's Spring Junior Camp is on again! The best way to spend your holiday (if you're in Year 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! Dates: 28 September-2 October 2015. Cost: \$220. (Register before 24 August to Receive a FREE T-Shirt). Location: CYC Burleigh. Registrations close on 21 September. 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. 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 I have no choice but to not run it. **So please ensure your children eat something or take some extra food and not rely solely 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 and

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, etc., every little bit helps. If you work for a business who could donate supplies to our breakfast club please contact me at 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 supplies us 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 5578932, 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 0421664466 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 0520222, Juice 107.3 Careline 55 283 555.

TUCKSHOP REPORT

Thursday 30 July - Help needed

Ice Blocks – Karen Crabb

Friday 31 July – Teresa Evans / Help needed

Ice Blocks - Help needed

Monday 3 August - Help needed

Ice Blocks – Mel Moore

Tuesday 4 August – Dorothy / Amé Seagrove

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Wednesday 5 August – Dorothy / Caroline Elliott

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Thursday 6 August – Tracey Zimmerman

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Friday 7 August – Kristy Griffin / Sally McRobert

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Warm welcome to our new volunteers, Dorothy, Caroline Elliott and Sally Mc Robert. Thank you to you all for your time and effort.

Thank you to all families who ordered pies from our pie drive - it was a huge success. Pies will be ready for collection on **Thursday 6 August and Friday 7 August** from 2.30-4.00pm. Please bring your own bags, boxes or Woollies/Coles environmental bags are also good to transport your pies home. **Also please note, no children are allowed to collect pies, parents must sign for these upon collection from the tuckshop.**

Have a good week, Nicole Meesen- Tuckshop Convenor

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Queensland Government's Get Started Vouchers are Open Now -Get Started Vouchers assists children and young people who can least afford or may otherwise benefit from joining a sport or active recreation club. Eligible children and young people are provided with a voucher valued up to \$150, which can be redeemed at a sport or recreation club that is registered for Get Started Vouchers. **Google "Get Started Vouchers"** to find out more about the program.

GIRLS REGIONAL AFL MATCH PROGRAM – Robina AFC – Scottsdale Drive– 7 August to 18 September – 5.30-7.00pm – FREE – U/6 to U/12. Register at:

<http://www.emailform.com/builder/form/5ZJvEg7YydH9eD3bb>

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

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.