



GILSTON STATE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I was pleased to be part of the second **Enrolling Families information session** yesterday. The session provided those in attendance the opportunity to meet personnel from a range of agencies that support families and to learn about the plans for the transition program for next year's prep students. I was able to explain the Enrolment Management Plan and promote the importance of **submitting a completed enrolment application** for those outside the catchment.

Is parenting the most important job? I suspect there would be a vast majority of people who would believe so. I am certain that it is **amongst the most challenging jobs** and one for which there is no clear manual. As with other jobs we do, in my case being a principal, we undertake learning to enhance our knowledge and skills. With parenting, apart from the on-the-job, just-in-time learning there are opportunities to engage in learning that is provided by a range of agencies. After speaking with Kerri from **ACT for Kids** this morning I am now aware of a web-based calendar that outlines a range of **parenting programs**. I am happy to bring this site and the accompanying resources to your attention. <http://www.healthygc.com.au/Community-Resources/Parenting-Programs.aspx>

Gilston has many **partnerships with the community** that have long been established. One of these is with **Bunnings** where personnel have come into the school to run workshops and teach specific skills to students. Next week this partnership will extend to the provision and installation of two raised garden beds for growing herbs and vegetables for use in the tuckshop. This project will also provide learning opportunities for students. **I recognise and thank Bunnings** for their continued support.

The student **"collection" and "delivery" zone** is clearly signed with a 2 minute standing limit. Parking in this zone creates a back log of vehicles through the car park. I am aware that **police officers will be on site** as part of the safety campaign around schools. To **avoid a fine** and maintain student safety, please ensure you park legally and observe all signage.

As part of the supervision process, next week **James Forrest** will be interviewing teachers at Gilston regarding reading practices within our school. This action is tied to our improvement agenda that has focused clearly on **guided reading** this year. I look forward to James' feedback regarding our progress as I expect he will recognise the dedication and application of the teachers to this agenda.

FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday	5 June	Last day for Book Club Issue 4 orders Last day for recipes and drawings for cookbook
MONDAY	8 JUNE	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Thursday	11 June	Last day payment Year 5 & 6 Sport Gala Day
Friday	12 June	Last day for Pie Drive orders
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
95.59	94.75	95.39	94.08	93.58	94.34	94.38

Forget "The Voice", the **GPAC** (Gilston Performing Arts Competition) **is looming** and students are busy honing their performances hoping to be selected to compete in the final. This event, and the lead up to it, provides a wonderful opportunity for performing artists. I **applaud Alison** for the continued support for this venture and look forward to the final.

Gilston has been the beneficiary of acts of support by a range of organisations and individuals in our local area. Most recently Charlie from Boral has provided some road base to patch an access track, Col and the road crew fixed potholes and Jeff Bennett will use his machinery to enhance draining and spread road base. Much of this work and generosity goes unnoticed in the general running of our school so I am **keen to bring these contributions to your attention**.

Finally this week I wish to express **my appreciation to our parents and carers** for the commitment to ensuring your children are dressed in uniform every day in accordance with our **dress code**. If you have a child that challenges the wearing of uniform and needs proof of the code, including references to **jewellery and haircuts/colours**, please show them the **details on the website**.

Reminder: **Next Monday is a Public Holiday** – Queen's Birthday

Stay safe and keep smiling.

Bruce

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Reader's Cup

Congratulations to our students who competed in the Annual Reader's Cup competition at Hillcrest Christian College last night. I'm immensely proud of Heidi, Tracen, Yannik, Eloise and Levi for being a great team, working together and conversing with each other about the question periods. Their engagement and dedication to their studies of the selected books served them well. At the first mark they were in second place, at the half way they were leading. After the final tally and some very difficult questions they ended with fifth place, a truly admirable position given the number of schools and talent on the night. Gilston has a proud history in doing very well in this competition and this year we saw our team carry on that tradition. I'd also like to thank Mrs Stone for her work in getting the students ready to the degree they were.

The price of success is hard work, dedication to the job at hand, and the determination that whether we win or lose, we have applied the best of ourselves to the task at hand. Well done everyone.

Nerang High School

On behalf of Nerang State High School, I would like to extend heartfelt thanks to the Gilston State School parents for their attendance and participation at the first Parent Information Evening for the enrolling students of 2016. If you were not able to make it, there will be another evening in September, with the date to be advised.

Enrolment Packs are now available should you require one, if you would like further information, you can visit us on our website www.nerangshs.eq.edu.au or email us at info@nerangshs.eq.edu.au. If you have a very specific question, please don't hesitate to email me directly on awool42@eq.edu.au.

Sincerely,

Aaron Woolnough

Junior Secondary Head of Department

Nerang State High School

P & C NEWS

Our next P & C meeting will be Monday 15 June at 7.00pm. All parents and carers are both invited and most welcome to attend.

Volunteers Required

We are currently looking for some volunteers to assist in the **Uniform Shop**. If you have an interest in helping on either day, please give Christene a call on 0432 275 195.

We are currently looking for some volunteers to assist with our **School Banking** on Friday between 9.00-11.00am each week. If you have an interest in helping, please give Mel a call on 0416 085 689.

Uniform Shop

The P & C are trialling EFTPOS facilities in the Tuckshop for 4 weeks. This will impact our in-store Uniform Shop EFTPOS facility on Friday mornings for the trial duration. I recommend ordering through Flexischools or popping down to see the lovely ladies on Tuesday afternoon for uninterrupted EFTPOS facilities. If Fridays are your only option then we will endeavour to provide the best possible service given the circumstances. The P & C thank you for your patience.

The normal opening hours for the shop remain Tuesday 2.15-3.15pm and Friday 8.30-9.30am.

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.

Winter Uniform Clearance

Well it seems that winter is again upon us. **The Uniform Shop will be having a DISCOUNT SALE on a number of our winter items.** These include boys cargo pants, girls bootleg pants, microfibre track pants and limited sizes in old style fleecy jumpers and track pants. These items will be discounted until the end of June 2015 and will be available for purchase in store at our uniform shop and at the rotunda next Wednesday 10 June from 8:15am, so come along and get yourself a winter bargain. Items will be available while stocks last. Any questions or queries please feel welcome to give me a call.

Christene Dukes P & C Vice President Tel: 0432275195.

GILSTON CLUB

Last year's Entertainment books have now expired, so if you would like to purchase a current one, we still have them for sale. You have the option of buying a hard copy or you can download a digital version. The digital version is smart phone compatible, so the coupons are on hand at all times.

Flyers were sent home a couple of weeks ago and there are some spares in the office or you can go online to <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/1446u93> to order directly.

Mel Wright 0416 085 689.

HELLO FROM THE FAIR COMMITTEE...

This is the final week for recipes to be emailed through for the school cookbook (due date is 5 June). Please try and get these in as the kids will love reading through and seeing their recipe plus their friends' recipes. It's also a great keepsake to hand down through the generations. I still have mine from primary school! All art work to be handed in to Nicole at the Tuckshop also by Friday.

Email recipes to gilstonschoolcommunityfair@gmail.com

CALLING ALL TRADIES - if there are any Dads out there that would kindly donate an hour or two of their time, then we would love to hear from you. We thought we could add this to our list of Cent Auction prizes - "Win a TRADIE for an hour". This could be a labourer, plumber, handyman, gardener or anything. In return the winner may require

more of your time, so it's a win-win situation!
Email your interest to
gilstonschoolcommunityfair@gmail.com
If anyone has any questions in regards to the fair please
don't hesitate to contact us on the above email address.
Thank you to everyone so far for your involvement.
Remember Many Hands Make Light Work'

LIBRARY REPORT

A very big thank you to all the parents and students of Gilston who supported the Book Fair last week and made a purchase.

Thanks to your generous support we sold \$4,300 worth of books. With the commission we have purchased new books in the library for our students to read and enjoy.

We will hold another Book Fair in November. This book Fair is always popular as Christmas is coming.

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

Overdue Books - Please make sure you encourage your child to borrow a book each week from our library and to return their books on time.

Kathy Stone / Librarian

READER'S CUP COMPETITION

Congratulations to our Reader's Cup team, Eloise, Heidi Benford, Levi Jordison, Yannik Zwolsman and Tracen Nel on their great performance last night at Hillcrest Christian College. Our team finished in 5th overall from a field of 24 schools. It was a very close competition, with only 4 points separating Gilston from the winning team, which was Caningeraba State School. Thank you to these students for their hard work and dedication over the last few months and also to their families for their support.

Mrs Stone – Reader's Cup Coach

CHAPPY SPACE:

Thank you for making Chappy Week such a special week! Thank you to our 35 contestants in the Lego Competition and to Levi and Alex in year 6 who came up with the idea - well done! Congratulations to Kobe in year 2 who took out first prize!

Congratulations also to Hudson in year 6 who won the Penny skateboard for raising the most money in our Ks4Kids Chaplaincy fun run fundraiser and also to Alicia in year 6 who also won a Penny skateboard for the best TAGYI (selfless selfie).

Well it seemed like we were cooking and feeding the school sausages all day long on Friday so I hope nobody missed out! Thank you to Ian and Sue Bishop and to Wei who came down to help out and the teachers who helped at first break.

The magic show was the talk of the town and many of our seniors enjoyed some Minute to Win it games at the break as well.

There was certainly lots going on and I believe it was a successful week enjoyed by all.

Next week I look forward to bringing my report and pictures on the Ks4Kids Fun run with the total raised. Stay tuned!

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

There is room for new volunteers to come and 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 4 June – Kristy Griffin / Help needed

Ice Blocks – Karen Crabb

Friday 5 June – Teresa Evans / Help needed

Ice Blocks - Help needed

Monday 8 June – PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Tuesday 9 June – Amé Seagrove / Karen Bowden

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Wednesday 10 June - Help needed

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Thursday 11 June - Help needed

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Friday 12 June - Kristy Griffin / Help needed

Ice Blocks - Help needed

We need volunteers please. If you can spare an hour or two we would really appreciate your help. It is a great way to meet other parents while helping out your school tuckshop. Come and see Nicole in the tuckshop for more information.

PIE DRIVE – Remember to get out there and SELL, SELL, SELL. We have extended the date for payments and orders; these are now all due back by **Friday 12 June**. Delivery date is still the same (Tuesday 23 June, Wednesday 24 June and Thursday 25 June).
Till next week.

Regards, 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.

