PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

The dedication and concerted efforts of all staff toward our Explicit Improvement Agenda has resulted in some impressive progress. All four teams (Spelling and Reading, 21st Century Learning, Consistent Behaviour Management and Protocols) have clarified key elements, provided regular updates and associated professional learning opportunities resulting in the refinement of practices. I commend each of the teams for their impressive progress.

Gilston is fortunate to have fostered positive relationships with the wider community such that our core business can be enhanced through support from beyond the fence. Another recent example has been the provision of high visibility vests for our staff by RSEA. Finding an adult in our playground has been made much easier thanks to this support.

In consultation with Sam, our Assistant Regional Director, we have arranged for Graeme to act as Principal of Gilston during the period of my long service leave. Nicola and Heather will assume the role of Deputy Principal during this time. This arrangement will ensure minimal disruption to the progression of our agenda.

I will be on leave for the last two weeks of this term and first two weeks of term three.

The end of the term is filled with exciting activities including, sports carnivals and performing arts. I know that many of our students look forward to and excel in these arenas. I too was one of these students – sports days were the best part of the year! If you can make the necessary arrangements I invite you to be part of these events.

I am still on the hunt for some kind wood chippers to donate some mulch for our gardens. If you know someone who may fit this description, please ask if they can help.

Stay safe and keep smiling.

Bruce

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

NAIDOC Week

Celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.
This year’s NAIDOC theme honours all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women who have fought in defense of our country. From our warriors in the frontier wars to our warriors who have served with honour and pride in Australia's military conflicts and engagements across the globe, we proudly highlight and recognise the role they have played in shaping our identity and pause to reflect on their sacrifice.

We celebrate and honour their priceless contribution to our nation.

The host city for the National NAIDOC Awards Ceremony is the Gold Coast. Gilston State School will be celebrating NAIDOC on Wednesday 25 June. We have the Jerrugal people coming out to do a ‘Welcome to Country’ dance performance and other activities for our school community. Some of our classes are also putting together some activities as well. Ask your child what they’re doing and make it a date to come and be part of the celebration.

A Bucket List
A recent study funded by the South Australian Government has concluded that we are at risk of having an entire generation of children who will grow up with a ‘nature deficit’. The study found that one in four parents admit that their children have never climbed a tree, and the average child has 4.5 hours of screen time but less than two hours playing outside. These findings aren’t new or that alarming, we’ve heard it all before. The reasons for such statistics are many and varied. Nevertheless, the study released a 51 point bucket list for children to do before they reach 12 years of age. Some of them are: 

- Climb a tree
- Fall off a bike
- Do something you’re scared to do
- Learn the Aboriginal names for five plants and animals (from your neighbourhood)
- Play beach cricket
- Go on a school camp
- Visit a waterhole
- Catch a fish
- Go abseiling

The above are only some of the myriad of activities a child could engage in whilst outdoors. What is worth taking from the findings is the importance of developing in young generations an understanding of the natural world around them and their place in it. Equally important is the growth and development in their understanding of how they can become more resilient and confident outside their comfort zones.

The significance of a man is not what he hopes to do but what he does achieve.

P&C NEWS
It seems like the weeks roll into each other, only a couple of quick items: A great article recently published in the Advertiser (a South Australian paper) and shared by our new Secretary Mel Andrew - titled “51 Things to do before you are 12” has some great suggestions. Given school holidays are looming we thought you may find it an interesting tick list or activity program for your children. While not wanting to steal the thunder my favourites on the list were: 19. Slide down a grass hill on cardboard, 24. Plant something and watch it grow, 50. Find a lake, puddle, pond, etc. and use a magnifying glass to spot creatures in it. Visit the web site for the full list at www.naturespalysa.org.au just a thought.

Senior Shirts - We have some additional stock available from the tuckshop at a reduced price of $15.00 per shirt.

sizes are limited: Year 7: Size 10 x 3, Size 12 x 6, Size 14 x 5, Small adult x 3. Year 6: Size 12 x 13 and size 16 x 5. Once these shirts are sold there are no further orders pending.

Have a great week. Any questions feel welcome to call. Warm regards, Narelle Reed, P & C President Tel: 0403046920

GILSTON CLUB NEWS
There are 158 RAFFLE BOOKS STILL OUTSTANDING! They need to come back IMMEDIATELY. Letters will be going out to families who have not returned their raffle books, however it’s not really fair that volunteer mums have to spend their time following this up. Please do the right thing and return them, sold or unsold! On the other side, there have been some families who have done a fantastic job selling not just their book, but many more. We will make special mention of these families once all books have been returned.

Have a great week and I look forward to seeing all the raffle books returned this week!!

For all things Gilston Club, email us at gilstonclub@gilstonss.eq.edu.au or phone/text me on 0414912217.

Thanks. Lisa – Chairperson

LIBRARY NEWS
Book Club Issue 4 was sent home last week. Please return all completed order forms to the library by Tuesday 10 June.

Premier’s Reading Challenge – students who are participating in this please keep reading your books every week and recording them on your reading sheet.

Many thanks.

Librarians

DENTAL VAN

Dental Van will arrive at Gilston on the 30 June 2014. Students in grades (7E, 6/7, 6N, 6S) have been provided with an offer of oral health care examination card to take home.

If your child is enrolled in one of the grades listed above or are new to the school and did not receive an examination card and would like to arrange for your child to receive oral health care please contact the Oral Health Call Centre 1300 300 850. Monday to Friday 8.00am – 4.30pm excluding Public Holidays.

If your child requires disability access please identify this requirement with the Call Centre Operator.

CHAPPY SPACE
THANKS to all who joined in on ‘CHAPPY WEEK. We had cheese tosties for breakfast and a sausage sizzle for lunch - even vegeterian sausages. Thanks so much to my husband Ian plus Jim and Matt from United City Church who came down to man the BBQ. A shout of thanks must also go to Alex, Kylie and Dimitry for their help in preparation and serving and Mandy in the tuckshop with her crew for their support. Final thanks must go to Impact Ministries, United City Church and Newlife Care who sponsored the JJ Epidemic BMX half pipe show at Friday lunch which was enjoyed by all at Gilston.
JC Epidemic left me with 13 posters to give away! So if you would like one you need to write in 25 words or less what it was you enjoyed most and one point in their message that you remember and hopefully always will remember. Post your entry in the Chappy Mailbox outside the LOTE room and the winners will be announced at assembly on the 19 June.

Ks4kids - What an awesome event and everyone really enjoyed themselves and the challenge. Congratulations to all involved for a very successful day and thanks to the P & C for providing the crew with pizza afterward. Great job organising Scotty! Hats off to Bruce on his determination to finish though injured.

BREAKFAST CLUB REQUIRES ADULT VOLUNTEERS IN ORDER TO KEEP THIS COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL EVENT PART OF OUR SCHOOL PROGRAM. If you believe breakfast club is a great idea and you would not like to see it end we need people to put their hand up to help keep it going. We are no longer allowed to have children working in the kitchen and we need at least 4 adults each week. If you are happy to go on a roster to help once per month/fortnight or weekly I would love to hear from you samanthab@chappy.org.au. THANK YOU so much to the beautiful ladies who have helped us the last few weeks. You are all so wonderful and appreciated! The legends are Alex, Kylie, Mandy, Christene, Emily, Helena!

Prayer For Our Families - If there are any families in our community who wish to send prayer requests 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 Harvest City Church held in William Duncan School Hall. Enquiries -Sue 0421664466 www.kidsroc.com.au

CYC Holidays Camps At Burleigh - Winter camp registrations have opened. "Survivor" is the theme - prepare to be challenged! Get in quick to not miss out. For year 4-7 only.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER
Thursday 5 June - Tanya
Ice Blocks – Karen
Friday 6 June – Alex McCarthy, Melissa Moore
Ice Blocks – Kamila Bestmann
Tuesday 10 June – Erinna
Ice Blocks – Help needed
Wednesday 11 June – Stacey
Ice Blocks – Grant
Thursday 12 June - Tanya
Ice Blocks – Karen
Friday 13 June - Alex
Ice Blocks – Kamila

COMMUNITY NOTICES
KIDS BOXFIT CLASSES to be held at the Gilston Hall, Mondays and Wednesdays from 3.30-4.15 starting Monday 16 June. We have designed a fun, interactive program to inspire & motivate your children to enjoy the variety of our Kidz BoxFit Program. Children will learn hand eye coordination, listening and social skills, a mixture of boxing and other fitness based drills and games.$10pp per class & parents must be present to assist kids at all times. They must also provide their own boxing gear. For more information and to book, call Be At One Health & Fitness on 55022343. Numbers are limited and bookings essential. All ages welcome!

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