



# GILSTON STATE SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



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### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The **Fair** is rapidly approaching – **only 5 weeks to go!** These events are a wonderful opportunity for our community and **rely heavily on the dedication of a small band of coordinators** and the army of people that support them leading up to, and on the day. (There is also assistance required in the aftermath). **I urge you to play a part as your circumstance allows**, whether it be through **donations, giving your time** to work on the planning, **providing resources** for the day or helping on a stall at the Fair. Your **children are very excited** about the Fair and I look forward to basking in the community spirit that will inevitably be present – less so in the cold water that apparently is coming my way at noon.

At last count **almost 25% of you have registered** your details in preparation for the launch of the **QParents app**. This first stage takes a few minutes and is vital for your successful access to your child's school details.

As you read this edition, **Graeme will be acting Principal** while I attend the Queensland Association of State School Principals' State Council and Conference in Cairns. If you require his assistance please contact him through the ladies in the office.

The countdown to the **Eisteddfod choir performance** is nearly over. On **Monday night** next week our choir will compete against other schools at the Eisteddfod at the Gold Coast Arts Centre. For some this is something they have done before. For others it is the first time competing on the big stage in front of a very large audience of adults. I know that the hard work has been done and am confident that they will impress the judge on the night. **I wish them all the very best for this special experience.**

I know that many of you are doing your "homework" regarding **enrolling your children in high school**. If you are unsure of which school, my advice is that you investigate each option you are considering, including **speaking with staff at the school**. Additionally, you can learn much from **schools' website** including the availability of **scholarships** and **special offerings** for students complete with **applications**. **Parent information nights** are another valuable source of information and an opportunity to speak with a range of staff. Some of the local high schools arrange **student presentations** on our site for our students. Most recently I was very impressed with the Nerang SHS students visit where many ex-Gilston students came back to show off their wares.

All Year 3 and Year 5 individual student **NAPLAN reports** have been distributed. I encourage you to **celebrate with your child**

### FOR YOUR DIARY

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
Monday Friday	12 Octobe4r 16 October	Spellathon
Friday	16 October	Book Character Parade
Friday	23 October	Family Arts Nigh

#### 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
93.96	94.23	94.67	93.54	92.96	93.68	93.74

the achievements evident in these documents. I will receive some collective reports this week that will illustrate how we performed in comparison to the nation.

**Maintenance of our facilities**, including the gardens and oval spaces falls predominantly to a single person, Grant. Each week he works his way through the regular timetabled activities and identifies priorities with Jan regarding emerging projects. There is much of what **Grant** does that is unseen and I wish to **recognise his important contribution to the maintenance of our learning and work environment.**

**Amanda Otto** (another of our volunteers) continues to advocate for **improved conditions in the car parks and roads surrounding our school.** Most recently Amanda has submitted proposals to local and state Government representatives. Amanda is happy to hear from you with feedback and suggestions that will improve the safety of our school community. You may contact her on [admin@canzan.com.au](mailto:admin@canzan.com.au) or 0490 067 661 to learn more about the current strategy.

The **Family Arts Night**, the **Book Character Parade** and the **Spell-a-thon** dates have been confirmed and are included in the diary on the front of the newsletter. Please transfer these to your diaries.

In closing I wish to make you aware that **all teaching staff will be leaving at 3.00pm next Wednesday** to ensure they are punctual at the professional learning that has been arranged for all teachers in the Nerang Alliance of Schools at Nerang SHS.

Stay safe and keep smiling.

Bruce

#### **HELLO FROM THE FAIR COMMITTEE...**

5 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 Flexi Schools or from Nicole at the Tuckshop, jump the queues!

1 PASS-\$30

2 PASSES-\$55

3 PASSES-\$80

Thank you so much to all the families that have already brought in their items. Please keep on sending in your requests ASAP i.e.: Blocks of Chocolate, Mystery Jars, Hair Supplies, and Stockings. Plants and Baking your turn is soon!

The school 'Cookbook' is in its final stage of completion and can I tell you it looks 'Amazing'. To pre-order your copy simply log onto FlexiSchools. The price is \$15 and collection will be on the day of the fair from the 'Cookbook Stall'. Get in quick as only 500 copies have been published so you do not want to miss out!

A special 'Thanks' must go out to Andrea Goldring, Danielle Wibaux, Kari-Ann Elliot, Tam Bell and Nicole Meesen - what a marvelous job!

We are now finalising the items for our Cent Auction. The prizes we have in so far look fantastic! If you are in a position to donate please drop your prizes off to Nicole at the Tuckshop no later than the end of next week.

Thanks to you all for your support.

'Remember Many Hands Make Light Work'

**DENTAL HEALTH WEEK 2015**, 3 – 9 August, aims to educate Australians about 'Sports and Oral Health'. The Australian Dental Assoc. is urging Australians who play sport or who work out to talk to their dentist – as their actions on the field or at the gym can be impacting their oral health.

[www.dentalhealthweek.com.au](http://www.dentalhealthweek.com.au)<<http://www.dentalhealthweek.com.au/>>

#### **LIBRARY NEWS**

Thank you to those parents who have already scoured their bookshelves for books that we can sell at the Fair's Secondhand Book Stall.

Please keep them coming.

#### **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 returned 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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 6 August – Tracey Zimmerman

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Friday 7 August – Kristy Griffin / Help needed

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Monday 10 August - Help needed

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Tuesday 11 August – Dorothy

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Wednesday 12 August – Dorothy

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Thursday 13 August – Tracey Zimmerman

Ice Blocks – Karen Crabb

Friday 14 August – Teresa Evans/Sally McRobert

Ice Blocks - Help needed

Remember to collect your Pies and Slices from the tuckshop on Thursday 6 August between 2.30-4.00pm. Thank you to all the families who supported both our pie drives, both being very successful.

**Who has time to bake cupcakes for their children to take to school when it is their birthdays?** Well from now on the Tuckshop is offering this service. We will bake, ice

and deliver them down your child's classroom. Cost is \$20 for a class lot of plain cupcakes or \$25 for a class lot of iced cupcakes. At least 3 days' notice is needed. If you have any queries please come and see the tuckshop.

Keep safe and have a great week.

Nicole Meesen- Tuckshop Convenor

#### **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**MERRIMAC STATE HIGH SCHOOL** offers Summit Excellence Programs for Year 7 in 2016 to students with Academic, Digital Technology, High Performance Sport and Dance talent. Details can be found on the school website or phone 5595 8666.

**MOUTHGUARD POLICY COMPETITION: (OPEN JULY 1 2015 AND CLOSING AUGUST 23 2015)** - As part of the Australian Dental Association's commitment to oral health promotion, the association is offering seven \$1,000 grants to sporting clubs and schools in Australia. These grants aim to help sports clubs and schools promote mouth guard awareness and injury prevention. To go in the draw to win a \$1000 grant for your club or school, simply follow these two steps;

Step one: Visit [www.dentalhealthweek.com.au](http://www.dentalhealthweek.com.au) download the mouth guard policy form and fill in the missing fields and implement within your club or school.

Step two: Upload a creative photo of your team implementing the mouth guard policy to the ADA Healthy Teeth Australian Facebook page, like the ADA Healthy Teeth Page and hashtag #dentalhealthweek in your post.

**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.emailreform.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.

**GIDDY UP GOLD COAST – Fun 4 Kids** (beginners 3-11) – learn horse care and bonding with horses as well as an opportunity to ride a horse and make new friends, 1.30 & 3.45pm Tues & 2.45pm Sat) – from \$15/hr. **After School/ Weekend Program** (7-18) all levels horse care and 1 hr riding tuition. Arrive from 3.00pm through to 6.00pm (lesson at 4.00pm) \$66pp. Phone 5667 7468.

