Welcome back everyone. We have arrived at that time of the year where only ten weeks separate students progressing to the next year level. For our Year 6 students this is most significant as they move to the high school environment as Queensland schools are calibrated to align with the rest of the Australian states. Our sevens too will be making the transition to a range of high schools on the coast and for both these groups there will be some significant events prior to the end of term.

Kelly Clark joins our team this term as Deputy Principal while Graeme is on long service leave. It was a pleasure to introduce Kelly to the staff and students yesterday as we made our way through the class rooms and facilities. History tells me that she will be afforded a warm welcome from you all as she goes about the tasks associated with the Deputy Principal role.

Another new face in our team is Natalie Wilkes. Natalie will be replacing Yolanda in Year 6 for the term and is already working closely with David to ensure consistency of learning across the year level. Whilst not a “new” face, we also re-embrace Debbie Favero back from her leadership role at Broadbeach. Debbie’s learning from the experience will be a bonus for her students and for our school more broadly.

The You Can Do It! (YCDI!) elements: Organisation, Resilience, Persistence, Getting Along and Confidence are fundamental to the development of students at Gilston. Whether you follow rugby league or not you will not have been able to avoid the stories surrounding the NRL Grand Final last weekend. After 43 years without a grand final win, the South Sydney team, the “Bunnies”, finally broke the Premiership drought. So many aspects of their journey can be aligned to these YCDI! elements as can the individual and team contributions during the final. I urge you to use examples like this one to reinforce in your children the YCDI! elements.

Gin Ueno’s (Year 3) recent success in the state piano competition is another example. He won the event and will be performing at the winners’ concert this weekend in Brisbane. For most of us the first time we came to know about Gin’s ability on the piano was during the Performing Arts competition when he was in year 1. On that occasion Gin impressed all in attendance with his skill on the keyboard. His talent is the product of dedication through the application of the YCDI! elements. If you would like to see and hear Gin’s talents for yourself, try these practice pieces. 

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2014 Explicit Improvement Agenda
- Reading and Spelling
- 21st Century Learning
- Consistent and Positive Behaviour Management

Gilston Expectations
- Be a Learner
- Be Responsible
- Be Respectful
- Be Safe

Current Attendance Levels

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On Thursday of the second week of the holiday we welcomed the Japanese travellers back to Australia. **Kylie and Glenn very ably led the expedition** which included visitation to many cultural highlights and the chance to assimilate with home stay families associated with our sister school, Kobayashi Junior High. I **congratulate Kylie** for the success of the tour and commend both Glenn and her for the dedication to providing this experience for the students. The following photo highlights how everyone wanted to be part of the tour with **Peter FitzSimons**, columnist for the Sydney Morning Herald and Sun-Herald, photo bombing the group as they prepared to leave Coolangatta.

As you make your way around the grounds this week you may notice that during the break some of the play areas have been top dressed and turfed. This is part of the maintenance process and I ask that you help by ensuring that you and your children avoid these spaces before and after school while they regenerate.

In closing I remind you all to **be supermodels**. Children watch what you do and listen to what you say. They will imitate your behaviours so please ensure you display those behaviours we expect in our young people.

Stay safe and keep smiling.

Bruce

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

This term I will be acting in Mr Weatherburn’s position while he is taking some well-deserved long service leave. I have received a very warm welcome from staff and students and already feel part of the Gilston community. Yesterday I spent part of the day visiting all classrooms to meet the students. I was very impressed with their behaviour, attitude and general manner towards their schooling. The teachers welcomed me into their classrooms and assisted me with processes and protocols here at Gilston.

I was impressed to see our school leaders taking an active part in the school community during break times by assisting with supervision in the playground.

I look forward to working closely with staff, students and the wider community throughout the term to ensure we are supporting every student on their learning journey.

Until next time,

Kelly

P & C News

Seems like we were just here last week, this set of holidays seemed to just fly. Let’s get straight into it - road safety and making sound choices. Your children are regularly reminded regarding the road rules, and using the crossing. As parents and carers we can assist this learning by actually using the crossing. As adults our sensory perception on the speed of vehicles and our capacity to predict is obviously far greater than our small children, so whilst in your care scooting across the road not on the crossing may be reasonably ok, just imagine the potentially tragic outcome should your child try to do it on their own. Please use the crossing.

**Trivia Night – 8 November** - Always a fantastic evening, book a table of 10, or join a combined table. Just $10 per person. See Mrs Wolfenden for details.

**Uniform Shop** - Still chasing those elusive volunteers for every 2nd Friday, 8.30-9.30am. Easy to do, training provided. You wouldn’t be on your own, it’s a shared role. Please contact Christene Dukes on 0432275195 if you can help.

Available at the tuckshop just a few Senior 2014 shirts left in stock **$5 each**. If you would like one Year 6: Size 12 x 5, Size 16 x 2 and Year 7: Size 10 x 3. First in first serve basis.

Enjoy term 4, warm regards, Narelle Reed P & C President

Tel: 0403046920

GILSTON CLUB NEWS

**Kids Artwork Fundraiser** – the kids artwork will be available for viewing and ordering next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8.15am at the Rotunda. Order Forms are going out this week, so please check your child’s bag. Payment can be by cash or EFTPOS. If you can donate your time on any of these mornings to help out, please let me know.

**Trivia Night tickets available now** - $10.00 p/person with tables of 10 (to be held on 8 November). Please place cash and names in an envelope and drop it in the box in the office. Remember, we love our raffle and auction items to be from local families, so if you have something you can donate, please let me know or drop it into the office.

**Next Gilston Club Meeting is next Wednesday 15 October at 9.15am** in the Library.

Remember, for all things Gilston Club, email us at gilstonclub@gilstonss.eq.edu.au

Thanks… Lisa - Chairperson

I wanted to use this opportunity to remind everyone who is using social media sites like Facebook or Instagram to ensure they have deactivated the location services for these apps. Without doing this each and every post leaves a footprint of where you were at that moment you posted including your exact location, time and date. This in turns allows for any person to see your movements including your exact location, time and date. This is important for child safety to ensure parents educate our kids about these risks and take appropriate action to decrease the chances of harm being brought to our children. If you need any assistance to learning how to do this or guidance about child cyber safety please don’t hesitate to pop into the Nerang station for help or check out http://www.police.qld.gov.au

Officer D.

LIBRARY NEWS

**Scholastic Bookclub** has been sent home this week. Orders are due back by Wednesday 22 October. Payments are made either on-line or by phone, so no cash comes to school, only the order forms. Thank you.

**Overdue Books** – we are now in Term 4 and the library is going to be doing a stocktake of all the current resources we hold. With this in mind, we are requesting all overdue books be returned this week if possible. Any books not returned by next Monday will result in an invoice for the cost of the book being issued to parents next week with 14 days for payment. Thank you for your co-operation.

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Book Fair – this term the library will be hosting a Book Fair. The dates are 10-24 November. This will be a great opportunity to do some early Christmas shopping with a range of great books available to choose from.

Quote of Week – “There are many little ways to enlarge your child’s world. Love of books is the best of all.” Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis.

RUGBY 7’s
This weekend the Gold Coast International Rugby 7’s tournament is being played at CBUS Super Stadium. As part of the ‘Adopt a Country Program’, the Kenyan team is coming to visit our school this Thursday at second break. They will kick a footy with the students on the oval and then stay as our guests at assembly. To help celebrate this great event, The Australian Rugby Union is offering a special ticket deal to our school. Up to four children get in free with a paying adult. See below for details. We look forward to meeting the team from Kenya.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER
Thursday 9 October – Tanya
Ice Blocks – Karen
Friday 10 October – Ann/Theresa
Ice Blocks – Help needed
Monday 13 October – Help needed
Ice Blocks – Help needed
Tuesday 14 October – Help needed
Ice Blocks – Help needed
Wednesday 15 October - Help needed
Ice Blocks – Help needed
Thursday 16 October – Tanya/Bec Moore
Ice Blocks – Karen
Friday 17 October – Brenda/Kristy/Theresa
Ice Blocks – Help needed

If you can help out for 1 or 2 hours on any day, please come and see me. In the morning we require help making sandwiches and wraps, and then in the afternoon we need help selling over the counter items. It is a great way for you to meet other Mums and Dads within our school community.

 Regards, Nicole Meesen – Tuckshop Convenor

COMMUNITY NOTICES

TEennis Coaching – classes conducted on Monday mornings from 8.00am. Cost is $17 per lesson, discounts for 3 or more children. All enquiries Rowan Hollands, Gold Coast Tennis Coaching 0411 867 971, rowan@gctenniscoaching.com.au or www.gctenniscoaching.com.au.

The Gold Coast 7s ARE BACK? Come and support our Commonwealth Games bronze medallists as they play for a top four Sevens World Series spot that sees them automatically qualify for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games. Up to four kids enter for FREE with any adult purchaser of a single day pass to the Gold Coast Sevens.