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PRINCIPAL’S COMMENT

The best decisions are based on pertinent, valid and reliable information. I am pleased to share that our practices at Gilston are based on this premise. There has never been a time since I joined the Gilston School Community where our decision-making has been as confident due to our data. Assessments about student learning by our teachers and support staff provide the focus for future teaching and learning. Analyses of opinions from stakeholders reveal common aspirations and areas for attention and fiscal management is directed by the scrutiny made possible through the use of computer programs. It is important to remember though, in the face of all the research, data and computer aided analysis, we have a high-quality team of educators whose vast experience provides the basis for decisions affecting the social and emotional learning of our students. These aspects of our organisation cannot be measured as simply and objectively as others. I believe that all these features combine to create an educational environment that meets the needs of each individual. I salute everyone in our community for the efforts made daily to sustain our culture and philosophy.

In a bid to save time and enhance efficiencies, we are continually adding options for parents regarding some management aspects of school. I remind you this week that providing us with your current e-mail address will ensure a wider range of payment options are available to you including BPay. Additionally, last week, unique identification numbers were sent home on a student ID card to support internet banking. Utilising this technology, you will be able to make payments without coming to the office in future. Furthermore, the “absence line” has been provided for you to call and lodge explanations for your child’s absence at any time, day or night. As technologies emerge that have the potential to save you, and us time, we will continue to incorporate them into our business practices. If you have suggestions for future enhancements, please let me know.

I have alluded to the fact that our agenda for term four is very full. One of the culminating events is our year seven presentation evening which will be held on the last Tuesday night of the school year. If you have a child in year 7, look out for some details about the evening including important details regarding the dress standard.

Maintaining our grounds is a huge task and Grant is currently lopping some of our gardens. Please do not be alarmed by the process as the plants will regrow. On 23 October I invite you to join us with some tasks around our grounds at our working bee.

Six year olds, their heads adorned in toques (pronounced “tokes” and meaning chef’s hat), busily conversing about their culinary masterpieces. This was the scene last week outside Mrs Faulkner’s classroom as they applied the knowledge and skills they had developed throughout their most recent unit of study. I wasn’t able to witness the scene directly but due to the modern technology at our disposal I sent in a spy with the video camera. They were engaged, they were learning and they were certainly having fun. Not a bad way to spend a morning.

Beginning tomorrow any child arriving at school after the second bell (9.00am) must report to the office. A “slip” will be given to the child for presentation to the teacher after the late arrival has been processed by the ladies in the office. I remain hopeful the ladies will not be inundated tomorrow. Be sure your child arrives to the class on time.

World Teachers’ Day will be celebrated at the end of October (Friday 28). It is a time when we all reflect on the contributions made collectively by these vital professionals. It appears that the secret is out. Our local member of State Parliament, Ros Bates is seeking some artwork from a budding artist to decorate her Christmas cards. Later in the newsletter there are details on how to enter the competition.

And finally, while on the topic of all things art, I remind you that our annual celebration of the artistic talents of our students will occur on 4 November at the Family Arts Night. Ensure you leave this date clear in your diary.

Stay safe and keep smiling.

Bruce
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S DEPOSITION

Food for thought about the importance of positive habits of the mind and an interesting way to look at the beauty of mathematics:

What equals 100%?
What does it mean to give 100%?
How about achieving 100%?
What equals 100% in life?

Here’s a little mathematical formula that was given to me that might help answer these questions and as I said earlier, highlight the beauty and certainty of mathematics. If


is represented by

1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26

Then the word K-N-O-W-L-E-D-G-E could be represented and collated as

11+14+15+23+12+5+4+7+5 which would equal 96%

and H-A-R-D-W-O-R-K could be represented and collated as

8+1+18+4+23+15+18+11 which would equal 98%.

But A-T-T-I-T-U-D-E would be

1+20+20+9+20+21+4+5 which equals 100%.

Therefore one could conclude with mathematical certainty that while HARDWORK and KNOWLEDGE will get you close, ATTITUDE will get you there.

Evidence of this little math formula at work will be displayed tonight by some of our students participating in the Speaking Out Competition at Nerang State High School starting at 4:30pm. These are the students representing Gilston State School,

Year 4 - Arminah Beaton
Year 5 - Marcos Gaudens-McMullin
Year 6 - Tenae Cohen
Year 7 - Hiwot Emerson

I will be going along to see and hear these fine young people in action, doing themselves, their families and our school proud. Mrs Davies will also be there and be representing our school as an adjudicator.

P & C NEWS

Excellent meeting Monday night. High on the discussion was the upcoming working bee. In addition to our usual mulch spreading and garden tidy, did you know we have a wonderful blossoming nature trail at the base of the school? To enable this to be a fantastic learning environment for our children, it does need some attention and will be one of the areas we are looking at. If you can spare a couple of hours on Sunday 23 October 9am to 12.00pm that would be great. There’s a sausage sizzle lunch to finish off. On the day please bring any basic gardening equipment or wheel barrows if you have them.

The collection boxes are out the front of the Admin office, any donation of vouchers, old mobile phones and milk caps are greatly appreciated, with funds raised going towards both charity and projects for our children and school.

Disco

Friday the 28 October – keep an eye out for the flyer.

Uniform Shop

A reminder our uniform shop opens Tuesday 2.30–3.30pm and Friday 8.30–9.30am and is fully stocked for the arrival of our newest preppies next year, or for those who have already had the summer growth spurt. All second hand uniforms come in very handy, for those little accidents that happen from time to time. Please drop them into the office.

Road Safety

A gentle reminder not to park in either the bus zone or the drop off zone. We are all keen to get on our way during drop off, but please ensure we all follow the same rules and use the drop off zone correctly. Sometimes we may need to wait a couple of minutes at peak times, but for the safety of the children it is well worth it. We also remind all parents to use the crossing, because scooting through the middle of the traffic is not a safe choice.

Bookfair & Bookclub

With bookfair in full swing, it is a fun and interesting time for the children. All proceeds from your support of the bookclub and the bookclub throughout the year go directly back to the library to enable the purchase of updated resources and the latest fiction and non-fiction editions. Thank you for your continued support of this wonderful resource.

Have a great week and if I can be of any assistance, please give me a call. Narelle Reed P&C President Tel: 0403046920

GILSTON CLUB

Thanks to those of you who have already returned your raffle tickets! If you would like a second (or even third) book, please give our Secretary, Lisa, a call on 0414 912 217. Money and any unsold tickets need to be returned to the box in the office no later than 21 October. All tickets need to be back by then so the prize can be drawn on the Arts Night. Promotional whiteboards are running an offer for businesses in our school. They intend to give Gilston School whiteboard magnets with advertising space for sale that will be distributed amongst the student/family school body next year.

If you or your business would like more information, please contact me on 0404 429 534. Also don’t forget our upcoming Family Portrait opportunity.

Our next meeting will be held in the Library annex at 9.00am on Thursday 13 October. Kids are always welcome.

ALEX WILSON MCCARTHY

LIBRARY REPORT

Bookfair (10-24 October) - Great new book publications and Christmas gift ideas. Start saving now!! 40% in commission on sales comes to the library in book form.

Family Arts Night will be on Friday 4 November.

This will comprise of Band and Choir Performances, Individual Performers and the Student Art Exhibition.

Sausage sizzle, drinks, tea & coffee will be available.

Keep this date free.

Student Art Exhibition

Student’s art work from home may be delivered to the library from Wednesday 26 October until Tuesday 1 November. All students bringing art from home will be required to sign a waiver form indicating that the art work is theirs alone. These may be collected from the library.

Exhibition will feature classroom art plus individual art from home.

Categories are-

Prep – Year 1 2D & 3D
Year 2 - Year 4 2D & 3D
Year 5 – Year 7 2D & 3D

Fran Norgate / Teacher Librarian

CALLING ALL BUDDING ARTISTS.............

Our local State Member, Ros Bates MP, is preparing her Christmas card and would love for one of our students to supply a drawing to be used on the front of her card.

THEME: What does Christmas mean to you?

Drawings must be on A4 sized paper and be Christmas-themed.

Entries need to be given to the school administration before Friday 21 October.
LAST DISCO FOR 2011 - Friday 28 October
5.45pm – 7.00pm
Break
7.15pm – 8.30pm
Timetable for helpers below, so please return to school if you are available.
BBQ will be on so please feel free to bring siblings and stay for a fun family night out.
Phone – Tammy 0402 104 134, Angela 0409 231 982 or Mel 0416 085 689 if you have any queries.
NO PARKING in the church carpark

TUCKSHOP ROSTER
Thursday 13 October - Kirsty Feld
Ice Blocks - Tracey Smith
Friday 14 October - Helen Anderson, Kay Secombe
Ice Blocks – Jemma
Monday 17 October – PUPIL FREE DAY
Tuesday 18 October – Mandy Barbitta
Ice Blocks – Vicky Johnston
Wednesday 19 October – Tracy Smith
Ice blocks - Tracey Zimmerman
Thursday 20 October – Julie-Anne Campbell
Ice Blocks – Simone Beck
Friday 21 October – Helen Anderson, Kay
Ice Blocks – Tammy Gierse

• Drinks ordered are now sent to class in a “cold bag”
• Toasties still available for breakfast – cheese $2.50, ham & cheese $3.00.
• Brown paper bags can be purchased at Woolies/Coles - $2.00 for a pack of 100.
• Please complete your order at home and put in “slot” before 9.00am.

Disco Offer of Help - Thursday 23 June

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Parent Name: ________________________
Contact Number: ________________________
Student name: ________________________
Class: ________

COMMUNITY NOTICES

TENNIS COACHING – lessons on Thursdays at the school - $140 for the term. Contact Rowan Hollonds on 0411 867 971.
is supporting
Gilston State School on
Saturday 19th November 2011
by providing each family with a Framed 10" x 13"
Professional Portrait for your
$15.00 Donation

Vouchers are going home with each family this week. Alternatively, you can fill in the voucher below, place it in an envelope with your $15.00 donation and leave it in the box at the Office.

You shall then receive an appointment time
Please arrive 10 min prior
*Limited offer to one voucher per person/family
*Parent/guardian should view own portrait or postage & handling shall apply

www.laurajean.com.au

Families can view sample portraiture and optional packages - fantastic value and quality.

Friends, family and neighbours welcome to participate also - extra Vouchers in the Office
All photos to be ready before Christmas so if you wish to make it a Christmas photo, please feel free to bring along Santa Hats or other Christmas props.

Any queries, please contact Lisa (Gilston Club) on 0414912217

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**$15.00 Voucher**
Framed 10"x13" Family Portrait

Surname __________________________
Child’s Name/Class __________________________
Contact # __________________________
Email __________________________
Your preferred time   9-11am  11-2pm  2-5pm