PRINCIPAL’S COMMENT
I am hopeful that your family was spared any trauma as a result of the storm on the weekend. Unlike some of our neighbouring schools that sustained significant damage through falling trees, we were fortunate to have only minor damage outside. Unfortunately the associated power surge caused by damage to electrical infrastructure in the area has left us with some local power issues that will be rectified as soon as possible. The storm has prompted me to remind you all that should an event occur while your child is at school our staff will be making your child’s safety a priority. Making your way to the school during dangerous weather events is unsafe, unwise and unnecessary. Your children will be provided supervision by staff until the threat has passed and conditions are safe for you to travel to make collections.

Discipline is a quality that is common among successful people. These people have the ability to organise themselves in all facets of life and adhere to parameters, both self-imposed and as set by external authorities. “Successful people” isn’t a title I use here to describe a small group whose success has been measured through fame, wealth or sporting ability. Successful people are, in this instance, those who respect themselves and community in which they live. They are true to their values and recognise their responsibilities among others within the group. Gilston State School, through its commitment to instilling values and behaviours that promote respect and harmony, aims to provide each student with the best chance of becoming disciplined. I recognise the importance of the family unit in establishing and supporting these traits and thank you all for your ongoing commitment to collaboration with our staff at school.

On assembly last week we celebrated the success of Indiana after her artwork was selected to be displayed on one of the waste and recycling trucks that operate each week on the Gold Coast. The theme of her art work was “wiping out waste to make a more sustainable Gold Coast”. In addition to this public recognition Indiana will also receive prizes that include a Dolphin Aqua Adventure at Seaworld. I congratulate Indiana for her success and thank all students who participated for their dedication to this important environmental challenge.

Geneva and Lauren, through their cricketing prowess were recognised in the local paper on the weekend. The article outlined that they, along with girls from other schools had formed a team to compete in the local competition. I wish both girls and their team well as they demonstrate their skills. In all the years since its inception, I have attended the Speaking Out Competition held at Nerang SHS. Due to a clash in my diary I was unable to attend this year and, wouldn’t you know it, it was the most successful year so far for Gilston. Graeme was very impressed with the standard of performances by students from all schools and in particular by our Gilston team. I congratulate Arminah, Marcus, Tenae and Hiwot for being selected to represent Gilston and for their presentation at the competition. I also extend special congratulations to Arminah for winning her section and competing in the final against students ranging in age from eight to fifteen.

The selected pruning by Grant is progressing well. We predict that by the start of the next year the fresh growth will be established in time to welcome us back. We now need your help this weekend at the working bee to help spread the mulch in our gardens. Please give a couple of hours of your time to help us maintain our beautiful surroundings.

Fences will be erected today around the identified building site at the NW corner of our school. Once in place light machinery will be operating to prepare the groundwork in preparation for the installation of the relocatable building. Please feel free to monitor the progress with your child and point out to them the importance of safety around building sites.

Punctuality is respectful and is vital to the smooth operations of classrooms. I remind you all that if your child arrives after the second bell they cannot enter the classroom without a “slip” from the office.

World Teachers’ Day will be celebrated on 28 October. We are blessed with a group of wonderful teachers, each with their special gifts in imparting wisdom to your children. I invite you to celebrate the day.

Art work is adorning a growing number of nooks and crannies in the library in preparation for the Family Arts Night. The talents of our students are remarkable. I urge you to allow your child to provide you a guided tour during the evening of 4 November.

Stay safe and keep smiling
Bruce

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S DEPOSITION
Congratulations to Arminah Beaton, Marcus Gaudens-McMullen, Tenae Cohen and Hiwot Emerson who last week competed in the Nerang Alliance of Schools Speaking Out Competition. The event gives students the opportunity to represent their respective school by participating in public speaking. It was great to be able to watch and listen to these young people as they stood in front of a group of strangers and gave their opinions and thoughts about the chosen topic.
**P & C NEWS**

**Working Bee,** this Sunday 23 October 9.00am-12.00 noon, all hands on deck to scoot through and do some mulching, clear the drains and work on the nature trail. It is a fun morning plus a bit of gentle exercise and makes a huge difference to the look and feel of the school. We hope to see you there. Please bring any basic gardening equipment or wheel barrows if you have them.

**Disco - Friday 28 October**

**Uniform Shop**
A reminder our uniform shop opens Tuesday 2.30–3.30pm and Friday 8.30–9.30am. School bags have arrived - small $45.00, large $49.00. Great value and they really last, my children's are good for a 3rd year, and that dead banana smell washes out easily. Stocks are limited so it’s a first in first served basis.

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**
What a busy term we have! Our Arts Night is just around the corner, where we will draw the winner of the Seaworld Raffle BUT with 300 books yet to be returned, we are asking for your help. If you have lost your book, keep looking and come and see us on Friday if it hasn’t turned up. Everyone else, you have one more day to sell your tickets and return the book and money to the office NOT LATER THAN FRIDAY 21 OCTOBER!!! As an added incentive, we are offering ice blocks as prizes to the first class to return ALL THEIR RAFFLE BOOKS.

Don’t forget to return your booking form and money to the office for the Laura Jean Photography offer. Gilston also benefits from any shoes purchased from the Athletes Foot. Just mention which school you attend and we will receive a percentage of the sale.
We are so fortunate to be the beneficiaries of several schemes aimed to financially assist our school. Nerang RSL is another business that often supports us. They currently offer us $5.00 from each main meal bought from Gallipoli Brasserie on a Monday night. This is known as their “Helping Hand Initiative”. Collect a voucher from reception at the RSL.

Alex Wilson McCarthy – 0404 429 534

**LIBRARY REPORT**

**Bookfair (10-24 October) Now on!!!** Great new books and Christmas gift ideas. 40% in commission on sales comes to the library in book form.

Bookfair finishes at 9.00am Monday 24 October.

**Family Arts Night will be held 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.

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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 0414 912 217

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Surname ___________________________
Child’s Name/Class ___________________
Contact # _________________________
Email _____________________________
Your preferred time 9.00-11.00am 11.00am-2.00pm 2.00-5.00pm