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PRINCIPAL’S COMMENT

What a difference! In a few short hours a large parcel of the gardens at our school was transformed on the weekend by some willing and energetic workers. Mulch was spread, trees were planted, and others were lopped. On behalf of the whole school I thank the following families for giving of your time to help us ensure the environment in which our students learn is safe and aesthetically pleasing: Firmin, Bennett, Campbell, Beaton, Carlyle, Glew, Faulkner, Hendrie, Emerson, Harris, Amor, Gierse. I draw special mention to the children in attendance for their commitment to the tasks. Some were not even from Gilston however they came with their parents (staff at Gilston) to help out. I would like to recognise the year one teachers for their team contribution and in the case of Mrs Faulkner, for the entertainment in the form of the precision mower and trailer driving that drew a small crowd.

Gilston State School has a world champion. Tenika Stafford has returned from the world championships in Karate in Sydney with the World Title. In the 12 year old division Tenika had 23 fights, winning all 23. Congratulations Tenika, we are very proud of your achievement.

The transformation I describe above would not have been possible without the support of Cleancut Tree Services. This local business has provided the mulch necessary for the school and we are very grateful for their contribution. If you are in need of some tree removal, stump grinding, wood chipping or lopping, consider Cleancut Tree Services in the knowledge they have helped your child’s school.

There remain many more trees to plant and gardens to mulch. At the suggestion of some of the parents who were unable to make the working bee on Sunday, I am calling for expressions of interest from those of you who can volunteer some time with a few of your friends after dropping your children at school. Perhaps we could call this group the “Gilston Garden Gnomes”. If you can see yourself helping out with some friends, please lodge your name at the office so I can coordinate the relevant projects.

Friday this week has been set aside as a “Day for Daniel” to raise awareness of safety for children. At Gilston our teachers will be setting aside some time to address the topic at a level appropriate for respective year levels. I suggest that you take some time to address the topic in your home specific to your family circumstances as well. To mark the occasion, I invite you and your children to wear a red ribbon on Friday.

Ribbons can be worn in the hair (a challenge for some of us) or may be pinned to the shirt with a safety pin. I have some ribbon and pins for those of you who cannot find any at home. If you can help pin on some ribbons as children arrive at the front entrance on Friday, please let me know.

On the topic of safety, I ask you to remain vigilant in your supervision of your children in the morning and afternoon. We received a report of a “near miss” in the car park as a child ran onto the road into the traffic. To avoid a disaster, please take care.

Parvovirus B19 infection, also known as fifth disease or slapped cheek syndrome has been contracted by some of the Gilston students. Later in the newsletter I have included some details about this virus.

Expressions of intention to enrol continue to swell for 2012. These figures will assist us with planning for staff and accommodation. Importantly we need to know if you child will be transferring to another school for 2012 so adjustment can be made. If this applies to your child please advise the office staff as soon as possible.

Following the Orientation morning I will be conducting face-to-face interviews with parents of those enrolling. Booking times for these meetings will be available on the day or afterwards from Pat in the office. While these are mainly for me to speak with you it is helpful to have your child with you. Please be aware that while these interviews are being conducted, my availability will be diminished.

As the weather warms, many of you will be pleased to know that a mechanical ventilation system is about to be installed in the hall. I am hopeful that it will be installed before the final events of the year. In addition to this and the installation of the relocatable Prep building, it is possible that the building in which Prep N is located will be painted before the year’s end. Please ensure your children stay clear of any works underway at our school.

The Family Arts Night is rapidly approaching. Ask your child about their contributions and where you will be able to view them next Friday evening.

I remind you that there is no timetabled supervision by staff for children before school. Be sure to remind your child that their behaviour during this time must be exemplary.

In closing I salute all our teachers as we prepare to celebrate World Teachers’ Day this Friday. Our wonderful team of teachers continue to meet the learning needs of your children to a standard that is the envy of other schools. Their collective efforts that go well beyond the standard curriculum are the reason Gilston enjoys our positive reputation and the reason many of you make the choice to travel to be with us each day. I commend each and every teacher at Gilston and invite you to share your thoughts with your child’s teacher this Friday.

Stay safe and keep smiling.

Bruce
Get on your dancing shoes! The school Disco is on this Friday evening from 5:45pm until 7:00 pm, then after a break, restarting at 7:15pm and finishing at 8:30pm. It’ll be a great time to have fun with your friends before the end of the year. Parents would love your help with supervision and to have a bit of fun with your children - only a minimal assault upon your ear drums. Love to see you there. You can register your interest on the help timetable in this newsletter.

I’m currently having discussions with Pollet’s Martial Arts Academy of Learning who would like to work in our school positively with children in the area of building self-confidence and self-esteem. At this stage we envisage them working out of the hall on Tuesday and Thursday straight after school and going until four o’clock. There’ll be fun learning activities and prizes for students, sensei Brett Stewart and his staff will be coming to the school to introduce themselves and their program at parade tomorrow. Taking a quote from their flyer, ‘the greatest gift we have to offer children is character development, which infuses them with values that create capable and responsible citizens.’

I don’t want to give the impression that all students at Gilston are lacking in the areas of confidence, persistence or resilience, especially in regard to their academic status. However, I do believe they would benefit greatly from having an arsenal of strategies (which programs like this offer), that they could draw upon when challenging situations arise.

Programs already in place and others that I feel would complement and build on the values we hold dear at Gilston, will teach our children how to recognise, differentiate and deal appropriately with inappropriate behaviours. It’s the intention/desire of all the staff at Gilston to have students in a ‘place’ where they will engage pro-actively with each other, their studies and outside relationships therefore eliminating the need to have corrective behaviour strategies implemented or imposed. Students will be coming home with more information this week

P & C NEWS
Thank you to all who helped with Sunday’s Working Bee, the grounds look fabulous.

Disco this Friday, a great family fun night, BBQ is on and Matt, the super DJ, will be in full swing. Hoping to see you there.

Uniform Shop
A uniform price list will be sent home shortly, we are pleased to advise that prices have remained the same. For orders, you can complete and leave an order at the tuckshop which is then delivered to your child’s class. Or, pop in on either Tuesday 2.30–3.30pm or Friday 8.30–9.30am. 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
Thank you to everyone who returned their raffle books on time. If you still have your book, please bring it back as soon as possible. We need ALL books returned before the Arts Night.

Our next meeting on Thursday 10 November will be our committee elections. If you are interested in being a committee member, there are 4 positions available President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary.

Just a few reminders: “The Athletes Foot” at Robina donates a percentage of sales to our school from any shoes bought, not just school shoes. Simply mention Gilston School and they will record the sale for us. Nerang RSL donates $5 from every main meal ordered from the Gallipoli Brasserie on a Monday night.

Hope to see you at our next meeting on Thursday 10 November at 9.00am. Alex Wilson McCarthy – 0404 429 534

LIBRARY REPORT
Bookfair
I would like to thank everyone who supported this fund raising venture.
Our total sales were approximately $5670, giving us $2268 in books for the library.
A fantastic effort that is very much appreciated.
Our $25 Voucher winner was Cristina Zanetti Year 6S.

Bookclub Issue 7 orders close at 9.00am Thursday morning.

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.

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. Could you please make sure all art is framed? Cardboard is fine.
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

Nerang Celebrates Christmas Art Competition entry forms have been dispersed to classrooms. Students’ completed entries may be handed in at the library. A voucher will be given to all completed entries entitling the student to a free drink, ride or fairy floss. Entries will be picked up from school on Friday 11 November. Please encourage your children to participate in this local event.

Fran Norgate / Teacher Librarian

DENTAL VAN
Students in Year 5N, 5S and 1/2 have been provided with an offer of oral health care pack to take home.
The pack includes:
Child & Adolescent Oral Health Service Brochure
Examination Card
Please familiarise yourself with the process by reading the information provided.
If your child is enrolled in one of the grades listed above and did not receive a pack and you 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.
TUCKSHOP ROSTER
Thursday 27 October – Kirsty Feld
Ice Blocks – Simone Beck.
Friday 28 October – Helen, Kay, Tammy, Mandy.
Ice Blocks – Electra Rorie.
Monday 31 October – Tammy
Ice Blocks – Jemma
Tuesday 1 November – Mandy Barbitta
Ice Blocks – Vicky Johnston
Wednesday 2 November – Tracey Zimmerman
Ice Blocks – Bruce Hart
Thursday 3 November – Julie-Anne Campbell
Ice Blocks – Tracy Smith
Friday 4 November – Helen Anderson, Kay
Ice Blocks – Alex Wilson-McCarthy
No credit will be given unless prior arrangements have been made. A basic sandwich and fruit will be given if no money is sent with order.

New on Menu: Chicken Caesar Salad tub or wrap $4.50

PARVOVIRUS
I have extracted some of the following from the Community Health fact sheet for your information: This is not the same of dog “parvo”. Affected children typically have a “slapped-cheek” rash on the face. There is often a lacy red rash on the body, arms and legs which may be occasionally itchy. Children are not usually very ill and some may have no symptoms at all. Infected adults may get joint pain and swelling which settles in a week or two. The virus is spread by exposure to respiratory droplets from the nose and throat of infected people usually before the rash appears. Infected people are probably not infectious by the time the rash develops. It is usually a mild illness that resolves on its own in healthy children and adults. Joint pain and swelling in adults usually resolve without long-term disability. About 50% of pregnant women are already immune to parvovirus B19, and these women and their babies are protected from infection and illness. Most susceptible (non-immune) women who are infected with parvovirus B19 experience only mild illness with no problems for their unborn baby. There is virtually no risk if infection occurs in the second half of pregnancy. However, up to 10% of parvovirus B19 infections in pregnant women in the first half of pregnancy can result in severe anaemia and miscarriage. There is no evidence that parvovirus B19 infection causes birth defects or mental retardation. There is no vaccine or medicine that prevents parvovirus B19 infection. Frequent hand washing is recommended as a practical method to reduce the spread of parvovirus. Excluding children or adults with parvovirus B19 infection from work, child care centres, schools, or other settings is unlikely to prevent spread, since people are contagious before they develop the characteristic rash. Susceptible pregnant women should not routinely be excluded from a workplace where a parvovirus B19 outbreak is occurring, as exposure may have already occurred and the risk to the unborn baby is low. Whether to stay away from a workplace where there are cases of parvovirus B19 is a personal decision for a woman to make, after discussion with her family, doctor, and employer. For the full fact sheet, please see the ladies in the office or visit http://www.health.qld.gov.au

Disco Offer of Help - Thursday 23 June

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Contact Number: _________________________
Student name: __________________________
Class: ________

COMMUNITY NOTICES
MUDGEERABA STREET PARTY – Sunday 30 October – 10.00am-2.00pm, Swan Lane. Food & Refreshments, Rural Fire Brigade. Face Painting, Balloons, Animal Nursery, Woodturning Display, etc.
ART CRAFT & QUILT MARKET DAYS Mudgeeraba Uniting Church, 89 Franklin Drive, 4 November 10.00am-7.30pm & 5 November 8.00am-3.00pm - displays and sales of handmade crafts, plants and food and work of local artists. Ph 5525 1309 for bookings and enquiries.
NERANG SOCCER CLUB FREE CLINIC – Junior Girls aged 10 to 17 years – Thursdays 4 November to 1 December – 4.45-6.00pm, Nerang Soccer Club, Glennon Park. Brochures at the school office.
is supporting
Gilston State School on

**Friday 18 and Saturday 19 November 2011**
by providing each family with a Framed 10" x 13"
Professional Portrait for your
$15.00 Donation

Vouchers have gone home however if you have misplaced it, 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 will then be advised of your appointment time.

DUE TO THE SUCCESS OF THIS EVENT, WE ARE NOW OPENING UP APPOINTMENTS FOR FRIDAY NIGHT BETWEEN 5.00PM - 7.00PM!!! WE ALSO HAVE LIMITED TIMES FROM 4.15PM SATURDAY

*Limited offer to one voucher per person/family
*Parent/guardian should view own portrait or postage & handling shall apply

**Every family who participates goes into the draw to win a $169.00 Portrait Pack**

www.laurajean.com.au

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 __________________________

Preferred Day (please circle): **Friday Evening or Saturday Afternoon**
SEAWORLD HOLIDAY RAFFLE

LAST CHANCE

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED THE SEA WORLD HOLIDAY RAFFLE.
THE RESPONSE HAS BEEN GREAT, HOWEVER:

WE STILL HAVE OVER 200 BOOKS OUTSTANDING!!

WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE BY RETURNING TICKET STUBS AND MONIES TO
THE SCHOOL OFFICE IMMEDIATELY.

LEGALLY WE HAVE TO ACCOUNT FOR ALL TICKETS ISSUED; SO PLEASE RETURN ALL UNSOLD
TICKETS/BOOKS.

THANK YOU

The Gilston Club
- Raising Money for our Kids
Glston Arts Family Event

Friday 4 November
5.00pm - 7.30pm

Performances by the Band,
Choirs & Individual Performers
Art Exhibition open from 3.00-5.30pm -6.00-7.30pm
Art Winners announced at 6.00pm
Musical entertainment from 6.00pm

Sausage sizzle, drinks, tea & coffee available

Come along have fun
and support your school!