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PRINCIPAL’S COMMENT

I consider myself privileged this week as I accompany the year 6 students on their camp. Spending extended time with students in my current role is rare yet it reaffirms why I became a teacher. Circumstances initially led to my decision to attend, however since the decision and certainly now that I am sitting at the camp, I am pleased that I put the “other” parts of my job on hold for a few days. I am grateful for the extra work Graeme has assumed in my absence to support my attendance.

At this time of the year we are seeking nominations from students for the positions of school captain. I will be working with the staff on my return to shortlist the applications for the final selection process. As I do this I will be reminding all the students that they will be leaders in 2012. I do not say this to soften any disappointment felt through non-selection instead I am stating a fact regarding the expectation of our school. I look forward to witnessing the growth in our year 6 cohort as they assume the leadership role.

Throughout this semester some students from years 2, 4 and 6 have been diligently working on intervention programmes in the Goldmine with Cathie Hawker, Kim Smyth and Nicola Minehan. These students should be very proud of themselves as they have shown improvement in their understanding of both literacy and numeracy. For some of the students the improvements have been remarkable. Congratulations girls and boys.

It is International Men’s day this Saturday. Take the opportunity to give some thought to the important role men play in the lives of children. Celebrate those men in your lives who have influenced you significantly.

Teachers continue to prepare reports to outline the progress of your children. These will be distributed later in the year and they provide a wonderful opportunity to sit with your child to review the semester and to set some goals for future learning. Goal setting is a powerful force in the attainment of future progress.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S DEPOSITION

One of our past students, Lauren Brown has been selected in the Westfield U17 Women’s Soccer Team. Lauren and the team will travel to China and stay for two and a half weeks to play in the Asia Cup against teams from Japan, China, North and South Korea and Thailand. She is a great role model for all current Gilston State School students to look up to and take note of. Through her persistence, dedication and a dream, she is now realising some wonderful opportunities. Well done Lauren, that’s another person to add to our already famous list. It feels good to move amongst such exalted company and I urge every student to reflect on this and dream big too. It’s great to be great!

**Southern Cross Cultural Exchange** is seeking volunteer host families to host international exchange students arriving in February 2012 for a stay of one or two semesters.

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2012 for their 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria Japan, Scandinavia and the U.S.A will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at [www.scce.com.au](http://www.scce.com.au), email [scce aust@scce.com.au](mailto:scce aust@scce.com.au) or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our little booklets of international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

P & C NEWS

Join us this coming Monday for the last P&C meeting for the year at 7.00pm in the administration building. We need to start planning our volunteer rosters for 2012, so if you are interested in volunteering on the crossing, in the uniform shop or in the tuckshop please give me a call.

**Notice Board Advertising** - Advertising opportunities exist for your business on the school notice board. All advertising placed now will be valid for the full first term of 2012. Keeping it in the community. Contact Trent on 0430 448 684 for details.
Uniform Shop Reminders - We still have stocks of small school bags and large school bags are currently on back order. Year 1 for 2012 will need to have a 

**homework satchel** - $13.00 each. These can be purchased now from the uniform shop. Year 7 for 2012 special senior's uniform order form will be out soon, and will need to be placed before the end of term $25.00 per polo. Sample size shirts are available to try on for sizing. Uniform Shop is open Tuesday 2.30-3.30pm and Friday 8.30-9.30am or complete an order form and hand in to the tuckshop for delivery to your child’s class. Our 2012 return to school opening dates are: Thursday 19 January, 2012 [am] and Friday 20 January, 2012 [pm].

Trustimg you have had a great week, and as always feel welcome to contact me if I can be of any assistance.

Narelle Reed P & C President Tel: 0403 046 920

GILSTON CLUB

Our **general election** was held last week and I am pleased to say all positions were filled. Chris Gomersall – Vice President, Mia Pyyyvaa – Treasurer, Lisa Cochram – Secretary and I was returned as President.

Our **Laura Jean Photography** days are this FRIDAY AND SATURDAY. Please check your time slip and remember to arrive 10 minutes early.

The winner of the SeaWorld raffle was James King, dad of Charlotte in Year 1 and the ticket sellers prize of an MP3 player went to Annika Johnson, also Year 1.

Alex Wilson McCarthy – 0404 429 534

LIBRARY REPORT

**Bookclub Issue 7** orders have been sent and students will be notified as soon as they return to school.

**Art Winners**

Apologies for these results not appearing last week.

**Prep/Year 1 – 2D**

1st Place - Kiana Janetski
2nd Place - Jade Beutel & Mitsuki Todd
3rd Place - Finn Baldwin & Chad Jones

**Prep/Year 1 – 3D**

1st Place - Kiana Janetski
2nd Place - Jade Beutel & Mitsuki Todd
3rd Place - Finn Baldwin & Chad Jones

**Lower 2D (Years 2-4)**

1st Place - Chloe Rayner
2nd Place - Kelsey Gomersall
3rd Place - Liam Pyatt

**Judges Encouragement Award**

Anna Rayner

**Upper 3D**

1st Place - Kiana Janetski
2nd Place - Jade Beutel & Mitsuki Todd
3rd Place - Kelsey Gomersall

This year’s Upper 2D first prize of 3 art lessons value at $60 has been donated by Sharon Hindle. We would like to thank this opportunity to thank Sharon for her generosity.

**Upper 2D**

1st Place - Jade Beutel
2nd Place - Nikki Campbell
3rd Place - Kiana Janetski

**Library Books**

All library books need to be returned to the library by next Friday 25 November ready for stocktake.

Teacher borrowing only from this point in time.

**Student Art**

Students please collect all personal art work from the library as soon as possible.

**2012 National Year of Reading**

GCC Libraries are running summer reading sessions in the holidays. Check out your local library for what’s on. Get in early for a great year of reading in 2012!!!

Fran Norgate / Teacher Librarian

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

**Thursday 17 November** - Julie-Anne Campbell
- Ice Blocks – Alex Wilson-McCarthy
- Friday 18 November – Mandy, Helen Anderson
- Ice Blocks – Electra Rorie
- Monday 21 November – Mel Wright
- Ice Blocks – Jemma
- Tuesday 22 November – Melissa Heu
- Ice Blocks – Vicky Johnston
- Wednesday 23 November – Tracy Smith
- Ice Blocks – Tracey Zimmerman
- Thursday 24 November – Julie-Anne
- Ice Blocks – Simone Beck
- Friday 25 November – Mandy, Helen Anderson.
- Ice Blocks – Angela Posselt.

**New on the menu:** Chicken Caesar Salad tub or wrap $4.50
COLD drinks are now sent to class with lunch order.

Due to the large amount of people placing orders at the window in the morning, it is getting more and more difficult to have the lunches ready by first break as the helpers are serving instead of cooking. Please prepare your orders at home and put in the slot at the Tuckshop. Any change required will be put back in the lunch bag.

An assortment of winter clothes from Lost Property will be placed on the stage each morning until 9.00am. If not claimed by Friday 2 December the clothing will be donated to the uniform shop.

**WHAT’S ON IN OUR HALL**

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<td>Cheer &amp; Dance Academy</td>
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**Friday**

Should you be interested in any of these programs run in our hall kindly contact the companies direct. Bookings for hall space are made with Jan at the office on 5501 2333.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

**HEAD LICE** - Nitpro Head lice treatment salon (lice and egg removal) - Arbour Avenue, Robina. 5580 8212.

**LOST** - $25 reward – 1 x Black Mickey Mouse Disneyland watch in the Prep area Friday 11 November. Sentimental gift from grandparents. If found please return to the school office.

**NEW ZEALAND FAMILIES** - If you arrived in Australia from New Zealand (on a New Zealand passport) after 26 February 2001 then you are not automatically a Permanent Resident of Australia. You are a Special Category Visa holder which means you can lawfully live and work in Australia. To become a Permanent Resident you now must make an application to the Department of Immigration Australia (DIAC) and meet one of the necessary Visa criteria.

To qualify for a student loan or allowance (HECS) in Australia to attend University or TAFE, you must be a Citizen of Australia which Special Category Visa holders are not. To become a Citizen of Australia you must first be a Permanent Resident of Australia. To investigate your residency status and determine what steps your family needs to take, St Vincent de Paul offer FREE MIGRATION ADVICE to those who can’t otherwise afford a migration agent. To make an appointment, please call 0487 347 858 between 6.00pm - 9.00pm, Monday to Friday (except Public Holidays).
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Contact # _______________________
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Preferred Day (please circle): Friday Evening or Saturday Afternoon