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PRINCIPAL’S COMMENT

Leadership is an expectation of all students at Gilston, particularly our year seven group. Consequently, the positions of school captains, vice-captains and house captains are coveted by children as those who hold these positions are recognised as “leaders of leaders”. This week the election of house captains was undertaken and I will introduce them to you at Assembly this Thursday.

On behalf of the Gilston School community I send out a “get well soon” to Pace who is recovering from heart surgery. His mum Keira reported that the operation went well and the doctors were confident that they had fixed the problem. We look forward to seeing Pace back at school next week.

We welcomed many new students to Gilston this year and several new staff. Among these new staff faces was Kristin Lord a Science Spark Facilitator who will be based with us and servicing the local schools. Kristin’s input will enhance the opportunities and activities that we can offer in science at Gilston. I know that as our teachers deliver the new Australian Curriculum Kristen’s input will be valued highly. There are times when being a parent is very difficult and at these times some high quality advice is welcome. To assist parents we have stored some “insights” written by Michael Grose on our website. These short articles have been well-received by parents in the past and I offer them to you at your consideration in being the best parent you can.

The Parents and Citizens Association at Gilston proudly supports our students through actions ranging from strategic planning to fundraising. I encourage all parents to attend meetings to contribute your thoughts and ideas. Our next meeting is Monday 20 February at 7:00pm in the staffroom. If you are keen to start with the fundraising committee (the Gilston Club), they will be meeting tomorrow at 9.00am in the Science Lab next to the Library. There’s always a coffee or tea on offer at the meeting. Bring a friend and meet others interested in raising money to help our students. Each class has conducted or will be conducting sessions for parents to meet with teachers. These sessions provide information about the expectations for the year and a chance for parents to ask questions. Please make every effort to attend these sessions for your child to ensure you are fully informed.

It is apparent that many of you prefer to make payments through the internet. When utilising the facilities available please be sure to quote the 10 digit EQ identification as the reference to ensure we reconcile against your child’s student card containing the EQ ID and clear instructions for payments are available from the office. Those of you who prefer to pay over the counter, please remember that payments are taken on Thursday and Friday only from 8.00am to 11.00am.

How are you going with your “super modelling”? Are you setting positive examples for your child every day? Be critical of your actions, for in time, they will become the actions of your children - be a super model! Stay safe and keep smiling.

Bruce

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S DEPOSITION

Pollet’s Bully Busters Program is on again this year and runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays from now until the end of the year. The program is designed to complement the work teachers are already doing in class around developing students’ self-esteem and self-confidence. The potential this program has to help get our children to realise their full potential is enormous and I would urge all to consider enrolling their child/children. We all want the very best for our children and with this program and ongoing support we can instil in them the idea that they can become the change we all want to see. If your children are already participating in a sport or you just want them to have strategies and the skills to see. If your children are already participating in a sport or you just want them to have strategies and the discipline to cope in class or with life this can do it for them. Remember it’s on again tomorrow and every Tuesday and Thursday until the end of the school year.

BULLY BUSTERS FUN GAMES FOR ALL KIDS

Children will learn the ways to walk away with confidence in a special defeat the bully without fighting program through martial arts.

Build self-confidence and self-esteem and life skills.

How to be a victor not a victim in a fun, innovative program for kids.

implemented by shihan ben pollet and sensai brett stewart.

Prizes to be won!

When: Tuesdays and Thursdays

Time: 3:00 – 4:15 PM

Cost: $10.00

Venue: GILSTON STATE SCHOOL HALL

For more information please ring Brett on 0408 765 982 or Ben on 0403 009 555.

P & C NEWS

Year 7 – Seniors Shirts

We anticipate delivery mid next week for the Year 7 shirts. They will be delivered to the class ASAP.
**Tuckshop & Uniform Shop**

Order online and have it delivered. Just go to flexischools.com.au. It really is easy to use.

Give me call if you have any questions or queries.

Regards, Narelle Reed P&C President Tel: 0403046920

**GILSTON CLUB**

Our Gilston Community, as always, have responded immediately to our request for prizes for our Annual Trivia Night fundraiser. The first prize we received was a two hour face painting session from “Face Painting by Danielle”. We have also received a voucher from “Glenda’s Spraytanning”. Both these wonderful women are Gilston mums, so it would be fantastic if in turn we can support them. Danielle Lewis can be contacted on 0449 662 790 and Glenda McKenzie on 0402 317 850. Please keep the donations coming!

With Trivia Night just around the corner, start thinking about organising a table (maximum 10 people per table). It is a great night for the ‘Grown Ups’. You can even ‘theme’ your table – there are extra points to the best dressed table! Tickets are $10 each. Payments details will be in the next newsletter.

We are now proud owners of a terrific new BBQ, purchased from BBQs Galore at Bundall. Bring on the next barbie/working bee.

Our next meeting is TOMORROW. Come along for a chat and see what we are about. We will be in the Science Lab at 9.00am. See you there.

Alex Wilson-McCarthy

**CHESS CLUB NEWS**

Chess Club starts next week. It will be held in the library nature room on Thursday from 11.00am and concludes at 12noon. During this time aspiring chess players will be given lessons by a chess coaches from Gardiner Chess, which specialises in providing chess coaching services to schools. Lessons are tailored to suit all students from complete beginners to advanced players.

Throughout the year chess students will be invited to compete in interschool competitions, these are tournaments where Gilston students gain experience by competing against chess players from other schools. Regional qualifiers then go on to participate in the state-wide finals. Gilston State School has traditionally achieved success in these competitions.

The price for Term 1 (7 weeks) is $35.00. There is a limit of 20 students so if your child is interested, collect a Chess form from the front office, complete and return it by Tuesday 14 February.

For more information on Gardiner Chess visit: http://www.gardinerchess.com/

**LIBRARY REPORT**

**Library Borrowing**

Students in years 1-7 are very welcome to borrow books from the library other than class times. Library hours are before school, first break and after school.

Please keep library books in your library bag, safe from food and drink.

If you need to contact the library phone no. is 5501 2 304.

**Bookclub Issue 1**

Please take the children’s order with correct money in a labelled envelope and give to Mrs Norgate in the library. Make sure you remember to place your child’s name and year level on the order.

All cheques may be made payable to Scholastic Australia Orders will close Friday 10 February at 9.00am

**Bookfair** (27 February – 12 March)

Starting soon for great new publications and Easter gift ideas.

Fran Norgate / Teacher Librarian

**Gilston State School participates in the COMMONWEALTH BANK SCHOOL BANKING PROGRAM** to help our children develop essential saving skills and to raise funds for our school.

The School Banking program includes an exciting Rewards Program designed to encourage children to get into the habit of making regular savings. Every time your child makes a deposit (no matter how large or small) at school they receive a silver coloured Dollarmites token. The first token will be received upon the first deposit at school. Once the child has individually saved 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive Dollarmites reward item. Students will have lots of fun saving their tokens for these cool rewards items.

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. The school receives $5 when children make their first deposit at school and a commission on every deposit made through the School Banking program.

Taking part in School Banking is easy.

School Banking accounts can now be opened at any Commonwealth Bank branch. You no longer need to complete application forms and return them to school. Just go into any branch and ask to open a Youthsaver account for School Banking. Remember to take identification for you and your child (such as driver’s licence and birth certificate), you will receive a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book on the spot and be able to start School Banking on the next Friday - it is that easy.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every Friday using their Dollarmites (yellow) deposit wallet.

Lastly, we will be holding an account opening day on Friday 2 March in the gazebo at the front of the school. The Prep students should have received their School Banking information pack last Friday. The rest of the school should receive their information packs this Friday.

Thank you for your support of such a great program for the students and school.

The Banking Team

**TUCKSHOP ROSTER**

Thursday 9 February – Kirsty Feld
Ice blocks – Bruce Hart
Friday 10 February – No help required – thank you
Ice Blocks – Leanne Kirk
Monday 13 February – Tammy Bowden
Ice Blocks – Sam Valentine
Tuesday 14 February – No help needed – thank you
Ice Blocks - Vicki Johnston
Wednesday 15 February – Jemma
Ice Blocks – Tracey Zimmerman
Thursday 16 February – Suzy Thomas
Ice Blocks – Mel Wright
Friday 17 February – Mandy Barbitta
Ice Blocks – Helen Anderson

I’d like to thank the mums and dads who have joined our team this week. With your help we are able to operate the tuckshop 5 days a week. Profits made by the tuckshop are directed back to your children. Together everyone achieves more (TEAM). If you would also like to join the team, please fill out the Volunteer availability form attached.

**Flexischools** is off and running!! It is quick, convenient and easy. No more looking for money first thing in the morning. Go to www.flexischools.com.au and click on Register Now. You will need to know your child's class. This service is just an extra way of ordering your child’s lunch or uniform. Have a good week.

Suzelle
The First “Gilston Club” Meeting For 2012

Come find out what we’re all about….we only meet one morning a month…and over coffee and cakes, we discuss ways to raise money for things which enhance our kids learning experience at school, such as laptops, digital cameras and excursion subsidies.

What we need are parents who have suggestions, opinions and contacts! You may have your own business or know of someone who has a business that could help us out, and in turn, we will promote and advertise this business within the school community. You may also know of fundraisers that have worked in other schools or just have new ideas.

Our promise to you: We will not ask anyone who attends to do anything….i.e. we won’t ask you to ring businesses and ask for donations; we will not ask you to man stalls or do running around prior to a function; we will not demand you come to every meeting; and you will not leave our meetings with a list of things to do. Of course, anyone who wants to volunteer their time is always welcome, and there will always be ways in which you can help, but this is not a pre-requisite to attending.

Our first big fundraiser for the year is our Trivia night, where we hold raffles and an auction. We are currently looking for items/services which can be utilized, so if you think you can help, we would love to hear from you.

So….the details of our meeting are:

When: Thursday 9 February @ 9.00am
Where: In the Science Room to the left of the Library….

Please feel free to bring your younger children. Colouring books will be available but suggest you bring some food and drink for them.

We would LOVE to see you there!!!!

Alex, Chris, Mia and Lisa

The Gilston Club – Raising Money for our Kids
(Should you be unable to attend the meeting but wish to help out, please feel free to contact Alex (President) on 0404429534).
Tuckshop Volunteer Availability

Please come and join our TEAM of mums & dad that help in the tuckshop on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis. With your help we are able to operate the tuckshop 5 days a week. Profits made by the Tuckshop are directed back to your child/children. Together Everyone Achieves More (TEAM)!

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