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PRINCIPAL’S COMMENT

Fifty-five people brought their skills, expertise and energy to school on Sunday. As a consequence of their efforts, several of our gardens have had a face-lift. During the working bee, trees were planted, mulch was spread, plants were lopped and weeds were removed. To those who gave of their time I extend gratitude on behalf of the Gilston School community.

A number of new faces have appeared among our staff this year in our teaching and support ranks. I have appreciated the welcome they have been afforded by the whole community as it has accelerated the settling period for them all. Our school nurses have been the latest addition to our space. Annie and Terese will be here for six weeks as they screen the prep students.

The ambassadorial qualities of our year seven group have led to an invitation to be the only school to participate in a special excursion this week. Having spent time with our group, the Allconnex group have arranged for our year sevens to visit their site at Pimpama. I applaud our students and their teachers for this outcome.

On a similar theme it will be a pleasure to present badges and certificates on assembly next week to the candidates who have met the criteria and have been endorsed by their teachers and peers. These students have articulated that they embrace the responsibilities that are associated with the leadership status at Gilston.

One of the measures we have adopted to assist parents manage student absences is the “absence phone line”. Calling 5501 2360 to advise reasons for absences will allow us to update our records in accordance with our accountability. All unexplained absences will be recorded on report cards and may be requested by agencies outside our school.

A tennis net, some rotting clothing and a few hats were among the articles retrieved by the year sevens from the creek in the school grounds. The activity was part of Clean up Australia Day and whilst there was a very limited amount of litter to collect, some interesting theories existed about how the items that were retrieved had ended up in the creek.

I remind all parents and carers that during the time before and after school, teachers are not rostered to supervise students. At these times teachers are focused on preparing and planning. The only exceptions to this arrangement are that Graeme and I supervise the bus and collection zones. It is prudent to remind your children of the arrangements and reinforce your expectations of their behaviour at these times.

Punctuality is a sign of respect. Whether it is for a meeting, an appointment, a party or arriving at school, punctuality is important. I am a little biased, however I think from this group, arriving at school ranks high in the importance scale. If your child arrives at school on time every day, thank you.

If your child has repeated late arrivals expect to hear from Graeme or me to find a solution to the pattern. I am assuming that you too have been frustrated by the traffic lights at the front of the school. I have contacted the people responsible for rectifying the fault that has occurred and I have been assured that once the parts are available they will be installed as soon as possible. In the interim some programming has been undertaken to make best of the current facility. Thank you for your continued patience in this regard.

Please note that due to year 7 commitments and those for key staff this Thursday, there will not be an assembly this week.

I look forward to seeing some of you at the Trivia night this Saturday.

Stay safe and keep smiling.

Bruce

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S DEPOSITION

Gilston State School has a range of programs in place which are designed to see all students achieving at the top level. Some of the interventions in place are:

Early Intervention Programme – Grade 2 students perceived as being at risk of getting caught in the Net are targeted to receive one-on-one support with reading, writing, and numeracy. This support is given for 40 minutes, 3 days a week (26 students).

Early Intervention Programme – TA is working in the class with the CT for an hour each morning on letter/sound knowledge with the very low children in the above programme (14 students).

Reading Eggs – This programme is available for the students with learning difficulties to work on both at school and at home (55 students).

Classroom Differentiation – The STLaN and GEM are working alongside the CT with the students identified as requiring learning support and extension.

3-5 Intensive – This support is given to the students who score below the benchmark in NAPLAN. The students, from grades 4 & 6, work with a teacher for 40 minutes twice a week on either literacy, numeracy or both (59 students).

Success Maker – used in second semester.

ABC Typing Programme – used as necessary.

Even Start Programme – used in 3-5 Intensive.

Summer School programme – used in 3-5 Intensive.

Sparklers SWAT series – used in older classes.

These programs are motivated by a commitment to provide a quality education for all. What is especially important about this commitment is that we are aware of the need to transcend the formal processes of
inclusion where students are counted but they do not count, i.e. they do not matter. Rather Gilston State School sees it as necessary that all students belong within the education system as full equals, with all other participants. Most importantly, this applies not only to the students, but to their families and community.

A sense of belonging, rather than the formal process of inclusion, is then seen as vital to the success of students. Crucially, belonging is seen as a multilinear and active process and not merely as an aspirational goal. Therefore the onus is on all of us to do "whatever it takes" to break down the barriers between the child and learning. This is to be achieved through the range of programs mentioned earlier and designed to promote connectedness between the child and the school. Connectedness is seen as vital to the child's all round well-being and academic success.

For students my message is, set your sights high, the higher the better. Expect the most wonderful things to happen, not only in the future but right now. Realise that nothing is too good. Allow absolutely nothing to hamper you or hold you up. Do you set your goals high? If not, why not? Get connected to coming to school and learning during every lesson. Get connected to a positive mindset. Get connected to being the best you can be.

Do the thing you fear and the death of fear is certain.

**Behaviour and Choices.** Research shows the increase in persistent teasing and bullying behaviour is a direct result of a lack of engagement and “connectedness” in some students to learning; the core reason children attend educational facilities. In the future, any infringement relating to poor behaviour such as fighting, swearing, racist taunts etc., will be met with students experiencing suspension from daily class activities for a period of time. This is in line with the philosophy of the school as described in the School Handbook and Enrolment Agreement.

**P & C NEWS**

The P & C meeting on Monday night was busy. We are always delighted to see new faces and are looking forward to a great year. Last Sunday’s working bee was a cracker. This time we concentrated on the gardens at the bottom end of the school and around the library; some 2 tonne of mulch was spread and 100 new plants put into the ground. Not to mention the trimming of many of the overgrown trees. Thank you to all the families and teachers who attended, your efforts are greatly appreciated by all.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Trivia night. Have a great week, cheers.

Narelle Reed P&C President Tel: 0403046920

**GILSTON CLUB**

Not long to go! 1. For the trivia night. 2. school holidays. We have had such a fabulous response to our request for raffle donations. We also have a special BIG thank you to Tracy Smith, mother of Jacob Hopkinson, Year 5. Tracy has gone out of her way to obtain donations for the Trivia Night and has been able to get 1 double and 2 single hammocks from Harvey Norman, 4 movie tickets from Event Cinemas, a $50 Masters Voucher and a $100 Bob Jane Voucher. One parent CAN make a difference! Janelle Fraser has donated a pair of ladies & girls Polo Ralph Lauren sunglasses from OPSM at Pacific Fair. Christine Dukes has donated 4 wonderful Candlellete packages. Kylie Donaldson from Charli Jean has donated a girl's dress/ladies top. You may have noticed some of us selling Easter Eggs and raffle tickets! Year 7 is raising money for the sale of the 50 cent raffle tickets and there are 3 prizes on offer, with the first prize being a $50 Cadbury Hamper. The raffle will be drawn at the Easter Assembly. The Gilston Club are selling Cadbury Easter Eggs in Caramello and Solid variety for $3.50. That is cheaper than the major supermarkets and cheaper than the RRP set by Cadbury. Children may only purchase bags of eggs after school, but parents anytime! We will be in the rotunda before and after school.

Can't wait to see all the fabulous costumes/themes on Trivia Night.

If you would still like to be involved, we need a couple more volunteers to help on the night. See you then.

Our next meeting will be in Term 2.

Alex Wilson-McCarthy

**LIBRARY REPORT**

**Bookclub** Issue 2 closes this Friday 23 March.

**Holiday Borrowing**

Students may borrow for the holidays as long as all overdue library books have been returned.

**National Year of Reading 2012**

2012 will see a whole heap of amazing, fun, reading activities taking place around Australia and on line. Check out your local library. Be part of it!!

If you have any Library Queries please phone: 55 012 304

**Easter Colouring Competition** entries are on display in the library. Prizes will be awarded next week.

**Fran Norgate / Teacher Librarian**

**TUCKSHOP ROSTER**

Thursday 22 March – Julie-Anne Campbell

Ice blocks – Simone Beck

Friday 23 March – Mandy, Alex Wilson-McCarthy

Ice Blocks – Leanne Kirk.

Monday 26 March – Suzy Thomas

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Tuesday 27 March – No help needed

Wednesday 28 March – Tammy Bowden

Ice Blocks – Tracey Zimmerman

Thursday 29 March – Emma Fahey

Ice Blocks – Bruce Hart

Friday 30 March – Mandy Barbitta, Alex Wilson-McCarthy

Ice Blocks – Kamila Bestmann

**Sushi, Sushi, Sushi**

After much searching to find a suitable Sushi supplier that meets our strict food safety standards, we are now able to offer Sushi and Vietnamese Rolls every Tuesday. Please find attached the order form that needs to be handed into the Tuckshop by 9.00am each Monday.

**Order Tuckshop and uniforms online at www.flexischools.com.au** to go into the weekly draw of a free slushie.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**INCREDALE YEARS PARENT PROGRAM** on Monday evenings from Monday 16 April (Term 2); 14 weeks/sessions, from 6.30-9.00pm, www.incredibleyears.com. This program is suitable for ALL parents wanting to further develop positive relationships with their 3-7 year old children and master positive behavioural strategies.

**MERRIMAC STATE HIGH SCHOOL** is pleased to offer scholarships for students in Year 8 – 2013. Scholarships may be awarded for high achievement in academic performance, sports, instrumental music, dance, drama and singing. Applications available from Merrimac SHS Admin or www.merrimacshs.qld.edu.au and close on 17/4/2012.

**MONDAY 26 MARCH IS PURPLE DAY!** Purple day is about raising awareness of Epilepsy. More than 90,000 Queenslanders live with epilepsy every day, so please help unmask epilepsy by wearing purple and getting people talking about this disorder. Students will not be participating during the school day.
## Tuesday Sushi Order Form

To be handed in by Monday 9.00am

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While every care is taken to provide your child with the sushi pre-ordered, occasionally the supplier may be out of stock. In these instances similar ingredient sushi will be substituted.
Gilston Club
Easter Egg Fundraising Sale 
&
YR 7 Easter Hamper Raffle on NOW!

Caramel and Solid Egg bags (120 g) - $3.50 
- cheaper than in the shops!

* 1 Cadburys $50 Chocolate Hamper 
* 2 smaller hampers also to be won 
   Tickets are only 50 cents each

WHERE: At the Rotunda
WHEN: Before and After School Every Day

Anyone who wishes to take a box (20 bags) 
or half a box (10 bags) to sell at work /to neighbors/to family 
please pick one up at the Rotunda.
Thanks for the overwhelming response to our Trivia Night. Thought we’d let you know what prizes are up for either raffles or auctions.

- Framed V8 Supercar Team Vodafone 2012 Shirt, signed by Craig Lowndes and Jamie Whincup
- Kids John Deere Premium plus Tractor with Maxi Loader
- AromaTouch Technique Massage
- Aroma Touch Introductory Oils Kit
- Telstra Easytouch Discovery 2 Mobile Phone & Telstra Elite Mobile Wi-Fi Unit
- “Dracs for Kids” Birthday Party Voucher
- Family Voucher to the Haunted House in Surfers Paradise
- 3 x 2 Hour Face Painting Package
- 4 x $50 Trade Secret Vouchers
- Tupperware
- 2 x Spray tan Vouchers
- Candlelight Products
- 2 x $50 Famous Footwear Vouchers
- 4 Hour Jumping Castle Hire
- Retravision Sports Bag
- Hino Promotional Jacket
- 2 x Double Hammocks & 1 x Single Hammock from Harvey Norman
- 4 Movie Passes
- Kitchen Hamper
- $50 Lunch Voucher from The Wine Barrel
- $50 Masters Voucher
- $100 Bob Jane Voucher
- $110 I.T. Voucher from Finlayson’s
- Charli Jean Children’s Dress/Ladies Top
- RACQ Travel Books

and there are more coming………..

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**Just to remind you…….**

**When:** Saturday 24 March 2012  
**Where:** Gilston State School in the undercover area (near Tuckshop)  
**Time:** 6.30pm for 7.00pm start  
**Cost:** $10.00 per person  
**BYO:** Chair and plate of nibbles – if you are a wine drinker, you may like to bring your own plastic wine glass!

We are a licensed venue. **NO BYO.** Beer, red, white & sparkling wine, pre-mixed spirits, tea, coffee, soft drinks and water will be available to purchase.

**EFTPOS** will be available for Auction Items only. A 50% Non-Refundable Deposit will be required for all Auction Items and EFTPOS will be available for this only. There is **NO CASH OUT**!

If you have any further questions regarding the night, please contact one of the following ladies:

Alex Wilson McCarthy - 0404429534,  
Mia Pyyvaara - 0411822121 or email at mia@onthenet.com.au  
Lisa Cochram - 0414912217  
Chris Gomersall – 0406873763