FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 6 June          Junior Athletics Carnival
                        Biggest Morning Tea
Thursday 7 June          Gilston Club meeting
Friday 15 June          Performing Arts Competition

PRINCIPAL’S COMMENT

Have you reflected on how you help your child’s development by ensuring there are consequences for their actions? I have had several conversations with parents who have analysed their behaviours and identified an overzealous need to protect their children from consequences. Some have shared that changing their practices has been challenging given the long history of overprotection. If you are in the same situation I wish you the perseverance and strength that is required to make this change. Your children’s future development will be richer for your efforts. For those of you, for whom this notion is part of your normal practice, please accept the affirmation that comes with acknowledgment.

Time is a commodity that is distributed equally per day to each of us. How we spend it is our decision. This has been the focus of my learning recently and consequently I have decided to make some changes. These changes will have an impact on my availability and I will send a letter to you with some more explanation this week.

Some of our students will be participating in the Ks4Kids event that will be held this Saturday. In the wake of the cancellation of the mini-Kokoda event for which the children were training, this weekend will provide a final opportunity to test their fitness. I wish to take this opportunity to acknowledge the commitment and dedication that has been exhibited by the students and especially the staff and volunteer parents. The contribution of these adults has been a key element in the students’ success. I know each of them were very committed to the mini-Kokoda challenge and are disappointed that this target can no longer be reached. I thank each of them for their willingness to provide this special opportunity for our children.

Progress reports will be prepared in the coming weeks and will be distributed in the last week of the term. For the first time prep students at Gilston will receive a report. With the adoption of the Australian Curriculum, our reports in English, Mathematics and Science will be rated against the national standard and in response to the findings of a national survey of parents. This particular survey revealed that parents “want to be:

- Kept well informed about their children’s progress;
- Given information about achievement and progress in both academic and non-academic areas of learning;
- Informed about both strengths and weaknesses of their children; and
- Provided with pertinent and constructive advice about how they can support their children’s learning.”

The report went on to say that parents believe that there is a tendency, particularly in primary schools, for teachers to avoid reporting that their children were struggling or not performing as well as they should. Nevertheless, parents preferred to be told the truth in plain language. They also wanted to be able to compare their children’s progress with others against some sort of ‘standard’. This might include comparison with students of the same age. These comparisons recognise the “C” standard as that required for a child “to progress to the next level of learning without additional support”. Consequently, when measured against these standards, there will be fewer “A” and “B” ratings. Due to this national focus and the heightened expectations within the curriculum, some students’ ratings may move downward despite positive development this year e.g. “A” to a “B”, “B” to a “C” etc. Reporting against these standards is another aspect that our teachers have very professionally embraced. I commend each of them for their ongoing pursuit of excellence for our students.

The changes to standardise the school zone speed limits are now in effect. It relates to Worongary Road in front of the school and commences at 7.00am. Whilst not zoned separately the recommended speed limit within the car park is 10kph given it is a congestion point for pedestrians. Please limit your speed as a driver and utilise the crossing as a pedestrian to ensure we continue to enjoy a safe space for all community members.

The Gala day yesterday provided an opportunity for our students to compete against students from other schools. The feedback I have received has been very positive, not only in results on the playing arena but with regard to the conduct of the children. Congratulations to all involved.

Stay safe and keep smiling.

Bruce

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S DEPOSITION

On Tuesday, our Year 6 and 7 students enthusiastically boarded buses for a fun day of team sports with our neighbours at Nerang State School and Tallebudgera State School. Our students enjoyed the opportunity to learn new sports and formed teams in Netball, AFL, Rugby League and Soccer. Congratulations to all of our Year 6 and 7 students on their participation and excellent sportsmanship. The success of the day was in no small part due to our dedicated parents who gave up their time to help prepare our teams for the day. A special thank you to two year seven mothers, Ms Stewart and Mrs Cohen, for preparing our netball teams. All students had a great day and are hoping another Gala Day is just around the corner. Well done!
This week in the school we’re going to have the five keys to success erected on signs on the walkways to classrooms. This will serve to remind students on a daily basis what they need to remember in order to be all they can be. Written on one of the signs is the word Persistence.

“Persistence and patience have a magical effect before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish.”

The ability to persist at a task and see it through to the end is one of the most important success attributes that you can develop in a child. There are numerous times every day when children must persist rather than give in. A young child learning to tie shoelaces must persist. A primary aged student must show determination to finish tasks and to work through difficulties, particularly those he or she doesn’t understand or complete right away. They need to be able to persist when work gets hard or life gets tough. They need the ‘stickability’ to work through difficulties and hang in there when things don’t go their way. Some children are more naturally predisposed to persist than others. They have a determined, even competitive streak in their temperament naturally predisposed to persist than others. They have a

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The ability to persist in the face of difficulties maybe an old-fashioned quality but it is one of the best success attributes that children will ever develop.

P & C NEWS

Gilston History electronic records project is being coordinated by Yolanda Dickmann. If you have any interesting articles or photos please forward them onto Yolanda via email: ydick1@eq.edu.au. This project will take many months to complete and all contributions are greatly appreciated.

Uniform Shop - as the weather continues to cool, stocks are available for the school fleecy jersey and the school jacket, as well as all sizes of Sports house shirts. All uniform shop orders are able to be purchased via www.flexischools.com.au

and can be delivered to the classroom or visit the shop on Tuesdays 2.15-3.15pm or Friday 8.30 -9.30am.

Notice board advertising - check out the notice board. A number of new businesses are now advertising - let’s keep it in the community. Contact Trent on 0430448684 for details on how you can advertise.

Item of Interest - in 1969, Gilston State School had an enrolment of just 8 students, and closure was considered. Hard to imagine where all our 643 children who attend today would be had that eventuated.

Have a great week regards, Narelle Reed P & C President Tel: 0403046920

GILSTON CLUB

The Gilston club has several fundraisers on the go at the moment. The Entertainment club books are still on sale for $55 and have a great variety of discounts on offer. There is a copy in the office if you would like to look at the range of places that offer discounts. The youngest member of the family should have brought home an order form for our Cookie dough Fundraiser. The best thing I find with this dough is it can be frozen and thawed as often as needed, so there is no waste.

Next week will be our turn to host the “Biggest Morning Tea”. It will be run in conjunction with the Junior Sports Day on Wednesday 6 June. For a gold coin donation there will be a cup of tea or coffee and a piece of cake. If there are any PARENTS that would like to help on the day, we would LOVE YOUR HELP.

We would also make sure you didn’t miss your child participating in any races. We will also be serving tea, coffee and cakes at the Prep Sports Day on Friday 8 June.

Our next meeting will be on next Thursday at 9.00am in the Uniform Shop.

Alex Wilson-McCarthy – 0404 429 534

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

For those students who have Instrumental Music on Tuesdays, please note that there will be no Instrumental Music lessons next Tuesday 5 June.

CYBERSAFETY AND CYBERBULLYING

Cyberbullying occurs when technology, such as email, mobile phones, chat rooms and social networking sites such as Facebook, are used to verbally or socially bully another person. This could include sending or posting abusive, threatening, humiliating or harassing messages, images or videos.

The Department of Education, Training and Employment has recently published the document Cybersafety and Cyberbullying – A guide for Parents and Caregivers. This guide provides important information for parents about cybersafety and cyberbullying. It suggests what parents and caregivers do if their child is the target of or is responsible for inappropriate online behaviour.

A copy of this guide is available at the school office or an electronic copy can be found on the Student Services website at:


JUNIOR SPORTS DAY will be held for Years P-3 on Wednesday 6 June, commencing with a march past at 9.15am, followed by sprints and tabloid games. (Please note – preps will do their sprints on Wednesday and their tabloids on Friday 8 June, due to increased student numbers).

Students require house T-shirt, a hat, suitable footwear, water bottle and sunscreen.

As always, spectators are most welcome. We look forward to fun filled days and a successful carnival.
PERFORMING ARTS AUDITIONS continue this week and next. Check the noticeboard on Thursday 7 June for the names of the finalists. Competition to be held on Friday 15 June in the school hall.

LIBRARY REPORT

Bookclub Issue 4 orders have been sent and students will be notified as soon as they return to school.

Book Week Theme 2012 “Champions Read”

Book Character Parade in Term 3.

Start planning your costumes now!

National Year of Reading

Come in and check out our books on sport and also our fantastic new book display.

Overdue Books

Please return your overdue books as soon as possible so that you will be able to borrow for the holidays.

Fran Norgate / Teacher Librarian

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Thursday 31 May – Julie-Anne Campbell
Ice blocks – Kristie Boyton

Friday 1 June – Mandy.
Ice Blocks – Mandy

Monday 4 June – Suzy Thomas
Ice blocks – No help required

Tuesday 5 June – Mandy
Ice Blocks - Vicki Johnston

Wednesday 6 June – Kristie Boyton
Ice Blocks – Tracey Zimmerman

Thursday 7 June – Kirsty Feld
Ice Blocks – Mel Wright

Friday 8 June – Mandy
Ice Blocks – Kamila Bestmann

New on Menu

Spaghetti Bolognaise $4.00
Spaghetti & Meat Balls $4.50

Volunteers needed – the tuckshop has never been so busy, and for this reason we are in need of more volunteers. If you can help for an hour or two per fortnight or month please fill in the availability sheet below and return to the tuckshop.

Flexischools “App” is now available for iphones. Android app will be available soon.

COMMUNITY NOTICES


WANT TO GET ACTIVE - 5-a-Side Soccer, Indoor Netball, Handball and Private Hire On The Gold Coast. Bring some friends and have some fun. All age groups welcome from 4yrs to Open, Mixed, Corporate, Kids and Senior. Please contact Vanessa 0418 569 469 vanessa@vikingsfutsal.net

ST GEORGE JUNIOR RUGBY COACHING CLINIC – 28/6/2012 6-9 years, 29/6/2012 – 10-12 years, 9.00am-3.00pm - $110 per day. The Southport School – Prep.


WHAT’S ON IN OUR HALL

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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.
WEDNESDAY 6 JUNE and FRIDAY 8 JUNE
@ 9.00am – 10.00am
Down on the Oval

Come Have a Cuppa and Cake Whilst Watching the Jnr Sports Carnival on Wednesday or the Prep Sports Carnival on Friday

Gold Coin Donation

If you don’t have children participating in these Carnivals and could spare some time to help serve, it would be greatly appreciated…
**Gilston State School**

**Tuesday Sushi Order Form**

To be handed in at the Tuckshop by Monday 9.30am

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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.