PRINCIPAL’S COMMENT

Our choir participants shone at their performance last night. The audience loved them as they told their story through song. Alison and Marg deserve acclaim for the preparation of the children and for the final result of second place overall. The tradition that has been created through the actions of staff, parents and students is one about which we can all be proud.

Our classrooms are dynamic places where learning is occurring in many different forms each day. I continue to be impressed with the ability of the children to apply the knowledge and skills they have learnt to new situations. I particularly enjoy witnessing the insights that come from questions about new concepts. I commend all our teachers and support staff for instilling these attributes in our students.

The Nerang Alliance of Schools will gather all the teachers from our schools together this evening for some collective learning. The focus of the sessions this year will be the use of information communication technologies in learning. The concept of teachers learning from and with teachers is a model which continues to produce positive results. This model is something that formed the backbone of the regional conference I attended for the past two days. As leaders in schools we were challenged by expert speakers and inspired by the achievements of peers in other schools. My observations of the education landscape in the South East Region lead me to be confident Gilston remains well placed to deliver the education required by our students.

There is a fine line between supporting your child to complete their assignments and doing their assignment for them. In the words of Professor Erica McWilliam, “parents who do assignments for their children are stealing the child’s opportunity to learn”. Make no mistake, your role as a parent in supporting your child’s learning is significant and crucial for their success. Please be mindful of your supportive role.

I will be attending the camp at Lake Ainsworth with the year 6 students next week and consequently will be away from school from Monday through to Wednesday afternoon. I look forward to learning more about our leaders for 2013 in an environment outside the classroom and away from the school. Lindy will ably pick up the reins as principal during my absence. Lindy’s first few weeks with me fills me with confidence that she will fill the role of principal with aplomb.

Late arrival target is zero. We are not there yet. Last week we registered 97 late arrivals. Letters have been sent to regular “offenders” to eradicate this habit. Do your bit to maximise your child’s success by being punctual.

Please make no mistake, there is no holiday for students next Wednesday. The only show holiday we have will be the Gold Coast Show holiday on 31 August.

In closing I extend thanks on behalf of Sue Heron for the support she has received in notes, messages, cards and letters. She is grateful for your thoughts and well wishes. Stay safe and keep smiling.

Bruce

FOR YOUR DIARY

| Thursday | 9 August | Gilston Club Meeting 9.00am hall kitchen |
| Friday  | 10 August | Last day payment for Year 5 Camp |
| Monday - Wednesday | 13 August – 15 August | Year 6 Camp Lake Ainsworth |
| Thursday | 16 August | Last day payment Year 6 & 7 Gala Day |
| Friday  | 17 August | Book Character Parade 9.15am |
| Tuesday | 21 August | Year 6 & 7 Gala Day |
| Friday  | 31 August | Gold Coast Show holiday |
| Friday  | 14 September | School Disco |

A WORD OR TWO FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

I am eagerly awaiting my first Gilston Book Character Parade. Conversation in the staffroom has been buzzing with ideas and plans for our costumes and many of the students have been telling me about the characters they will dress as on Friday, 17th August. If you’re stuck for inspiration for costumes try searching on the internet, flick through your bookshelf or visit the library for some ideas.

Last Wednesday afternoon a team of students and staff from Nerang State High School visited Gilston to speak with our Years 6 and 7 students about transitioning to high school. The principal, Mr Ison, addressed the students about some of the specialised academic, sport and cultural programs they offer their students. Teachers from the Science Department impressed us with some chemistry demonstrations, the Home Economics teacher had our mouths watering during a cooking demonstration and the Performing Arts Department impressed us with drama and dance performances.

Selecting a secondary school for your child is a big decision. I encourage the parents of our senior students to research the schools they are considering, attend open evenings and visit the schools to determine which best suits their child.

The boxes outside the administration office for the Coles Sports for Schools vouchers and Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers are almost overflowing. Both of these promotions are drawing to an end this weekend. Please send all of your vouchers and stickers to school by Friday, 17th August so that we can count them and order our sport and classroom resources. Thanks to all families who have supported these promotions and to our volunteer students who are coordinating the collection and counting of the vouchers and stickers.

Have a great week,
Lindy
AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE FOR CANBERRA TRIP

Students from our school have recently undertaken an educational tour of the national capital. While on this tour they participated in a variety of educational programs focused on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognizes the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist parents in meeting the cost of the camp the Australian Government contributed funding under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution was paid directly to the school and was used to subsidize the cost of the camp.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program.

P & C NEWS

Lollipop Supervisor - Monday – can you help

It may be the case of having no crossing supervisor on a Monday, as without extra hands on the volunteer front we are running out of options. I am sure you agree having crossing supervisors makes it all run smoother and safer for all our children. If you have some time, please give me a call.

Have a great week, Narelle Reed P & C President

Tel: 0403046920

JUNIOR AND SENIOR CHOIRS

Senior choir will resume on Monday 13 August for Year 4-7 children. Junior choir will start again on Tuesday 14 August for Year 2 & 3 students. Both choirs are held at 1st break and the children need to take their lunch to the music room. This will be the first opportunity for the Year 2 students to be a part of the choir in 2012. New members from Years 3-7 are most welcome also. It does not cost anything to be a part of the choir. A love of singing is all that is required. We will be starting rehearsals for the Family Arts Night in November.

Alison Miller / Music Teacher

LIBRARY REPORT

Bookclub Issue 5 orders are at the Library.

Book Character Parade will take place this Friday 17 August at 9.15am.

The theme is “Champions Read”. It promises to be an exciting event. The order of events will be Year 7, Year 6, Year 5, Prep, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4.

Olympic Games - we have lots of great books on display in the library. Come on down and have a browse.

Shortlisted Books – Children’s Book Week

These books are also on display.

Library hours (outside of school) 8.30-9.00am and 3.00-3.30pm.

Ann Parsons / Teacher Librarian

ATHLETICS

Age Champions 2012

9 years Paros Tahi Brooke Wightman
10 years Declan Paech Keyshia
11 years Liam O’Dwyer Matilda Amor
12 years Alex Ryder Claudia McClelland
13 years William Harding Tenae Cohen

Final House Points

1st Latimer 329 points
2nd Duncan 303 points
3rd Hinze 223 points
4th Zimmerman 200 points

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Thursday 9 August – Julie-Anne Campbell. HELP NEEDED
Ice Blocks – Mel Wright
Friday 10 August – Emma Fahey, Mandy
Ice Blocks – Kamila Bestmann
Monday 13 August – Stacey Gardner. HELP NEEDED
Ice Blocks –
Tuesday 14 August – Mandy, Mel Heu
Ice Blocks - Vicki Johnston
Wednesday 15 August – Donna Clarke
Ice Blocks – Tracey Zimmerman
Thursday 16 August – Angela Prendergast
Ice Blocks – HELP NEEDED
Friday 17 August – Mandy, Alex Wilson-McCary
Ice Blocks – Elektra Rorie.

Online ordering – no more having to find paper bags, having to find the menu, no more having to find cash, no more having to park and come in to line up. www.flexischools.com.au is the preferred method of ordering for hundreds of schools across Australia. Do yourself a favour and get on-line. Remember you can order 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for your child’s lunches or uniform orders days or weeks in advance.


Volunteers needed – just an hour or two is all we ask once every 3 weeks or so. Please come and see me if you can help and your child will love to see you.

WHAT’S ON IN OUR HALL

Day | Time | Who | Contact
---|---|---|---
Monday | 3.00-4.15pm | Bully Busters & Fun Games | Brett 0408 765 982
| | | | Ben 0403 009 555
Wednesday | 3.45 – 7.00pm | Choir & Dance Academy | Holly 0409 044 831
Friday | | | |

WHAT’S ON THE OVAL

Day | Time | Who | Contact
---|---|---|---
Tuesday | 3.15-4.15pm | Soccer | Justyn McKay 0451 162 346
Thursday | 3.00-4.00pm | Auskick | |
Thursday | 3.15-4.15pm | Soccer | Justyn McKay 0451 162 346

COMMUNITY NOTICES

MUDGEERABA NERANG & DISTRICTS’ CRICKET CLUB SIGN ON DAY. Sunday 19 August 2012 - 10.00AM-2.00PM, Nielsen’s Road, Carrara. http://www.mndcc.com.au/

SOUTHPORT SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB 2012 – 2013 Season - Trinity Lutheran Primary Pool Sunday 19 August 9.00am–12.00pm or Saturday 25 August 12.00-3.00pm
Come & Join the Fun. Family Friendly Surf Club

KIRRA SLSC NIPPERS SIGN ON Sunday 26 August, 10.00am-2.00pm Kirra SLSC.

COOLANGATTA SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB NIPPER SIGN-ON at the South Tweed Indoor Pool, 9.30am-11.30am Sunday 19 August, 26 August and 9 September. If you cannot make these days come along to Coolangatta Surf Club, Marine Pde, Coolangatta on Sunday 23 September between 10.00am-12.00pm to sign on.

MERRIMAC STATE HIGH SCHOOL Enrolment Information Evening for students in Year 8, 2013 Tuesday 21 August 6.30pm in the school hall. Enrolment packs available from Merrimac SHS Admin or www.merrimacshs.eq.edu.au
Tuesday Sushi Order Form
To be handed in at the Tuckshop by Monday 9.30am

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>SUSHI ROLLS $3.00</th>
<th>QTY</th>
<th>TOTAL</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Chicken Teriyaki</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Beef Teriyaki</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chicken Tandoori</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chicken Lettuce Mayo</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chicken Sweet Chilli</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chicken Honey Soy</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chicken Avocado</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Salmon Avocado</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Salmon Cream Cheese</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Prawn Lettuce Mayo</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tuna Avocado</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tuna Sweet Chilli</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tuna Mayo</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Egg Salad</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Vegetarian carrot</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Vegetarian green</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Vegetarian special</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Avocado</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>California</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Inari</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>VIETNAMESE ROLLS $3.00</th>
<th>QTY</th>
<th>TOTAL</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Chicken Teriyaki</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chicken Tandoori</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chicken Honey Soy</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Beef Teriyaki</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BBQ Pork</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Salmon Avocado</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Vegetarian Green</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Vegetarian Carrot</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Totals</th>
<th>QTY</th>
<th>$</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

Student Name: ___________________________________________ Class: __________

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.
is supporting

Gilston State School

Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th September 2012

by providing each family with a Framed 10” x 13”
Professional Portrait for your
$15.00 Donation

Here’s how it works:

• All families will receive a flyer with a form to fill out (alternatively, you can use the one at the bottom of this page.
• Fill it in, including your preference of day and whether you prefer morning or afternoon.
• Pop the form plus your $15.00 in an envelope and place it in the brown box in the office. Note: Payment MUST be included in order for us to set a time for you.
• You will then receive your appointment time. If you provide an email address, you will receive it this way, otherwise a form will come home with your child. (Emails are preferred, that way we know you have received it and easier to follow up.)
• We would prefer to fill up Saturday first, however if Sunday is the only day suitable, please nominate Sunday as your chosen day.
• Appointments start at 9.00am and go through to 5.00pm however, once again, if this does not suit, please write your preferred time down and we will see what we can do.
• For those families who had theirs done last year, the only difference will be having a black backdrop instead of white (just for something a little different!)

*Limited offer to one voucher per person/family

**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) at t_lcockram@bigpond.com

********************************************************************************

$15.00 Voucher

Framed 10”x13” Family Portrait

Surname ____________________________
Child’s Name/Class _______________________
Contact # ___________________________
Email ________________________________

Preferred Day (please circle): Saturday am/pm or Sunday am/pm