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PRINCIPAL’S COMMENT

It is 6:30am on day 2 of the year six camp at Lake Ainsworth as I pen this edition. Since arriving yesterday, the girls and boys have already braved the chilly winds to build rafts and cycle around the local area. Their sportsmanship was evident in their activities in the hall last night as they began to interact with students from Westlawn Primary School. Some students (and teachers) had more sleep than others last night however all look forward to the archery, sailing and beach activities on today’s program.

The start to my camping foray was pleasantly delayed by my attendance at the performance of the Elgar Ensemble at the Eisteddfod. Ashley had prepared the students well and they sounded delightful. Whilst they did not place in the competition, I commend both Ashley and the members of the band for their efforts. The Bartok band will be on show this Friday morning and if the Elgar performance is an indicator, they should impress the audience.

There are some special events on school calendars that contribute to the “culture”. One such event is the book character parade. This Friday will be the first parade for our 120 prep students and I know that there is much excitement within their classrooms. If you can spare the time, I recommend attendance at this iconic event on Friday. Mrs Norgate will miss the parade for the first time I can remember as she recovers at home. There is no doubt she will be keen to see the photographs when she returns.

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As part of the process of school supervision, Allan Sampson visited Gilston last week. Allan is the assistant regional director for our region and in his meeting he spoke to me about the data in a range of areas including academic trends, attendance rates and opinion survey results along with the general strategic direction for the next four years. Allan informally visited some rooms and was impressed with the standards and expectations that were apparent. In his interviews with children and staff the pervading aspect identified by people for what they liked most about the school was the sense of community. I was very proud to show him around our special place.

The School Opinion Surveys will be conducted this week. As I wrote a fortnight ago, only 40 families will be randomly selected to complete the survey. If you are selected please ensure you return the completed form by the due date listed. Your opinions are what will be used to rate a variety of elements regarding our school. Staff and students will also have their say.

Last week several letters were sent to the parents of students who had accumulated three or more late arrivals. Attendance is a key indicator for success at school and as such is a major focus for Education Queensland. We will continue to monitor attendance and seek your commitment to ensure your child’s attendance and punctuality. Last week we registered 91 late arrivals. Our goal for late arrivals remains zero.

Again I remind you to call to lodge your child’s details if they will be attending Prep at Gilston next year. I would like to think that the names we have already noted was the limit we expect however this is unlikely to be the case. Registering your child’s name now will assist with our planning for the smooth start to 2013.

I visited Sue Heron last weekend in Brisbane. She is in good spirits though looking forward to the end of her treatment. She told me that among the well wishes she had received many of them were from parents. She wanted me to express her gratitude for the support she has received from you, the Gilston State School community.

Stay safe and keep smiling

Bruce

A WORD OR TWO FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Last week four student leaders had the opportunity to attend a leadership forum held by Education Queensland’s South East Region at Dreamworld. Lora, Jake, Harmony and Jamie participated in a variety of workshops and were inspired by several keynote speakers. I chatted with the students upon their return to school and was most impressed with the maturity and wisdom in their reflections of the day. Special thanks to Jake’s father, James, for transporting them.

Last week I again had the pleasure of attending a Gilston Club Meeting. It was great to meet with the hardworking team of mums and hear about the fantastic work they are doing to raise funds for our school. The money they raise goes directly to providing resources for all of our students to improve their learning. I thank you for the support you provide the Gilston Club with their fundraising initiatives. Their current focus is the raffle and tickets are selling very well. Many families have sold several books of tickets – there must be lots of people wanting to win a trip to Hamilton Island!!

On 28 and 29 August, the Gilston Club will run a Fathers’ Day Stall. Prep to Year 3 students will be able to shop for special items for their dads on Tuesday 28 August and the stall will be open to Years 4 to 7 students on Wednesday 29 August.

Today as I walked past the lost property box located near the music room I was alarmed at the number of jumpers and hats...
which have been placed there. The box is literally overflowing with clothes. If your child has lost an item of clothing, please encourage them to look in the box before you replace it. Naming your child’s belongings makes it easier for us to return lost items to their rightful owner.

Next week our students will be engaged in a variety of programs run by the Wipe Out Waste team from the Gold Coast City Council. Our Prep to Year 7 classes will cover a range of topics including recycling, green energy, composting and managing litter.

Another two special events for the week will be the visit from the Nerang Library and Gala Day. Students in Prep to Year 5 will celebrate Book Week by reading a selection of literature with the visiting librarians and our Year 6 and 7 students will have the opportunity to compete on Tuesday with some of our neighbouring schools in a range of sports. The last day for payment for this event is tomorrow. I encourage all of our students to attend this day and feel confident they will represent GIlston with pride. Thanks to Mrs Parsons in the library and Mr Stavar, our PE teacher, for organising these events for our students.

My costume for Friday’s Book Character Parade is almost ready! I look forward to seeing all of our students and staff in costume on this special day.

Have a great week,
Lindy

P & C NEWS
Another month has passed and we meet again this Monday in the staff room @ 7.00pm. The meetings are short, sharp, and enjoyable and everyone is able to have a say. Feel welcome to join us if you have any questions or items you would like to discuss.

Top Up Stationery Items
We hold stocks of various stationary items in the tuckshop such as pencils, coloured markers, etc. For your convenience you can purchase either at the tuckshop direct or online via flexischools and have them delivered to your child’s class.

Regards, Narelle Reed P & C President Tel: 0403046920

GILSTON CLUB
Last week Laura Jean Photography flyers went home. This is a fundraiser for the school where we get 100% of the $15 you pay. That $15 gets you a framed 10” x 13” professional portrait. You also have the option of buying the photographer’s package. The likelihood of this fundraiser being run again next year is highly unlikely, so take advantage of this.

Entertainment Books are still available, but not for much longer.

The Fathers’ Day Stall is coming up and volunteers to help run the stalls would be greatly appreciated. The stall days are Tuesday 21 August and Wednesday 22 August, with Thursday 30 August being the before and after school stall. The Hamilton Island Raffle is going very well. Please return your money and tickets in a sealed envelope to the wooden box in the office. If you would like another book of tickets to sell, give one of us a ring.

Our next meeting will be on the second Thursday of September.

Alex Wilson-McCarthy 0404 429 534

SPORTS NEWS
Congratulations to these students for being selected in the following teams:
- Claudia McClelland – U12 South Coast Girls Rugby League
- Brandon Dey – U12 Gold Coast South Boys Cricket
- William Harding – U13 Gold Coast South Athletics
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YEAR 6 & 7 SPORT GALA DAY
On Tuesday 21 August our Year 6 and 7 students will be participating in a Sporting Gala Day with Tallebudgera and Nerang State Schools. The students will participate in various sports, the aim of which is to have fun, improve skills, interact with other schools and develop team and school spirit.

The students will arrive at Firth Park at 10.00am and start their games at 10.30am. All parents, relatives and friends are welcome to attend and support, assist and cheer on the Gilston teams. Remember to bring a fold up chair.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Scott Stavar – PE Teacher

LIBRARY REPORT
Bookclub Issue 6 order forms have arrived and will be distributed this week.

Book Character Parade
Everyone is getting very excited and looking forward to Friday at 9.15am in the Hall. All kinds of preparations to costumes, books, signs, etc. are being made and secrets as to “who we will be” are being kept. During our Thursday afternoon assemblies Mrs Faulkner has brought her hilarious acting skills into play informing the children as to what is happening.

Nerang Book Week Library visit is on Wednesday 22 August. This year Years 1 to 5 will be attending in the Library.

Have a special week.

Ann Parsons / Teacher Librarian

TUCKSHOP ROSTER
Thursday 16 August – Angela Prendergast
Ice Blocks – Jemma
Friday 17 August – Alex Wilson-McCarthy, Natalie Wood, Mandy
Ice Blocks – Elektra Ronie.
Monday 20 August – Mandy
Ice Blocks – Simone Beck
Tuesday 21 August – Gala Day (no help needed)
Ice Blocks - Vicki Johnston
Wednesday 22 August – Kirsty Feld
Ice Blocks – Kamila Bestmann
Thursday 23 August – Emma Fahey
Ice Blocks – Mel Wright
Friday 24 August – Tanya Lind, Mandy
Ice Blocks – Tracey Smith

Sushi Tuesdays – every Tuesday is Sushi Day. Fill in the order form attached and hand to the Tuckshop any day for the following Sushi Tuesday.

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.

COMMUNITY NOTICES
NERANG TENNIS CLUB free come and try tennis lesson 25 August 8.30-9.30am, or 9.30-10.30am. Phone 0411 154 353.
ASHMORE LITTLE ATHLETICS SIGN ON 25 August and 1 September 12.00-3.00pm, boys & girls 5-16, proof of age required. For more information www.ashmorelittleas.com
### 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.
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

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$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