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PRINCIPAL’S COMMENT

There are times as parents, when we are confronted with a challenge, that another perspective is welcome. Often advice from family and friends is helpful however there times when a gem from an expert is handy. To assist you with some of the more common challenges we face as parents, a series of one-page insights have been posted on our website. I encourage you to visit to browse the topics available as within the collection are strategies and perspectives that can help us all.

There are a growing number of you who bring your dog along to deliver or to collect your children. In a bid to avoid any problems regarding dogs on the school premises, I ask that those of you who do so please leave your dog secured outside the premises. Should you wish to bring a dog to school as part of a sharing activity for your child’s class, please clear this action with your child’s teacher prior to the event. I thank you in anticipation for your cooperation.

This week is National Child Protection week. It is apt then to highlight the Safety House Program which is about to be launched in our area thanks to the dedication of a small group of people led by Catherine Bayliss. As a result of the committee’s work, signage will be erected at our school with a launch to take place at William Duncan State School on October 17 at 11am. Parents are invited to attend this launch that will be attended Bruce and Denise Morcombe and the Chief of Police. To ensure the ongoing communication between the committee and our school two monitors are required. Should you be interested in this role and would like more information, please call Catherine on 5578 2637

“Many hands make light work” is an idiom with which we are all familiar. At Gilston one of the classic examples of this in play is our working bees. This Sunday a group of you will band together to achieve what would normally take weeks, if not months for our staff. Mulching is a very social activity—bring along a barrow, spade and rake, meet some new friends and chat your way through the morning. If you have not been to a working bee before, please make this your first.

Be part of a team that makes a difference. As usual we’ll finish the morning with a BBQ and a drink.

Today is national HPE day. To mark the occasion Scott has organised a lunch time event for students in year 4 – 7 to join the “Run Around the World” challenge. Each student will be encouraged to run 1km with their collective tally being added to other schools’ tallies.

Effort is a key contributor to every endeavour. I was pleased this week to award many certificates to recognise the effort expended by our students. In doing so I spoke to many students about goal setting and recognising achievement towards their goals and the goals of others. I would urge you to speak to your child about their learning goals and to track their progress weekly.

A Street Meet and movie night is being organised to provide family entertainment and gather community input into local government activities and plans. The event will take place on Frank Chaston Park (the oval opposite the school) from 4.00pm on 29 September. Our P & C will be catering for the event and will welcome your offer to assist. Details will be distributed to each student this week.

Stay safe and keep smiling
Bruce

A WORD OR TWO FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Over the past term our Gilston families have been busily purchasing groceries and have collected literally thousands of vouchers for the Coles Sports for Schools and stickers for the Woolworths Earn and Learn promotions. Three of our amazing Year Seven students and one of our wonderful mums have counted the stickers and vouchers for us. Special thanks to Samantha and Jade Beutel and Rebecca and Suzanne Veitch for their help with this mammoth task. I was amazed to learn that our Gilston families and friends collected 61 669 vouchers and 87 090 stickers which equates to approximately $620 000 being spent at Coles and $870 000 spent at Woolworths over the past couple of months. We are now in the process of ordering our prizes and look forward to their arrival later this year.

The Gilston Club raffle closed two weeks ago. Thanks to all of the families who returned their raffle money and ticket books on time. There are unfortunately over ninety outstanding books. Please return all ticket books and money to the locked box in the administration office by this Friday as the raffle will be drawn next week. The money raised by this raffle will go toward purchasing resources to be used by the students and teachers in our school. Thank you to all of the families who have supported this fundraising event and to our Gilston Club parents for running the raffle.

This week a resident who lives on the access road beside our school asked that we remind our community to take care when leaving the school carpark and be aware of the traffic on the road. The carpark exit is at a T junction with the access road and so in the interest of everyone’s safety, cars leaving the school need to give way to traffic from both the left and right directions.

Each afternoon when I am on bus and gate duty I have the pleasure of speaking with many of our students and hearing about their days. This week when I asked one of our lower school students what they had learned during the day I was delighted when she replied, “Well, where do I start? We were thinking ALL day!”. I encourage all parents to take a few minutes each day and chat with your children about what they have learned.

Have a great week,
Lindy

P & C NEWS

Working Bee – This Sunday 9 September 9.00 – 11.30am

Hope to see you this Sunday to spread some mulch and work on some retaining boards around the Prep area and play ground. All hands on deck would be greatly appreciated.
Bring your spade, barrow and rakes, roll up your sleeves and soak in the Gilston spirit. We will, of course, be rolling out the BBQ at the end.

**Disco – Friday 14 September** - You are now able to purchase the disco tickets ($5.00 each) online via flexischools. They will then be delivered to your child. As it is a family night we will need extra helpers on the BBQ and to supervise the exits. Please put your name down or see us on the night.

**Tuckshop upgrade** - We are currently working on grant applications to secure funding to upgrade and expand the much needed tuckshop space. Our thanks go to Mia & Jemma who are working tirelessly on this long awaited project.

Regards, Narelle Reed P & C President Tel: 0403046920

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**Disco Offer of Help – Friday 14 September**

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**GILSTON CLUB**

Only one week to go until we draw the Hamilton Island Raffle. PLEASE return your sold or unsold books NOW! If we don’t get the books back we will have to postpone the raffle draw until we get them back.

Laura Jean Photography spaces are filling fast. If you would like to take advantage of this $15 framed 10” x 13” photo, please return the form AND MONEY into the wooden box in the office.

Thank you to all our wonderful helpers at our Fathers’ Day Stall. I hope all our Gilston dads had a great day last Sunday, and the kids enjoyed being able to spoil dad. As a result of all the shopping, we raised over $600 for our school. Great effort to all involved. Thank you.

Our Gilston Club Meeting will be next Thursday @ 9.00am in the hall kitchen.

Alex Wilson-McCarthy 0404 429 534

**SPORT NEWS**

A very successful athletics season has come to a close at Gilston. As mentioned previously, our school is District Champion for this year. We had 40 athletes attend districts, 16 attend championship day and 5 attend regionals. Proudly, two of these athletes will now attend the state carnival in Cairns. Well done Keysha and Liam O’Dwyer.

As athletics comes to a close, we look forward to our swimming season. Preps, Year 3 & 5 will be attending swimming lessons in Term 4. An information letter will be sent home this week. Our Year 4-7 swimming carnival is also coming up in Term 4 at All Saints. A date will be confirmed soon.

Year 6 student Elliana Slade has proven that Gilston kids are not only great athletes but awesome swimmers also. Congratulations Elliana on your recent efforts at the State Short Course Championships, breaking all your PB’s. I’m sure that our U11 girl swimming records are under threat this year. Finally, today is National HPE Day. To celebrate, many Year 4-7 students took part in the Adidas Run Around the World Challenge by running 1km around the oval at lunch time. All participants will receive a certificate.

Scott Stavar / HPE Teacher

**LIBRARY REPORT**

**Bookclub Issue 6** orders have returned to the school and may be collected from the library.

**Thank you** to Mrs Ann Parsons for all her hard work in the library during my absence.

**Holiday Borrowing** - Students may borrow for the holidays as long as all overdue books have been returned. Congratulations to everyone who participated in the **Book Character Parade**. I did hear it was bigger and better than ever!!! Well done!!!

Frun Norgate / Teacher Librarian

**TUCKSHOP ROSTER**

Thursday 6 September – Julie-Ann Campbell
Ice Blocks – Mel Wright
Friday 7 September – Mandy, Alex Wilson-McCarthy
Ice Blocks – Kamila Bestmann
Monday 10 September – Stacey Gardner
Ice Blocks – Help needed please
Tuesday 11 September – Mel Heu, Mandy
Ice Blocks - Vicki Johnston
Wednesday 12 September – Donna Clarke
Ice Blocks – Tracey Zimmerman
Thursday 13 September – Angela
Ice Blocks – Natalie Wood
Friday 14 September – Mandy, Julie Williams, Emma Fahey
Ice Blocks – Elektra Rorie

**Sushi** – every Tuesday is Sushi Day. Please fill in the attached order form and hand it in any day prior to Tuesday.

**Home cooked meals** – Spaghetti bolognaise $4.00, Spaghetti Bolognaise & meatballs $4.50, Teriyaki Chicken & Rice $4.50, Satay Chicken & Rice $4.50.

**Win a Skateboard** – between now and the end of term all orders placed with flexischools will go into a draw to win a cool skateboard. Go to www.flexischools.com.au.

**DAY CARE for CHOOKS required over the school holidays** - we need a band of volunteers (parents & students) to visit 7 chooks who now reside at Gilston SS. This involves the weekends and weekdays. The following dates are available for families to assist in the Chook Day Care program over the school holidays:

- Week 1: Monday-Wednesday 24-26 September & Saturday-Sunday 29-30 September
- Week 2: Monday-Friday 1-5 October & Saturday-Sunday 6-7 October.

Daily tasks include letting the chooks out of the henhouse in the morning and shutting them back in in the afternoon, checking their water and food supply, and collecting their eggs. Your efforts in volunteering for a day or few days will be well rewarded by eggs to take home with you and of course the clucks of happy chooks! To offer you and your child’s time, please contact Mrs Steinhardt by email on hstei2@eq.edu.au or on 5501 2333.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**MUDGEERABA LITTLE ATHLETICS SIGN-ON DAY.** Friday 14 September 3.00-5.30pm Somerset Park, Swanton Drive, Mudgeeraba. Please bring along birth certificates for registration. Payment by cash or cheque, sorry no EFTPOS facilities available.
# 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

This is only 10 days away, so book your appointment TODAY!

- Where else would you receive a framed 10” x 13” colour (or black & white) family portrait?
- Does not take a lot of your time – you are in and out in 15 minutes
- The photographer will take a number of different photos and then you have the choice of just purchasing the $15.00 photo or the pack – there is absolutely NO PRESSURE SELLING.
- The photos are available to view and purchase at the beginning of term 4, so plenty of time to get those family photos to relatives overseas for Christmas.

Pop the form below, 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.

*Limited offer to one voucher per person/family
This is open to friends, neighbours and other family members too – they just need their own form!

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