GILSTON STATE SCHOOL

**NEWSLETTER**

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FOR YOUR DIARY

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PRINCIPAL’S COMMENT

In my first Principal's Comment, I spoke about my belief in personalised learning. What does this look like in a class room?

As parents know, class structures can be very different both within a school and also at other schools. Students are sometimes placed in ‘straight’ classes, composite classes, multi-age classes, ‘streamed’ classes, boys or girls classes, multi-levelled classes etc. Some schools (because of size) have many or all year levels in one room!

I believe that if we focus teaching on the individual child, the structure of the class does not matter. All children no matter their age, ability or grouping can access learning at their own unique style and level.

The starting point is to identify a child's ability. Quality data is used to do this. Student data can identify where a child is currently at and where we would like them to go. Teachers can then develop a personal learning profile for the student to examine their personal and academic goals and the process to reach targeted benchmarks. Students can then be placed in similar learning groups within the class.

While all students in a class may engage in learning of similar concepts, it is the depth of this learning that will change. Activities and lessons will be different across year levels, assessment tasks may also differ. What remains consistent is the curriculum from which teachers draw their content and the benchmarks against which teachers report. The process in the middle is the pedagogy (the art of teaching) and this is where we personalise or differentiate the learning.

PARKING

I have been advised that some parents have commenced parking in the staff car park inside the school grounds after school. Please be aware that parking in this area is not permitted as it adds extra traffic to the school exit road and most importantly, it creates a safety risk to students leaving the grounds in the afternoon. There is ample parking in the car park outside the school or you may choose to use the drop off/pick up zone in front of the school. I request that all parents and care givers follow this advice in the interests of student and road safety.

David Cramb
Principal

GILSTON CLUB NEWS

Hi Everyone,

Well another year of fundraising has begun and our first event is the Fun-Run which is taking place in conjunction with the Cross Country on 26 March. Sponsorship Forms are going out this week along with a flyer on how it works. Our fundraising calendar this year is certainly not as busy as previous years – we are taking a more relaxed approach focusing on events that are easy to run but still raise great funds for our kids. In addition, we will not be having monthly meetings, but rather every second month. Our first meeting will be this week, on Thursday 14 March in the outdoor room at the back of the library. We would love to see some new faces (as well as the old ones), so feel free to bring a friend and join us for a coffee and cake. The Gilston Club is a great way to be involved with your children's school life, whilst meeting other mums and having a say on ways to raise funds which directly help your kids. Should you have any questions on anything Gilston Club related, please contact me on 0414912217 or at l.cockram@bigpond.com

Thanks, Lisa - President

LIBRARY REPORT

Bookfair

I would like to thank everyone who supported the bookfair. Our total sales were $6527 giving us $2284 worth of books for the library. A wonderful result!!

Bookfair $25 Voucher was won by Phoenix Cooper.

Easter Colouring Competition

Congratulations to all who entered this competition, especially our winners - Prep-Music Delaney, Year 1 – Abby Lehmann, Year 2 Shae Thorpe, Year 3 – Maddy Year 4 – Kiriana Mangakahia, Year 5 – Kylan MacEachern, Year 6 – Madeline Brown.

Bookclub Issue 2

Orders will close at 9.00am Friday 15 March

Long Service Leave/Retirement

I will be going on LSL this Friday and at the conclusion of this leave I will be retiring. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the School Community for all of your support over the last twenty two years. Goodbye and God Bless.

Fran Norgate / Teacher Librarian

CHAPPY’S SPACE

A mega thank you to Impact Church who will be sponsoring one breakfast per month with their helpers Zeddy and the three ladies, Gilston P and C, parents Mia Pyyvaaara, Jemma Baldwin, Tracey Zimmerman who is our pancake mum, Emma Raju, Karen Adams, Gail Rohweder, Scott Roy from Trade Secret Southport Suzanne Jewry who provided a Woolworths gift voucher, Marnie, Coles Nerang and Mudgeeraba Bakery All the support has enabled us to
provide a free breakfast each Wednesday morning for the children in our school community. If I have left anyone out please let me know. What a wonderful community spirit you have here!

Parents who would like to help on a once-per-month roster serving breakfast at 8am Monday mornings I would love to hear from you. You can email me sbond75@eq.edu.au or leave your details at the office and I will contact you.

We have been very fortunate that in term 4 of 2012 and in term 1 2013 to have had Chris Perry, the Chaplain at Nerang High School, spend some time in our school. Chris has been facilitating, with me, a year 7 boys’ group called G.R.I.T.T (great results in trying times) and a year 7 girls’ group called ‘Shine’. They are both resilience and self worth based programs and if any parent is interested in their child being part of any future groups you can email me.

Unfortunately, Chris will leave us at the end of this term. Students from the High School will visit us at assembly to encourage our students in making better choices. So, we say a great big thank you to Chris for his effort and support. He will be missed.

We have both really enjoyed getting to know your children and hanging out with them in the playground. As a chaplain, I am here to journey long with your children, so if there is something significant happening in your child’s life and you feel they need a little extra support you can contact me via email or you can speak with Mr Weatherburn. I can also help if you have other needs like emergency food parcel information. I am here to serve the school community as a whole so please come and say hello.

Samantha Bond  
Gilston SS Chaplain

GUIDANCE OFFICER-LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE
Letting Kids be Kids
Perhaps the most serious and insidious harm done to children in the last 20 years has been caused by the way we have taken away childhood. This has been done through:

Exposing them to adult issues and themes

- Media bombardment – Many TV shows (including the news), and computer games focus on horror, fear, grief and pain, as well as sexual references beyond children’s developmental years;
- Family issues – such as separation, divorce or bereavement although common occurrences require adults to take control of their own situation allowing kids to feel safe and loved;
- Substance abuse by adults – put children in a role of helplessness, sometimes hopelessness, and often require the child to take on the responsibilities of the adult.

Creating overly-busy lives –
- Where evenings and weekends are spent away from home for activities. This combined with homework leaves very little time for the child to relax, play and enjoy just being at home with his family. It is thought felt that busy children are less likely to get into trouble, but there has to be a balance with children learning to relax, have down time to refresh the body and the brain.

A competitive attitude –
- Life becomes a desperate race to get everything done, as well as keep up with academic requirements. Yes some children are born competitive but this coupled with a competitive push by adults creates anxiety. Children as early as prep start to become anxious about their performance.

Overworked or stressed parents –
- Who may not have the time nor the energy to be available to their kids. Snappy, tense parents do not encourage children to want to spend time with them also.

Over-protection or under protection –

- With increase in traffic, stranger danger and crime, protecting your child is a must but balancing how this is done is equally important. It is our responsibility as adults to know where are children are, who they are with, what they are doing, who they are talking to (especially on the internet) and put in place guidelines for being safe.

A recent Qld university study asked kids what they need to be happy. Answers reported on TV stated ‘to do well in school, space to play, to have no worries, to have fun.’ Kids did not talk about money nor possessions. Kids with spiritual beliefs also fared better in coping with adversity.

Here are some tips:
- Limit the TV/computer. Have lots of time, space and materials for simple play.
- Create healthy boredom – stop entertaining them. Let space and books do that.
- Play – it is the source of creativity and inventiveness. It comes naturally to kids, and with practise you (the parent) will remember how to participate.
- Reconsider your own lifestyle – is it what you want, are you happy, what changes can be put in place. Do you need to ‘wind down’ a little.
- Limit the worries – Avoid undue pressure on kids. Take away adult stressors and adult responsibilities (news, family issues that only adults can ‘fix’)

The best thing you can do for your children is ‘let them be children’, be a part of their growing up and most of all enjoy them.

Aspects adapted from ‘More Secrets of Happy Children’ by Steve Biddulph.

Warm regards, Kirsty Thiesfield, Guidance Officer

Japan Tour 2013

We are seeking expressions of interest for a Japan Tour later this year for students in Grades 5, 6 & 7. A letter outlining the expected itinerary and costs is attached. If you are interested in your child participating this year OR next year, please read the attached information and return the form ASAP.

Kylie Doonican  
LOTE Teacher

P&C News

Reminder the P&C AGM is Monday the 18 March, 2013, 7pm in the administration block. All parents/carers are invited to attend.

Year 7 polos – second print run
No sooner than the shirts were delivered than calls have been received to do a second print run. Orders must be in by 9.00am Tuesday next week. Please drop orders off to tuckshop.

Kind regards, Narelle Reed  
P&C President  
Tel: 0403046920.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Thursday 14 March – Tanya Lind
Ice Blocks – Help needed please
Friday 15 March – Mandy, Trish Fairhall
Ice Blocks – Mandy
Monday 18 March – Ame Seagrove
Ice Blocks – Help needed please
Tuesday 19 March – Jai Ledgerwood
Ice Blocks – Renae Kogler
Wednesday 20 March – Mandy
Ice Blocks – Donna Clarke
Thursday 21 March – Donna Kafea
Ice Blocks – Simone Beck
Friday 22 March – Mandy, Michelle Smith
Ice Blocks – Elecktra Rorie
Online Ordering is our preferred method of ordering. You can access www.flexischools.com.au anytime and place your child's order for tuckshop or uniforms, hours, days or weeks in advance. It is really the easy way to order as you do not need to find the right coins or brown paper bags, it is all done for you at a click of a button and delivered to your child.

Volunteers - Mandy and I would like to thank our team of volunteers. Without your support the tuckshop would not be able to run efficiently and profitably. Remember that the profits made go directly back to your children. Together Everyone Achieves More!!

Every Tuesday is Sushi Day. Just fill in the attached order form and pop it into the box any day prior to Tuesday. Have a good week everyone. Suzelle & Mandy

COMMUNITY NOTICES

JAPANESE IMMERSION PROGRAM Attention Year 5, 6 and 7 Families 日本語 の イマージョン プログラム Parent Information Evening at Robina High School Thursday 14 March

5.00pm–6.15pm, GS410. If you are interested in working hard with a class of like minded and well behaved students, and you are interested in getting excellent results at school - you are invited to come and hear about our exciting Japanese Immersion Program. An excellence program for excellent students. We hope to meet students & parents on 14 March at Robina High. RSVP & enquiries to sskin26@eq.edu.au.

NERANG BULLS RUGBY UNION CLUB. Pappas Way, Nerang. There is still time to sign on before the season starts. U6 & U7 = $50 / season. U8 - U17 = $185 / season. All fees include shorts, socks & shorts. And for the month of March you can also pick yourself up a FREE RUGBY BALL. Training U6 - U11 Friday nights from 4:30pm. Training U12 - U17 Tues & Thursday nights from 5:00pm. Feel free to call Michelle on 0420 814 876 if you have any further questions.

Fun N Fitness Care' Holiday program Easter 2013 any information please contact Anthony www.funnfitnessvacationcare.com
## Tuesday Sushi Order Form

To be handed in at the Tuckshop by Monday 9.30am

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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.
Dear Parents,

We would like to offer an opportunity for Year 5, 6 & 7 students to learn about Japan first hand, travelling to Japan as a school group later this year. Gilston State School students have again been extended an invitation to participate in a school homestay program with our sister school Kobayashi Junior High School. If you are interested in your child participating in Japan Tour 2013, we are seeking an Expression of Interest for places.

Our proposed itinerary would be around 12 days in September 2013. The group would fly into Osaka and spend five nights in Kyoto travelling around the Kyoto and Hiroshima areas. We would then travel by bullet train to Tokyo for accommodation in Homestay with families from our sister school, Kobayashi Junior High School, in Narita. Our Homestay will last five nights during which time we will participate in school activities and also explore Tokyo and Narita. From there we would depart Japan through Narita International Airport.

We expect the cost per student to be approximately $2700. This would include airfares, accommodation, travel insurance, meals, entry fees and travel costs within Japan. Your child would need to take their own spending money for souvenirs, additional snacks, phone calls etc. While individual amounts are up to you, $100 spending money would be plenty.

If you are interested in your child participating in the Japan Tour 2013, please return the attached form to the office ASAP. If you are interested in your child participating in a Japan Tour for next year 2014, please indicate this on the form. We will be making decisions about the viability of a 2013 Tour very quickly, based on this information.

Regards,

Kylie Doonican
Japanese Teacher

David Cramb
Principal

We will fly into Osaka and spend about five days travelling around the Kyoto/ Hiroshima areas

After Kyoto we will move to Narita for Homestay our and Tokyo sightseeing before flying out

I am interested in sending my son/daughter _________________________ to Japan on the Gilston State School Study Tour in:

☐ September 2013

☐ September 2014

I understand the costs are estimated at $2700 per person for the trip.

Signed ________________________________
Year 7 Senior Polo for 2013

2nd and FINAL Print Run

For those students requesting a second senior shirt, this is the last print run being organised. We prefer you order online Flexischools. That elevates any chance of the forms going astray.

$27.00 each

Order by: Tuesday: 19th March, 2013

If you wish to place a manual order, please complete order form and drop into the collection box at the office.

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Flexi Schools – online is the Preferred order and payment method - Just go online place your order it’s so easy, no need to drop the form in, all the details are there.

Cheque Attached: [Payable to Gilston State School P & C Association]

Direct Deposit: BSB: 064 451 Ac: 10034465 Gilston State School P and C Ass
Reference: Student name Y7 Receipt number: ________________
[Note the P&C Bank account is a different account to the school account]

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Expiry Date: _ _ / _ _ Card Type Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐

Name on Card: __________________________
Signature: __________________________
I hereby authorise Gilston State School P & C association to process this transaction.