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DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S DEPOSITION

The school has been approached by the Super Circus to gauge interest in running some very exciting community circus projects at our school. The Circus Clubs are all about making it easy for students to access a dynamic extracurricular physical and performing arts program right within your school. The way it works is to offer the school a free version of our Circus performance at the start of term as either a stand-alone 30min circus show or as a short presentation within a school assembly at the beginning of term. This allows them to showcase the program for students. Costuming, equipment and all the required extras are provided to help bring their mini show to life. This is a fantastic skills based program that encourages physical participation but also builds confidence and team work within the group. Students will learn from a wide range of skills such as juggling, plate spinning, acrobatic balance, hula-hoop, diabolo, clown bikes, and many, many other circus and drama skills. The program is suitable for, and open to all grade Years 1-7. They do charge a participation fee of $79 per term, per student. Generally each club is run for 15 - 20 students. I’ll organise it for an Assembly in the near future and when I have a date will let everyone know about a presentation time through this medium.

Here is a note from Mr Langes, yes he’s still around and wanting all students’ to be the best they can be. This will, we hope, give you purpose and direction when you need it.

Parable of the Pencil: (Source unknown)

The pencil maker took the pencil aside just before putting it into the pencil case. There are five things you need to know, he told the pencil, before I send you out into the world. Always remember them, never forget and you will become the best pencil you can be.

One: You will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be guided by your parents and teachers.

Two: You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, but you will need it to become a better pencil.

Three: You will be able to correct any mistakes you might make.

Four: The most important part of you will always be what is inside.

Five: On every surface you are used on, you must leave your mark. No matter what the condition, you must continue to write.

The pencil understood, promised to remember and went into the pencil case with purpose in its heart.

Bruce Langes
Teaching and Learning Auditor

Some parents will be getting a note from their children’s teacher very soon to gauge interest in a learning program which will involve students bringing their own mobile learning devise to school.

The concept behind the Bring Your Own Deive Program (BYOD), at Gilston State School is to provide students with the opportunity for more personalised learning by having access to technology both at home and at school. This program will promote individual, differentiated learning for each student. If and when you get a note from your child’s teacher, the intent behind it is to gauge parent’s interest and we’re sure you’ll have many questions after that which we will answer for you. So keep an eye out for this soon.

**NEWS LETTER**

FOR YOUR DIARY

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NAPLAN
Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will participate in the annual National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing next month, to assess their skills and understanding in the areas of reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation), and numeracy. The tests will be conducted in all state and non-state schools across the country from 14 – 16 May 2013. NAPLAN assesses the skills that students develop over time through the school curriculum, and provides additional feedback for parents, carers and teachers on how students are progressing in the key curriculum areas. An individual NAPLAN report will be sent home for every child later this year. Further information is available on the ACARA website: http://www.nap.edu.au/. If you have any questions or concerns about your child’s participation in NAPLAN testing, please contact the school.

P & C NEWS
Following the recent AGM we are pleased to confirm the reappointment of all executive members: Jemma Baldwin – Vice President, Ruth Emerson – Secretary, Trent Firmin – Treasurer. As volunteers the P & C Executive and the P & C members provide a great service to the school and the students. Next Monday is the next general meeting, I encourage parents and carers to attend, the meetings are informative and worthwhile.

Help Please – Lollipop Volunteer Needed Urgently
Commitments see our Friday Lollipop supervisor unable to continue. This is a vital volunteer role, it provides safety for our children as they exit the school during the busiest period. If you are able to be of assistance, please contact me. The crossing will unfortunately have to go unmanned without someone stepping into the role.

Disco – This Friday
Geeks and Nerds Disco this Friday 19 April - 5.30–6.45pm; break; resuming 7.00–8.30pm sharp. Order your $5.00 tickets online via flexischools and they will be delivered to the children on Friday morning. The $5.00 entry includes: glow stick, drink & choice of hotdog or cheeseburger. See you there
As always any questions or queries you may have, feel welcome to contact me. Kind regards,
Narelle Reed P & C President Tel: 0403046920

GILSTON CLUB
Hi everyone, welcome back to Term 2 – I can’t believe how quick Term 1 went!!
Fun Run money and forms need to be in by next Friday 26 April. All money and forms are to go into the brown box in the office.
Entertainment Books are now for sale. There will be a display book in the office from this Friday for you to have a look through, and sometime over the next week or so, Mel and I will be up at the rotunda where you can have a look through one and purchase there and then. In the meantime, you can place an order now, via the forms going out this week, and they will be delivered to your child’s classroom. Before finishing, I would like to thank Mia and Alex for their outstanding work on the day of the Cross-Country, handing out the ice-blocks to the students. Neither I nor Mel was available that day, so their help was very much appreciated. Thank you also to all the mums who helped on the day.
Remember, for all things Gilston Club related, call me on 0414912217.
Have a great week.
Lisa

THANK YOU
I would like to thank staff, parents and students for their gifts and kind words on the occasion of my retirement.
I love the Gilston ‘Thank You’ book and have spent a lot of time reading the special messages within it.
I will miss you all very much. Take care.
Fran Norgate

PERFORMING ARTS COMPETITION
Entry forms are now available for our annual talent show. They can be collected from a folder on the music room veranda. One form per group/act. The auditions will begin on Monday 27 May and 15 acts will be chosen for the finals to be held on Friday 14 June. All forms need to be signed by one parent and returned to a box inside the music room door.

CHOIR REHEARSALS – TERM 2
Monday 1st break – Junior; Tuesday 1st break – Senior; Wednesday 1st break – Eisteddfod choir
Alison Miller/Music Teacher

SCHOOL BANKING COMPETITION
Win a share of the Dollarmites’ treasure by saving in Term 2 of School Banking - thousands of dollars worth of prizes!
Simply make 3 or more deposits at school during term 2 and you’ll be automatically entered into the competition.
1st Prize $5,000 family adventure to anywhere in Australia with $500 spending money.
25 x Runner-Up Prizes worth over $700
Awesome kid’s packs that will always have you ready for adventure! They are jam-packed with:
• a Wii U
• Walkie talkies
• Night vision goggles
• A waterproof camera
• A Razor eSpark electric scooter

Things to know before you Can:

CHESS CLUB NEWS
Chess lessons will resume next Monday 22 April and will again be held in the library from 11.00am until 12 noon. During this time aspiring chess players will be given lessons by a coach from Gardiner Chess who specialize in providing chess coaching services to schools. Lessons are tailored to suit all students from complete beginners to advanced players.
Throughout the year chess students are invited to compete in interschool competitions. Our students attended one of these last term, competing against many schools and performed extremely well with the B Team coming in third place after Somerset College and Kings College. There are still places available in the Chess Club and we welcome new members. There will be nine lessons this term at a total cost of $54. This is payable to the school office on Thursdays and Fridays.
STUDENT DENTAL VAN
Students in grades (2, 2/3, 3E, 3N, 3S, 3/4, 6 & 7) have been provided with an offer of oral health care pack to take home. The pack includes: Child & Adolescent Oral Health Service Brochure, Examination Card.
If your child is enrolled in one of the grades listed above and did not receive an offer of care pack and you would like to arrange for your child to receive oral health care please contact the Oral Health Call Centre 1300 300 850. Monday to Friday 8.00 am – 4.30 pm Excluding Public Holidays.
If your child requires disability access please identify this requirement with the Call Centre Operator.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER
Thursday 18 April – Mandy Ice Blocks – Mandy
Friday 19 April – Mandy, Tanya Lind Ice Blocks – Renae Kogler
Monday 22 April – Mandy Ice Blocks – Mandy
Tuesday 23 April – Donna Kafoa Ice Blocks – Jai Ledgerwood
Wednesday 24 April – Mandy Ice Blocks – Kirsty Feld.
Thursday 25 April – ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY
Friday – Trish/Kellie
Ice Blocks – Kamila Bestmann

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**New on the menu** – Tortellini $4.00

COMMUNITY NOTICES

**TENNIS COACHING** – Term 2 lessons will start back Thursday 18 April at the same time. The cost for this term will be $144 for 9 weeks. Please note there will be no lesson Anzac Day 25 April.
Rowan Hollands 0411 867 971 / rowan@gctenniscoaching.com.au

**MERRIMAC STATE HIGH SCHOOL** is pleased to offer **scholarships** for students in Year 8 – 2014. Scholarships may be awarded for high achievement in academic performance, sports, instrumental music, dance, drama and singing. Applications are available from Merrimac SHS admin or 222.merrimacshs.eq.edu.au and close on 15 May, 2013

**VIOLIN TUITION** is offered by experienced teacher with limited places due to family commitments (4 children)! $40 per ½ hour. Lessons given at my address, Eastgate Ridge, next to Gilston Primary School. Contact Kevin Deland, 0490 035665 or 0421 890801

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Suzelle & Mandy
# 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.