PRINCIPAL’S COMMENT
It is all about Attitude!
This week, I have been speaking to the students about attitude and confidence. Attitude is the key component that motivates us all to achieve greatness. Whether we do something because we have to or we achieve it because we passionately believe in doing so will impact on the quality of what we do.

Confidence comes from having a great attitude and by having knowledge and skill in an area. This comes from listening and learning. When we seek to understand others and learn to make good choices before acting, we develop confidence in our ability and our attitude improves.

At Gilston, we talk about making good choices after thinking clearly and making a plan of action. When following this process before making a decision, we can be certain that a person is showing leadership and ownership about that decision and therefore the consequences of that action. If while making decisions, a person has a positive attitude, we can be sure that good outcomes are more likely.

Encourage your children to develop a positive attitude about learning and about making choices. Good attitudes also mean taking responsibility for actions and learning from them so not to repeat the action.

Good attitudes are contagious: is yours worth catching!

Principal
David Cramb

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S DEPOSITION
Last week I spoke about media involvement and influence, and young children. The amount of research on the subject is overwhelming to say the least, alarming could be the findings. The link below a little something to take as you will.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TXD-Uqx6_WRk&list=UULC9eX5GnfaQmTSF6hTrqzA&index=8

The result of this influence can be manifested as bad behaviour and poor decision making on the part of our younger generation, amongst other influencing factors. The Courier Mail featured an article about the number of suspensions being handed out in schools at a Prep level on 3 June 2013 for the year of 2012. The front page article details the behaviours as, kicking, punching, biting, scratching, throwing objects, swearing, leaving supervised areas and disobedience. The numbers where tabled as such:

- Physical misconduct not involving an object – 345
- Persistent disruptive behaviour adversely affecting others – 65

Verbal or non-verbal misconduct – 29
Property misconduct – 21
Other conduct prejudicial to the good order and management of the school (including serious conduct) – 15
Refusal to participate in the program of instruction – 12
A total of 582.

Early Childhood teachers Association president Kim Walters said she believed there was a link between the suspension jump and the introduction of the Australian Curriculum. Queensland Association of principal’s president Hilary Backus thought there was a direct correlation between the rise in poor behaviour, resulting in higher numbers of suspensions and the higher curriculum expectations. She goes further, suggesting that other issues including ADHD and family dynamics can play a part.

I do believe that a huge factor which could have a bearing on student behaviour is school readiness.

Using longitudinal data studies, researchers identify links between three key elements of school readiness—school-entry academic, attention, and socio-emotional skills - and later, school reading and math achievement. Children’s socio-emotional skills and behaviours are also expected to affect both individual learning and classroom dynamics. Inadequate interpersonal skills promote child-teacher conflict and social exclusion (Newcomb, Bukowski, & Pattee, 1993; Parker & Asher, 1986), and these stressors may reduce children’s participation in collaborative learning activities and adversely affect achievement (Ladd et al., 1999; Pianta & Stuhlman, 2004).

So how do we cope with all this? Considering the Federal Government's national Plan for School Improvement initiative we see that by building strong school community relationships, we can better manage and reduce the numbers mentioned above. Further to this we can better engage all students. Please liaise/converse with your child’s teacher on a regular basis. Have conversations about his/her particular learning style. In depth (meaningful to you), conversations about where they are ‘at’ in literacy, reading and math, for example and how you can help at home. Have conversations involving all three stakeholders, you, the teacher/s and your child. We all know it takes a whole community to raise a child, one that’s focused on world class education of the child who can cope and thrive in a global community outside of Gilston.

Research and data can be important in making wise decisions, but sometimes attitudes are more important than facts.

Gold Coast Area Readers’ Cup Finals
Twenty-five schools from around the Gold Coast competed last night to find a team to represent the area at a State level. Taylor Watt, Elliana Slade, Ciara Ryan, Chloe Finnis and Zyanne Moir went along last night to represent Gilston State School. They certainly did us proud and showed all there they were a force to be reckoned with. The girls didn’t win the overall trophy but did beat a number of schools on the night.
Well done ladies, it was my pleasure to see you compete last night.

HOW ABOUT THAT!
Congratulations to Keyshia Matenga on her selection in the Girls District Touch Footy Team. Good luck at the District Carnival, Keyshia.

P & C NEWS
Sports Uniforms - A reminder the sports carnivals are next week. If your child needs a house sports shirt, the uniform shop is open this Friday 8.30-9.30am or alternatively order online via flexischools tonight or tomorrow and have one delivered to their class on Friday.
Spell-a-thon - Would all students please bring in their monies collected. There are great prizes to be won including an iPod plus pizza lunch for the class. Congratulations to all the children for their efforts and thank you in advance for your financial support of this major project. Just a little bit from everyone goes a very long way.

Have a great week and as always please feel welcome to contact me with any questions or queries.
Kind regards, Narelle Reed P&C President Tel: 0403046920.

GILSTON CLUB
Hi Everyone,
Entertainment Books – Check out the new 2013/14 book in the Office, fill in a form with payment details and the book will be delivered to your child’s classroom. You can also order online – just follow the directions on the forms or at www.entertainmentbook.com.au

With only 2 weeks left until the school holidays, there are some fantastic deals available from:
- Event Cinemas, Timezone, AMF Bowling, Hoyts, SkyPoint, Putt Putt, Get Wet Surf School, Oz Ball Zorbing Adventures, Go Bowling, Strike Bowling, Xtreme Karting, Laser Skirmish, Haunted House, Lollipops Playland & Café, Smileez, 2BKids, Abrakidazzle, Crystal Castle, Tropical Fruit World, Ripley’s Believe it or Not Odditorium, Quad Bike Safaris, Jet Ski Hire, Go Karting, Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary, Titans Games, Suns Games, Australia Zoo, Dreamworld & Whitewater World, Outback Spectacular, Movie World/Sea World/Wet n Wild, 7D Cinema (Surfers Paradise) – just to name a few!

Next week the athletic carnivals will be held. On Wednesday and Thursday, we will be holding a cake & coffee stall for the parents and we would love some volunteers to help serve. Remember, the Gilston Club ladies are also mums who have kids participating, so anyone who can help out whilst we watch our kids would be much appreciated. Just come see us on the day.

Remember, for all things Gilston Club related, call or text me on 0414912217.
Have a great week….. Lisa

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
The Senior Carnival will be held on Tuesday 11 June. All pupils require house T-shirt, hat, suitable footwear and sunscreen.

Tuckshop must be pre-ordered.

As always, the focus of the carnival is on participation and enjoyment. Spectators are most welcome.

All enquiries to Mr Stavar.

We look forward to a fun and successful carnival.

JUNIOR SPORTS DAY will be held for Years 1-3 on Wednesday 12 June, commencing with a march past at 9.15am, followed by sprints and tabloid games. (Please note – Prep will do their sprints and tabloids on Thursday 13 June, due to increased student numbers).

Students require house T-shirt, a hat, suitable footwear, water bottle and sunscreen.

As always, spectators are most welcome. We look forward to fun filled days and a successful carnival.

GILSTON PERFORMING ARTS COMPETITION
Finalists will be competing on the hall stage on Friday 14 June at 11.50am. Parents are welcome to attend.

Alison Miller / Music Teacher

CHAPPY’S SPACE
Families enews: Strengthening family relationships

The mental health and wellbeing of individuals is certainly important. But, we also know that the functioning of the family – positive or otherwise – plays a crucial role in the mental health and wellbeing of each of its members.

Strengthening family relationships is the focus of this month’s KidsMatter enewsletter for families. We look at what parents and carers can do, regardless of whether they live with their children full-time or not, to keep connections strong and maximise good mental health for everyone:

- Building better family relationships
- Helping children cope with a family break-up
- Encouraging dads to connect
- Parents and carers matter too

Families might like to use KidsMatter resources, refer resources on to others, and subscribe to our families enewsletter.

Breakfast club is going well and the kids seem to be enjoying it. Thank you so much to all the volunteers that make this possible and to the businesses and families who support us with gift cards and goods. We really couldn’t provide this community service without your participation. You truly are a blessing!

Food Parcels for Emergency Food Relief

Newlife Uniting Church Robina 55789322
Gold Coast Christian Family Church 1300 883 503

Quotes
The greatest pleasure I know is to do a good action by stealth, and to have it found out by accident.

-Charles Lamb

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference

–Reinhold Niebuhr

Have a great week. From the Chappies
Flying Start – An overview

Why Year 7 will be part of high school: From 2015 our education system is changing for the better with Year 7 becoming the first year of high school. In 2007 the Prep year was successfully introduced to Primary School and subsequently in 2008 the Year 1 entry age was raised by six months. The final step in bringing Queensland in-line with other states will be the movement of Year 7 to High School.

By 2015 more than half the students in Year 7 will be turning 13. Educators agree that young teenagers are ready for greater independence and the depth of learning that high schools provide. With the additional of the Prep year, by 2015 our Year 7 students will be in their eighth year of school and this is the right year for High School to begin. Also, since 2012 we have adopted the new Australian Curriculum for English, Maths, Science and History. In 2014 and 2015 HPE, Humanities, LOTE, Technology and The Arts will be introduced. Being at High School will mean our Year 7 students will have access to the specialist resources they need for these subjects.

What will change: A fundamental change in High Schools will be the formation of a distinct Junior Secondary school that will encompass Year 7, 8 and 9. There will be a strong emphasis on pastoral care for our students, and parents will be encouraged to become even more involved in their student’s schooling in the High School years. The government has provided additional funding to upgrade facilities at all high schools including Nerang High to ensure learning environments are the best they can be, and give students the learning opportunities they need. Nerang High has appointed a Head of Department for Junior Secondary to oversee this important phase of students schooling.

ORAL HEALTH CARE MATTERS

Did you know that Gold Coast Hospital and Health Services – Oral Health Services in both the community and school dental clinics accept Teen Dental Vouchers? Good oral health is important for young people. The government has provided Teen Dental Vouchers to help enable and maintain good oral health and preventative care. These vouchers can be presented to private dentists or Gold Coast Hospital and Health Services – Oral Health Services, including a community or school dental clinic. Children attending schools up to the end of Year 10 who present a Teen Dental Voucher with Gold Coast Oral Health Services will receive a comprehensive examination, x-rays, scale, clean and a full course of care. Children in Years 11 and 12 in receipt of a voucher can only be seen by Gold Coast Oral Health Services if the eligibility criteria are met. They will then be placed on a waiting list to receive a comprehensive examination, x-rays, scale, clean and a full course of care.

If the Teen Dental Voucher has been used at a private dental practice, completion of the private dentist’s treatment plan will need to be undertaken privately at own cost. Gold Coast Hospital and Health Services will only be able to provide Emergency Care for these children, not a full course of care as prescribed by the private dentist.

Gold Coast Hospital and Health Services – Oral Health Services have qualified and experienced dentists, oral health therapists, dental therapists and dental assistants who work together to provide a range of oral healthcare services to meet your child’s specific oral health needs in a caring environment.

As the Teen Dental Voucher expires by 31.12.13, it is important that you arrange your appointment as soon as possible by telephoning the Gold Coast Oral Health Services Call Centre on 1300 300 850. Oral health services are also provided during all school holiday periods.

For more information on the nearest community or school dental clinic, the Oral Health Call Centre will be able to assist you with your enquiry.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

ST MICHAEL’S - OPEN EYES SOCIAL MEDIA AWARENESS FOR PARENTS – social media issues that children face and suggestions to reduce the chances of bullying, predators/sex offenders, identity theft, poor digital footprint, access to inappropriate material – Thursday 6 June. For more information call Tricia on 0412 787 299.

TENNIS FIXTURES - New Season starting in July is now OPEN to all level of tennis players – Adult or Junior. Saturday Afternoons, Tuesday Nights, Thursday Nights. Contact Tennis Gold Coast to enter a team now (2 person team) - tennisgoldcoast@bigpond.com or 5532 8566. Full details: www.tennisgoldcoast.com.

GILSTON SS AFL AUSKICK CENTRE - Cost only $60.00!!! To pay online register at aflauskick.com.au. Please make cheques payable to: AFL Queensland. Sign on and 1st Session: 3:10-4:10pm Thursday 18 July. For more info. Contact Tim Searl on 5594 5722.

Kids turning 5 in calendar year can participate. If you miss the first session you can join the following week. No specialist clothing required (football boots not necessary.)
# 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.