PRINCIPAL’S COMMENT

As a Gilston Great, I want all students to be well organised and proactive in meeting deadlines. We all have to meet certain deadlines every day. Whether it is when bills have to be paid or when particular jobs have to be finished, we are aware of when these have to be completed and our responsibilities around this.

It is important for children to also learn the responsibilities they have in meeting deadlines. A pro-active person ensures they are well organised in order to complete tasks by a certain time. A pro-active person is also able to take responsibility for their actions and decisions if they are unable to meet the deadline.

Students have a range of deadlines to meet as well. These may be at home: e.g., clean your room before you go out to play, or at school: e.g., complete this project by the due date. As adults, we must encourage students to meet deadlines and teach them that there are consequences if they are unable to meet them. This is all about teaching young people to be organised, take responsibility for actions and make good choices.

Children are sometimes great at coming up with excuses as to why things cannot be achieved or avoided and worrying about new things. It is our collective responsibility to support students to meet challenges, ignore excuses and take risks to explore new directions.

Good organisation and resilience is crucial for success in life. It is our job as parents and educators to enable this.

David Cramb
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S DEPOSITION

On time – All Day, Every Day

We need to keep reinforcing and being vigilant about the Education Queensland ‘Every Day at School Counts’ campaign. ‘Late to school’ and ‘absenteeism’ are significant problems in schools across Queensland, and Gilston is amongst this group. There are a number of reasons why we should adopt and promote this EQ campaign. Most crucial is that of student engagement, readiness to learn and higher achievement. Students being here on time, all day, every day and achieving to their potential is everyone’s goal, teachers, schools, students and families.

Being late puts demands on a student because they have to ‘hit the ground running’ and never catch up because of a lack of organisation and preparedness to start learning. This clearly sends a message that education is not important. The best birthday present you can give is to ensure your child is at school and participating in the education program.

In an article in the GC Bulletin on the 17th Sarah Blake wrote an article about falling achievement rates for students. She writes – ‘AUSsIE parents and schools are too soft on kids for them to compete internationally, with experts blaming an “everyone gets a ribbon” culture for holding students back. And it is unlikely academic performances will improve without a dramatic shift towards “more rigorous” schooling.

“We tend to worry more about students’ self-esteem than about how challenged they are in the classroom,”’ Ms Ripley said of her research, which explores how teenagers learn in top performing countries. Although her article is moving in a different direction to mine, there are connections between them. Nothing can affect a student’s self-esteem greater than being late and unprepared for the day. We appreciate your support.

For the Volunteers

The Gilston Club would like to acknowledge and reward those who give their time for our students. They would like to reward those who participate a chance at a week-end for two adults and two children (with concession’s for more kids), at Sea World Nara Resort. Keep your eye out for more info from the ladies.

Eisteddfod News

Congratulations to the School Choir and Band for their efforts representing the school. You did a wonderful job, all of you. No matter what result you achieved no matter what result you achieved, you’re all winners, each and every one of you. Your dedication and perseverance to this cause will serve you well in future endeavours.

School Uniforms

This week we’re going to be promoting the wearing of full school uniforms for all children at all times. I’m aware of the fact that in some cases this may not be possible. In cases such as this could I ask that you send your child with a note explaining the reason why. The school does have a policy regarding uniforms and the reasons for the adoption of such are many and well researched. The opening address on the school website seeks to explain what the school identity is. A school uniform forms an integral part of this set of values.

Parking

We are still having considerable difficulty with our school parking and pick up zones. I am including below the information about how to use the pick-up zone. PLEASE read
this information. If it is followed our pick up zone works exceptionally well. It doesn't work when parents disregard the signs and park in the zone of a morning and afternoon. Any public vehicles that access and use the bottom access road do so at their own risk. Any damage, loss, theft from said vehicles and damage caused by those vehicles to a third party will be the sole responsibility of the owner of the vehicle doing the damage. The parking at the Hall/Library buildings is provided for access and entry to those buildings as per Australian Building Standards. Visitor parking and disabled parking is provided in the parking area adjacent to the Administration building. At the exit end of the pick-up zone there's a give-way sign. This needs to be adhered to. There are complaints from the public who access the estate behind the school about “abusive people from the school not adhering to the road rules”. This type of action is a breach of the traffic rules and can be enforced if the complainant lodges their concern with the police with a vehicle registration number.

HOW TO USE THE PICK UP ZONE

The passenger pickup zone/2 minute zone allows for quick pick up of children during congested peak school 'set down' and 'let out' times.

THE CONCEPT
Vehicles move slowly along to the loading zone towards the front of the queue
Children see the vehicle and are ready to get in
Motorists 'give each other a fair go'
If your child is not there then you move to the front of the line and can stay there in your vehicle for a maximum of two minutes before you are required to move off and park or go around the block and re-enter the line.
RESPECT THE TIMING
Do not stop for more than two minutes
Do not park in the bus zone and walk away from the car.
PICK UP AND LOADING BAGS
You can get out of the vehicle only to assist the children to load bags.
Never double park to pick up children – it is illegal and dangerous.
Do not cross the road anywhere other than at the designated crossings.
And if we could keep in mind, we clear 640 students every day in around about twenty minutes, a statistic a lot of organisations would be envious of.

Gilston S.S students Learning Place

Use this QR code to take you to the Learning Place for Students. When you get there use your child’s EQ MIS login. This is the user name they use at school to log on to computers. This will take you to the Gilston State School iZone where you and your child will have bucket loads of free, fun, educational activities to engage in.

Nerang Surfside Bus
The bad behaviour on the Bus that travels from the school to various parts of Nerang is still going on. We have NO jurisdiction regarding what happens on the bus. I have made every effort to make students aware of the way they should behave. They know how to behave but when they are passengers they are subject to the Queensland Traffic Department Code of Conduct. Breaches of this code and the consequences of it can be explained to anyone by Surfside Buses. If you have ANY complaints or concerns please ring Surfside Buses on 5502 7122.

Student Cake Stall
It was great to see some of our year four cohort organising and running a cake stall to raise money for the RSPCA. The students really need to be commended for their efforts. We all need to acknowledge the great leadership shown by these fine young people.

Twitter

Check out the QR code
To check things happening at the school check us out on Twitter. Download the free app, i-nigma, scan and you're there.

PCYC at Gilston S.S
Negotiations are well under way for the Nerang PCYC to have a before and after school care facility operating out of the school hall. It has been tabled at the P & C meeting and discussed with overwhelming approval. This is going to be a great benefit to parents and students coming to Gilston. At this stage we’re working with the PCYC going through the accreditation and licensing procedure. Once that’s done we should be close to giving a start date and other information about how to take advantage of the programs they have.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY 11-12 September
Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes sent home last week and remember these helpful points:
- Don’t seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope; however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day. Please indicate on the child’s envelope that contains all sibling payments the names of the children you are paying for.
- Family portrait envelopes are available at the school office upon request.
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given. Cash, cheques, money orders or credit cards are accepted.

P&C NEWS
Trivia Night – This is one of our favourite traditions here at Gilston, a great evening for the adults, lots of prizes, interesting questions and more interesting answers. It is planned for later this year, with A Trivia Night Committee required. If you have some spare time and would be willing to help it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Trent Firmin via email: trenvy@bigpond.com or phone 0430 448 684.
Have a great week. Cheers, Narelle Reed P & C President
Tel: 0403046920.
GILSTON CLUB
Hi Everyone,

Raffle Books — All books need to be returned immediately. We must account for EVERY book so please return them, sold or unsold. All books and money must be returned, in a sealed bag/envelope, and placed in the wooden box in the office. As of last Friday, 254 books were still outstanding. If you have any queries, call me.

Entertainment Books — taking last orders. Only 2 weeks left to purchase your book. These make great Father’s Day presents for the Dads who have everything!

Father’s Day Stall — this will be held on Tuesday 27 August (Prep-Year3), Wednesday 28 August (Year 4-Year 7), and Thursday 29 August for any leftover stock. Friday 30 August is the Gold Coast Show public holiday. If anyone is able to help with the stall, please let me know. Tuesday and Wednesday will be from 9.00-11.00am in the Library and Thursday will be in the hall kitchen before and after Book Character Parade. You may only be able to do an hour or two, but anything would be appreciated. Remember to send a plastic bag in with your child so their present can be protected whilst in their bag. Prices range from $1.00-$8.00. Please see attached flyer to see how you can go in the draw to win a 2 night holiday at Sea World Nara Resort for your family.

Remember, for all things Gilston Club related, call or text me on 0414912217.

Have a great holiday….. Lisa

TENNIS
On Tuesday our school was visited by ‘Tennis Hot Shots’. The students had lots of fun learning new racquet and ball skills with coaches Ellie and Rohan. I’m sure our groundsman will love getting all the balls off the roof. For those unaware, Rohan Hollands provides tennis lessons before school at Gilston on Thursday mornings at a cost of $16 per lesson. He is a fully qualified coach and can be contacted on 0411 867 971 or rowan@gctenniscoaching.com.au

Scott Stavar / HPE Teacher

SCHOOL BANKING
Gilston SS is doing very well in the competition being run by CommBank this term, however, there are still many students who have not banked for a while.

To be in the running for yourself and the school for great prizes, find your CommBank Deposit book and make some savings into your account this Friday through School Banking! If for any reason you have misplaced your deposit book and are unsure of what to do, please call me or see the staff at a CommBank branch.

Remember, it only counts if you make your deposits through your school. If families have younger siblings who would like to get their savings to a good start through school banking, please send their books in with older siblings.

There are great prizes to win, and as we saw - we had a winner at Gilston in last term’s competition! We can do it again and win a Marquee for the school too!

If you have any questions, please call me on 0411 822 121.

Mia Pyyyvara

BOOK CLUB orders are due by Monday 26 August. Please place all orders in the box in the library.

All orders are to be paid for online.

Thank you.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER
Thursday 22 August — Stacey Gardner
Ice Blocks – Simon Beck
Friday 23 August – Alex McCarthy, Natalie, Nicole
Ice Blocks – Kamila Bestmann
Monday 26 August – Dannie
Ice Blocks – Irene Nicholson
Tuesday 27 August – Tracey Zimmerman
Ice Blocks – Vicki Johnston
Wednesday 28 August – Stacey Gardner
Ice Blocks – Help Needed
Thursday 29 August – Marnie
Ice Blocks – Mandi Roughley
Friday 30 August – GOLD COAST SHOW HOLIDAY

We have new Nudie Juice poppers now available in Tropical, Apple and Lemonade $2.00 each. Please note all drinks are now $2.00. Please order online for uniforms and tuckshop at www.flexischools.com.au

Have a great week.

Mandy

COMMUNITY NOTICES
Enjoy an entertaining afternoon at the MUDGEERABA UNITING CHURCH FASHION PARADE of pre-loved clothing Saturday 24 August 1.30pm. Admission $6 adults and $3 students which includes a delicious afternoon tea. Lucky door prizes and a Craft and Jam Stall. Enquiries phone 5525 1309.

ASHMORE LITTLE ATHLETICS SIGN ON Saturday 24 August & 31 August – 12.00-3.00pm. 5-16 years – Brian Johnston Athletics Track Ashmore (near PCYC). www.ashmorelittleathletics.com

TWEED DISTRICT SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION INC. is inviting new and old members to come and register for the upcoming 2013/2014 season commencing 12 October. All games are played at Piggabeen Sports Complex, Tweed Heads West, Juniors – Saturday 10.00am or 12noon, Seniors – Tuesday 6.30pm or 8.00pm. We cater for boys and girls from ages 6 and up with Teeball (U10). For further information contact Association President - Linda on either 07 5523-2571/0409 27 99 34 or via e-mail tweedsoftball@iinet.net.au
Calling All Volunteers…

We have a special incentive/reward for all volunteers who put their hand up from now on, to help in any of the following areas:

- Tuckshop
- Uniform Shop
- School Banking
- Lollipop Lady

Come to at least 2 Gilston Club Meetings or help out at a GC Fundraiser

Help out at Arts Night, School Disco or other school function

Everyone that volunteers at least once a month will go into the draw to win:

2 Nights Accommodation for 2 Adults & 2 Children at Sea World Nara Resort
(extra children can be added when booking)

To be drawn at the Volunteers Morning Tea in November

For all queries, call Lisa (Gilston Club) on 0414912217
## 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.