PRINCIPAL’S COMMENT

Reading to Your Child

There have been some reports in the media this week about the role parents can play in reading to their children. Some people have contacted social media or talk back radio with a range of experiences and opinions in this area.

In my experience, it is my belief that reading at home to children is a vital part of literacy development. Literacy learning commences years before children even see a school. It comes from the parents of young children listening to them, communicating, singing to them, sharing stories and reading. Children learn by seeing their role models using books and being immersed in literature at home.

Having books in your home, charts and posters about words and the alphabet etc. in their room when they are babies can all help to develop a love for reading and an appreciation of literature.

Start Young and Stay With It

At just a few months of age, an infant can look at pictures, listen to your voice, and point to objects on cardboard pages. Guide your child by pointing to the pictures, and say the names of the various objects. By drawing attention to pictures and associating words with both pictures and real-world objects, your child will learn the importance of language.

Children learn to love the sound of language before they even notice the existence of printed words on a page. Reading books aloud to children stimulates their imagination and expands their understanding of the world. It helps them develop language and listening skills and prepares them to understand the written word. When the rhythm and melody of language become a part of a child's life, learning to read will be as natural as learning to walk and talk.

Even after children learn to read by themselves, it's still important for you to read aloud together. By reading stories that are on their interest level, but beyond their reading level, you can stretch young readers' understanding and motivate them to improve their skills. Reading is a lifelong skill. Join your child in being part of this journey.

Uniforms

Parents are reminded that Gilston State School has an approved dress code policy for students that have been endorsed by the P&C Association. While many students follow this process appropriately, there are times when some present in a way that breaches this policy. At these times, students and sometimes parents will be advised. This is a responsibility for all of us to share together. There will always be times when students ask you if they can where various things or 'accessorise' their outfit in particular ways. At these times, I ask that all parents remember our school expectations and say 'No' to your child if their request will breach the code. As always, please communicate with administration if you are facing specific difficulties which in some way influence your child's ability to be appropriately presented at school. I also would like to draw parents' attention to the sections of the code that relate to jewellery and hair colour.

Morning Drop off and Afternoon Pick up

Again, this is an area that can operate successfully if all in our community work together. Afternoon pick up is working well at the moment as most parents are keeping the traffic moving by always driving down to the front of the queue. Please continue to do this as it allows more effective movement of traffic for all. Parents are reminded in the morning and afternoon that students must not be dropped off outside the Prep room gates as this area is a bus zone. You may park in the appropriate area and walk your child to the gate or drop them off in the designated drop off area.

David Cramb
Principal
Fantastic news from the Gold Coast Show

Congratulations to Elise McCarthy for her debut entry into the Gold Coast Show Art Competition. Elise was awarded a highly commended for her work titled ‘Learning about Colour’. Another example of a Gilston Great doing great and sorry, did I forget to mention the highly commended award was in the Open Category of the Show.

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Book Character Parade

Book Character parade is on tomorrow shortly at 9.15am. I hope everyone has something to come as. Remember it's about having fun and being imaginative. So get out and scrounge, recycle, borrow or make up anything to be a part of the action. And remember to value add to your ensemble with a smile so when you get there you can trade it up for a laugh.

Japanese Student Visit

Thank you to all the families who made our visit from the Kobayashi Junior High such a success. The feedback from the students and the organisers was that they were overwhelmed with your generosity and the wonderful community that is Gilston.

Book Club Orders in by Tomorrow

It's a short week this week and lots happening so please make sure you've got your book orders in by Thursday.

New iZone Furniture

So all the new furniture has arrived and is being well utilised by the student body. Thank you to the huge efforts put in by our Gilston Club volunteers. Without this support we would have serious issues around providing such resources for all our students. So if anyone has some time to help the ladies and also the P & C please come along and make yourself known to them.

ORIENTATION DAY

Orientation Day for Prep enrolments for 2014 will be held on Tuesday 17 September at 9.15am in the Hall.

GILSTON CLUB

Hi Everyone,

Raffle Books – THERE ARE STILL 200 BOOKS OUTSTANDING (that’s half of what went out). THEY NEED TO COME BACK NOW!! Come on everyone, it’s now almost 2 weeks since they were due back and I don’t want to keep harping on this every week. 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. If you have any queries, call me.

Entertainment Books – no more orders taken after this week so tomorrow is your last chance to purchase one. I just got a fantastic deal last week using my book, at a Worldmark Resort on the Sunshine Coast – half the price compared to other similar rated resorts. Even my parents, who are Worldmark owners, were astounded at the price I got. As well as what’s in the book, you are always getting emails with new deals from new companies. I love it!

Father’s Day Stall – we apologise for the confusion this week regarding the days allotted for the stall – it was out of our hands. All classes went through today and any leftover stock will be for sale before and after tomorrow’s Book Character Parade, in the hall kitchen. Please be aware that there are gifts that require batteries, which are not included. Please check your child's gift so if batteries are needed, they can be purchased before given to Dad.

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

Thanks….. Lisa

The Child and Adolescent ORAL HEALTH SERVICE have completed routine oral health care for students attending Gilston State School.

Please consider attending your family dentist in-between offers of care by the Child and Adolescent Oral Health Service to assist in maintaining your child's oral health. A dental pain relief and trauma service operates between offers of care to provide emergency treatment only. In the case of an emergency, telephone the Oral Health Call Centre 1300 300 850 Monday to Friday 8.00am-4.30pm excluding Public Holidays.

Health Environment Education Community Creativity

TIPS FOR BEING A NURTURING PARENT

Being a parent is the most important role you can ever have. Children need to feel loved and treasured in order to develop to their full potential. Children learn by example; they learn by watching what you say and do all the time, every day. Tell them regularly that they are special, loved and wanted. Make sure you hug and cuddle often.

Choose your words with care when disciplining your child; children need love, even when they misbehave.

What you say to your children can determine how they feel about themselves, and how they feel about you. Children tend to believe what their parents or carers tell them; if the words are hurtful, they may develop low self-esteem.

When they misbehave remember to tell them it is the behaviour you do not like; criticise the behaviour, not the child. Make sure your child knows that bad behaviour won’t mean loss of your love even for a little while. Harsh, hurtful, abusive words can have very negative effects, and can result in children believing they are useless, no good and will never amount to anything.

Children learn right from wrong by copying; if you hit them, they’ll think it is okay to hit too.

Be constructive in your criticism; talk to children about how they could do things differently.

Show children what they should do – not just what they shouldn’t do.

It is easier as parents to see the bad behaviour, and not notice the good behaviour. Learn to look for good behaviour and let your child know how pleased you are. Let them know when they do things well by using encouraging words.

Praise their smallest achievements.

Acknowledge, and respect their talents.

Make time for your children, find out what is happening in their lives, how they feel, what they think. Help them feel heard and understood.

Take time to have fun together and get to know more about your child.

Let them know you are available to talk with them about their feelings and worries.

Encourage children to share their feelings, and share your feelings with them too.
Stop what you are doing and listen when your child talks to you: respect and acknowledge their feelings. These actions give powerful messages to children about how important they are to you. Children think some amazing thoughts. If your child knows you will listen, you are more likely to find out what is going on. Try to address any stress in the family. Children are sensitive to adult tension and may misbehave as a result. Remember to use words that HELP not hurt.

TELL CHILDREN YOU LOVE THEM – THEY NEED TO KNOW THAT!

SCHOOL BANKING
We are still in the running to win in this term’s competition having moved up one place - we are currently in 4th place. Everyone get banking and make that deposit if you have not yet banked this term!
As there is no school this Friday, there will be no School Banking this week!

CHAPPY’S SPACE
Building your child’s resilience and ability to bounce back from difficult situations is a great way to prepare your child for setbacks in life. However, no matter how much preparation you do, sometimes life doesn’t go according to plan. Here are our top five tips to help your child – and yourself – cope when times get tough.
1) Listen to their concerns, 2) Maintain routines wherever possible, 3) Provide reassurance, 4) Let them know it is okay to express their feelings, 5) Ask for help.

Read full article at kidsmatter.com.au

Breakfast Club – Thank you so much to our parents and Impact Church who help out every week. We really need a few more volunteers on board though. If any parents/carers/grandparents are interested in joining our breaky club team, please contact chappy Sami on samanthab@chappy.org.au

Prayer For Our Families - if there are any families in our community who wish to send prayer requests to our School Chaplain, no need to go into detail, you can access this community service via Chappy’s email samanthab@chappy.org.au

Food Parcels For Emergency Food Relief - Newlife Uniting Church Robina 55789322, Gold Coast Christian Family Church1300 883 503

Saturday Night Kids Club- ‘Kids Roc’ 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month put on by Harvest City Church held in William Duncan School Hall. Enquiries Sue 0421664466
www.kidsroc.com.au

COMMUNITY NOTICES
GOLD COAST DOLPHINS’ FREE JUNIOR CRICKET COACHING CLINIC – Kerrydale Oval, Priddey’s Road, Robina – Saturday 7 September 10.30am-12.30pm. Boys & Girls ages 9-16. To register send your child’s name, age and contact details to coachingclinics@goldcoastdolphins.com.au

BURLEIGH HEADS MOWBRAY PARK SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB NIPPER SIGN ON Saturday 31/8/13 12.00-2.30pm, Sunday 8/9/13 8.30-10.30am.

LIONS CLUB TRIVIA NIGHT Saturday 14/9/13 – 7.00pm start (doors open 6.30pm) Merrimac SS Multipurpose Centre - $15 per person includes nibbles, supper and prizes. BYO drinks. To reserve your table email trivia.robinalions@hotmail.com. RSVP by 31/8/13.

TENNIS COACHING: Classes conducted on Thursday mornings from 8.00am. Cost is $16 per lesson, discounts for 3 or more children. All enquiries to Rowan Hollonds, Gold Coast Tennis Coaching, 0411 867 971, rowan@gctenniscoaching.com.au or www.gctenniscoaching.com.au

DONATE FOR A MATE – Family Fun Day 1/9/2013 – 9.00-4.00pm – Cedar Lake Resort, 555 Nerang-Murwillumbah Road, Advancetown. Drag car, drift car, stunt bikes, jumping castle, raffles, markets, etc.
## 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.