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Swimming Prep, P/1, Year 3, 3/4, 4/5 and 5.
Family Arts Night
Last day payment Yr 7
Tallebudgerra Leadership Day
P-5 CSIRO Program
Disco
Last day Term 4
First day Term 1

PRINCIPAL’S COMMENT

Year 7 Canberra Trip
I was delighted to be able to participate in the year 7 Canberra trip last week. The students and staff who joined me were treated to an action packed week of sightseeing and guided tours all around our nation’s capital as well as a day in Sydney.

I was so proud of our students as they represented our school in all of these important places over the week. Well done year 7s and the staff (Mr Gay, Mrs Dickmann and Mrs Faulkner) who participated in this trip.

Go to our school website on www.gilstonss.eq.edu.au and click on the twitter feed on the right to see some of the photos taken during the week.

World Teachers’ Day 25 October
This Friday we celebrate the great work of our teachers on World Teachers’ Day. The quality teaching happening in our classrooms every day has a powerful effect on students' performance. Remember to say thanks on World Teachers’ Day.


David Cramb
Principal

MUSIC NEWS

The junior choir will be singing at the assembly on Thursday 24 October. Senior and junior choirs will be singing at the Gilston Arts Night on Friday 1 November. All choir members need to wear their school uniform and arrive no later than 6.00pm for this performance.

“Nerang Celebrates Christmas” children’s choir commenced rehearsals last weekend. If there are any children who would like to join, please see Mrs Miller for an information leaflet.

From 28 October to 1 November Gilston School will take part in “Music: Count Us In”. MCUI is Australia’s biggest school initiative. With support from The Australian Government, it has run since 2007 and is all about celebrating the value of music education to students. It involves more than 600,000 students, teachers - and often parents - from schools all over Australia who sign up to learn, rehearse, and then perform the same song. Gilston students have been learning the song “Keep On” and will be singing it one final time this coming week as part of the Australia-wide performance.

Decades of research shows that learning music can help students’ self-confidence, self-discipline and team work. PLUS there are strong links between music learning and academic skills in literacy and numeracy. Research shows that music is unique in its flow-on benefits to students who learn it. More information and the song can be found at www.musiccountusin.org.au. To just listen to and/or sing along with the song go to http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_8HwleyNuo

Alison Miller / Music Teacher

P&C NEWS

Market Night This Friday Night 25 October 6.00pm – Cancer Council Girls night
This is a wonderful opportunity to support small local businesses from our school community as they join us in a market night. Lots of goodies which will make for perfect Christmas presents, as well as supporting the Cancer Council.

Volunteer Crossing supervisor
A rerun from last week: You may have noticed we have a depleted number of crossing supervisors. Without new people to volunteer we are unable to have this manned regularly. Should you be able to assist in this very worthwhile safety initiative it would be greatly appreciated. Please give me a call.

P & C Meeting
Monday night’s meeting was the second last for the year, and mostly general administrative items were covered. The approval for 4 replacement air conditioners has been given from the funds raised throughout the year.

Tuckshop Items
The tuckshop will be increasing its snacks for the children to purchase over the counter during the breaks. Various bakery items will be available with the selection changing daily. Have a great week.

Kind regards, Narelle Reed P&C President Tel: 0403046920.
TIMELY ACTS OF GENEROSITY - i.e. T.A.G the city, is an event that is being held across the Gold Coast and in which our school will be participating on Saturday 9 January for 4 hours. We are looking for helpers for our free car wash at our school - a random act of kindness you can be a part of. I believe 107.3 Juice FM will be crossing live to all the schools involved. Please email me samanthab@chappy.org.au if you would like more info.

Az Hamilton a DJ from Juice 107.3 will be coming out in a few weeks’ time to share some inspirational things with Year 6 and 7. He will be encouraging them to look outside themselves and showing them how they can make a difference in the world both locally and globally. There will be a little surprise also.

ROBINA STATE HIGH SCHOOL JAPANESE IMMERSION PROGRAM INFORMATION NIGHT
Wednesday 23 October – 5.00-6.00pm - G410/11

TUCKSHOP ROSTER
Thursday 24/10/13 - Kellie Gibson
Ice blocks - Karen
Friday 25/10/13 - Trish Fairhall, Alex McCarthy
Ice blocks - Kamila Bestmann
Monday 28/10/13 - Dannie Faulkner
Ice blocks - Melissa Moore
Tuesday 29/10/13 - Help Needed
Ice blocks - Irene Nicolson
Wednesday 30/10/13 - Help Needed
Ice blocks - Karen
Thursday 31/10/13 - Help Needed
Ice blocks - Help
Friday 1/11/13 - Alex McCarthy
Ice blocks - Kamila Bestmann

If you require a Sushi Order they are available from the tuckshop.

New to the menu STRAWBERRY/ BANANA SMOOTHIE $3.50, GRAIN WAVE CHIPS $1.20
Red Rock chips are now only $1.20 reduced from $1.50.

As this is a busy time of year for the tuckshop any NEW faces that can help out for an hour or two once a month would be a great help and benefit to the children.

Have a great week   Mandy and Nicole :)

COMMUNITY NOTICES
Students 9 years and older interested in competing in TRIATHLONS can visit www.triathlonqld.com.au/Events/Allschools. They run many kid friendly events during the year.

NERANG STATE HIGH SCHOOL P&C is again holding an Arts and Crafts Market in our school hall on Saturday 30 November from 8.00am to 12 noon. We would like to showcase the talents of the local community, so if you sew, paint, arrange, hammer, paste, knit, crochet, bake, mix or scrap anything we would love to hear from you! If anyone is interested in having a stall please contact me on 0412267263 or tspie16@eq.edu.au for details.

MERRIMAC STATE HIGH SCHOOL ENROLMENT Information Evening for students in Year 8, 2014 will be on Wednesday 6 November, at 6.30pm in the Library. All prospective students and parents are welcome to attend. Staff will be on hand to provide information on enrolment, curriculum and facilities. Enrolment packs will be available from Admin or @www.merrimacshs.eq.edu.au for details.

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
Volunteering at Gilston

Gilston State School P&C coordinates a variety of initiatives, events and fund raising activities throughout the school. The goal of putting back into the school community or keeping the costs down for families is why we do it.

It is the ongoing support of volunteers that enables funds raised to be used so our children have air conditioned class rooms, extra readers and resources. As well as keeping prices down for uniform purchases and tuckshop orders.

The alternative is an increase in paid personnel which of course sees less funds going back to the school, and substantial price increases.

Now more than ever your time is needed.

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<td>Contact Narelle on 0403046920</td>
<td>1 day each week or fortnight. About 20 minutes</td>
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<td><strong>Uniform shop help</strong></td>
<td>Contact Narelle on 0403046920</td>
<td>Weekly or fortnightly for approx 1 hour</td>
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<td><strong>Tuckshop help</strong></td>
<td>See our Convenor Mandy</td>
<td>Options include 1 off help, once a week, month or quarterly</td>
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<td>Working Bee’s and special events</td>
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<td><strong>Gilston Club</strong></td>
<td>Contact Lisa on 0414912217</td>
<td>BBQ assistance, mothers/fathers day stalls, plus lots of other interesting things.</td>
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If you would like to be a part of the regular volunteer roster or have some questions please give me a call, I am happy to have a chat.

We look forward to you joining the team.

Kind regards,

Narelle Reed

President - Gilston State School P&C Association