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PRINCIPAL’S COMMENT

The Pedagogical Cycle: a way of ‘teaching’ for all

No doubt there have been many times when your child has asked you for information or clarification from you on a range of issues. There would have been times when you want to teach your children something whether it be a belief, a behaviour, an action or a skill.

At Gilston, teachers are working with a common model in order to provide the best way to achieve success in the teaching of students. This can also be used by parents when assisting your children.

I have mentioned this cycle before but I wanted to readdress it for parents in a home context instead of a school one:

1. **Engage:** before talking to your children about anything you must engage them in the conversation. You must ensure that you have their attention and that you have established a positive relationship with them to ensure mutual respect and so that they know you care. Someone great once said that children don’t care how much you know, until they know that you care and this is good advice for us all.

2. **Identify:** we must find out what students know and what they think they know before proceeding. Also, finding out what sort of learner a child is, assists in tailoring a learning journey. Does your child like to sit quietly and listen? Would they rather use their hands to try something new? Identifying how they learn helps engage them in learning.

3. **Teach:** this is when it is time to actually teach whatever it is you want to teach them. It is now when you should use the information you have gathered in the first two areas.

4. **To alter how this is done.** Should you sit them down and talk to them? Perhaps it would be better for them to read about it? Maybe watch a video or learn using a computer or other device. Perhaps they would be better of going outside with you and talking with you while you do something practical: shopping, cooking, washing the car, hanging out the washing etc.

5. **Assess:** Find out if they know what you wanted to teach them. Can they explain it back to you? Are there still gaps in their knowledge? Could they explain it to someone else?

6. **Feedback:** This is when you have a conversation about performance. You can say things like, ‘I really like the way you…’ or ‘After we had that talk last week, I am happy that you have improved…’ etc. Part of giving good feedback to anyone, is re-establishing a relationship with the person therefore re-engaging them. Therefore the cycle goes on…

Teaching children can be about helping with maths or reading but also about giving advice about making friends or setting goals and building resilience. If you would like some other ideas about helping children learn, feel free to contact me at the school office.

David Cramb
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S DEPOSITION

Our GILSTON BOOK FAIR is on again from Monday 11 November running until 25 November. During the course of the two weeks children will have the opportunity to browse through the material and then buy something at lunchtime if they wish.

**Invitation to parents, grandparents and carers to a morning tea on Monday 18 November at 10.00am.** We hope to give everyone the opportunity to relax, chat and browse through the selection of materials.

**Book Club**

Just a reminder to all that the Book Club closes next Monday 4 November.

**The New Year, 2014**

Next year will be a time of big changes. Although nothing to be alarmed about, these changes will bring with them new and possibly unique challenges to overcome. The major
change will be the transition of the year seven cohorts to high school and how we'll meet the needs of our year six and seven students. As a school we are already well into the process of managing the changes necessary. As always our aim is to provide the very best learning opportunities for every child, so in that light we will be looking at opportunities that will bring out that 'best' in every child. We have compiled an up-to-date database on every child that will give us direction regarding their needs for the future and also information we'll need to resource those needs.

**Great work from past students**
An article in the Gold Coast Bulletin (29/10/13), shows the successes of another Gilston State School past student. Caitlyn Murphy has been recognised for her talent as a member of the journalism program run by the paper. I also had the pleasure of attending the Merrimac High Awards Night last night where Caitlyn, James Patman, and Kieryn Minehan each received academic awards. Shannon Minehan was awarded both a prefecture and academic award. Well done to you all!

**EOI for BYOX classes for next year (2014)**
Over the last year we have been looking into how many other schools in the district have implemented eLearning into classrooms in a way that complies with EQ policy. Our journey to date has shown that we are on par, and even in front of other schools who are also venturing down this path. In Year One we have a class that has been using iPads for three terms now as a part of their daily learning and in the iZone (Library area); we have been conducting specialist lessons in eLearning practices. This is a path we would like to pursue more intently as it is an undeniable part of every student's future.

It's also at this time of year that we start to look at class compositions for 2014. I'd like to invite all parents and carers who will have children at Gilston next year to express their interest in whether you would like your child to be involved in a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device), class next year. At this stage, this note is intended to gauge the level of acceptance and commitment you would give to such a venture. The feedback you give, as you could appreciate, will have some bearing on the way we would structure operations in the school for the coming year. At this stage this is not a definite, but the feedback you give will simply be a gauge of how our community wants the students in our school to engage in 21st Century learning.

Could fill out the section below and return it to the box outside the door at the office before Friday 15 November.

I would like to express my interest in committing to a BYOD class structure for my child next year.

Name of Child:

Parent name:

Signature: ______________________________

**P&C NEWS**
Last Friday’s market night and Cancer Council fund raiser was great fun. Whilst attendance numbers could have been higher, those who joined us had a great time and for the team it makes the effort worthwhile just to hang out with such a fun bunch of people. Thank you to Ruth Emerson for coordinating this event.

This Friday night is the Arts Night. You are invited to attend and see the wonderful displays the children have put together, along with being entertained by our highly talented students. As a family night the P & C will be catering. Extra helpers and BBQ men would be appreciated.

**Uniforms** - The decision not to raise uniform prices was confirmed at the last P & C meeting. That said this is highly dependent on obtaining additional volunteers for the days the uniform shop is open. We are one of very few schools who do not pay for a convenor and rely solely on the support of the school community. This is what keeps the prices down, and enables Gilston to be the LOWEST priced uniform school in this region. Your help is greatly sought after. The main shift needing support is 8.30-9.30am on Fridays.

**Tuckshop** - Each year our tuckshop convenor position is reviewed and appointees confirmed for the following year at the November meeting. Expressions of interest for this position are sought. Food handling and food safety supervisor certification are core functions to the roles. Enquiries are welcome via telephone or by email to: pandc@gilstonss.eq.edu.au

A reminder that the Trivia night has been postponed until term 1, 2014.

Have a safe week; feel welcome to contact me with any questions or queries

Kind regards, Narelle Reed P&C President Tel: 0403046920.

**CHOIR PERFORMANCE FRIDAY**
All choir members should be at the hall by 6.00pm. The choir will be on stage at approximately 6.20pm. All choir members need to wear their school uniform (school dress or collared shirt with skirt / shorts are all acceptable). Please see the attached program for more details regarding the Family Arts Night.

**TALLEBUDGERA LEADERSHIP DAY**
Please note that the above Year 7 Leadership Day will now take place on Wednesday 13 November, not as previously advised on Monday 18 November.

FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICER
Managing Supervision

When we value something we make sure we guard it, keep it safe, know where it is at all times, put in place precautions to ensure we don't lose it. In terms of possessions most people would consider family as their most valued possession. It can then be assumed that, having such valuable possessions as children in our care, we would put in place similar, if not greater, care and concern.

Parents (on the whole) love their children regardless of their behaviour. When children are young, parents watch over them, child-proof their environment so they can avoid injury, teach them about keeping safe – stranger danger and road safety rules, keep them close and constantly keep a watchful eye on them at all times. Parents do this to minimize the risk of harm to children (and to minimize the hours of worry that can eventuate from harm to children).

But when do we parents decide enough is enough and children are on their own? As children get older, and especially as they move through the adolescent years, parents are faced with a double dilemma:

1. The child’s demand for less (or even limited) supervision and
2. What constitutes adequate supervision without squashing the child's need for independence (and more importantly their social life).

Here are some hints:

- Keep the communication channels open — talk to your child even if they aren't talking much to you. Tell them about your day and ask them about theirs. Discuss media issues of interest (opportune time to discuss drugs, alcohol, peer pressure etc.)
• Don’t feel guilty about asking who they are spending time with and where they are going. Remember - a parent’s role is to keep their child safe
• Involve your child in forming rules and limits – negotiate, monitor, review
• Get to know their friends – it may tell a lot about what they might be up to
• Let your child know that you trust them; you don’t necessarily trust others (hopefully you have put the groundwork in to develop trust)
• Let your adolescent know, that if they are going to someone’s place, you will speak with parents of the other party first (if your child feels uncomfortable about this they usually decide to ‘abort the mission’)
• If possible drive them to the destination and pick them up – if they know you are going to do this they usually behave themselves
• Set clear rules and boundaries e.g. your expectations around alcohol; pick up time; expected behaviour – Dos and Don’ts
• Be predictable, reasonable and consistent in your approach to supervision
• Work together as a couple – some children learn to play one parent off against the other
• You’ll instinctively know when your child is mature enough to self-monitor and you can loosen/cut the apron strings if things aren’t working :
  • Is it because you have too many rules, and are you trying to control too much of your teenager’s life?
  • Have you involved your teenager in deciding the rules and limits of their behaviour?
  • Have you made your teenager’s limits clear to them?
  • Have you been reviewing your rules and consequences to make sure they are up to date and relevant for your teenager’s changing maturity?
It may seem like parenting doesn’t stop – you’re right – once a parent always a parent, but the good news is that all the hard work will pay off, and… you have taught the next generation some important points of parenting.

CHAPPY’S SPACE

Farewell to Chappy Chris who has gone to work two days at Merrimac Primary School. He will be very much missed here, however, I do believe he will be visiting from time to time and the children will catch up with him in high school at Nerang. We wish him all the best and thank him for the wonderful work he has done here, especially with the boy’s group which has made some lovely improvements around the school. When you see the new sign in the driveway that goes down behind the school, or the footy figurine next to it you think of Chappy Chris. Well done fellas.

Breakfast Club - thank you so much to Jackie from Impact Church who helps out every week at our breakfast club. You have such a lovely manner that is warmly welcomed by the children. Thank you to Josh and Owen who came to help us this week, awesome helpers. Thank you to the Zimmermann family who do our pancake mornings which the children really love. Thank you too Jemma and Mia who do all the preparation work behind the scenes, checking we have everything we need to run our club. If any parents/ carers in our school community are interested in helping, even if it is once a month, you would be very much appreciated.

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 Church 1300 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

CYC Holidays Camps At Burleigh - children wishing to go to a holiday camp these holidays are encouraged to register now as registration has now opened and they fill up fast. For information on upcoming school holiday camps visit http://www.cycburleigh.com.au/ or http://www.sugld.org.au/camps

Anyone wishing to access the Chaplaincy service at Gilston can contact School Chaplain Samantha Bond Wednesday or Friday at the school or via email at samanthab@chappy.org.au

SCHOOL BANKING - A new competition for Term 4!
CommBank is running yet another competition for all school bankers!
All you need to do is make 2 or more deposits from 21 October to 30 November and you are automatically entered into the competition.
Prizes for this competition are 60 X Apple iPod touch 16GB and 100 X Kid's Adventure DVD Pack including Despicable Me, Despicable Me 2 & Hop.
Please note that there will be some changes for school banking next year. If you have been saving this year with School Banking and collecting your silver Dollarmite tokens, then now is the time to redeem them for a reward before you miss out. You need to use your tokens before the end of Term 4. To claim your reward please fill in the rewards card and return it to School Banking on Friday with your deposit book.
Please also note that the Dollarmite Money Boxes will not be available next year so you will need to claim them before the end of term 4.
Should you have any questions call Mia on 0411 822 121.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Thursday 31 October - Help Needed
Ice blocks – Help Needed
Friday 1 November - Alex McCarthy, Kellie Gibson
Ice blocks - Kamila Bestmann
Monday 4 November – Dannie Faulkner
Ice blocks – Help Needed.
Tuesday 5 November – Help Needed
Ice blocks – Vicki Johnston
Wednesday 6 November – Help Needed
Ice blocks – Kirsty Feld
Thursday 7 November – Help Needed
Ice blocks - Karen
Friday 8 November – Trish Fairhall
Ice blocks – Kamila Bestmann

New Menu Items – Strawberry & Banana Smoothie $3.50, Selection of Bakery Items $1.00 (this week Cherry Ripe Slice & Caramel Slice), Grain Wave Chips & Red Rocks only $1.20
Sushi Tuesdays – ordering by Monday if you want to choose or a selection of chicken and tuna available.
Preferred method of ordering is only at http://www.flexischools.com.au
Disco tickets also available online now. These will be delivered to your child the week of 18/11/13 DISCO WEEK. Have a wonderful week. Mandy and Nicole

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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