GILSTON STATE SCHOOL

**NEWSLETTER**

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FOR YOUR DIARY

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PRINCIPAL’S COMMENT

I have visited all classrooms at least once already this week and have been impressed by the scenes that greet me as **students focus on learning** in response to the teacher instructions. It is testament to the skills of our teachers and the **attitudes of the students** that learning is the core business at Gilston. Has your child spoken about WALT and WILF yet?

Thursday this week (Day 8) marks the enrolment census day that occurs in all state schools. The data collected will dictate resourcing for us including the number of teachers, teacher aides and the financial grant to maintain and enhance our school. I am confident that we will retain our current number of teachers and expect no further reorganisation of the classes based on our current enrolments.

The three elements of our **Explicit Improvement Agenda: Spelling and Reading, 21st Century Learning and Behaviour Management** continue to be the focus for our teachers. Our teams are refining and executing plans to ensure consistency of high-yield practices throughout the school.

Expect to learn more about these respective initiatives through the newsletter and during information sessions with teachers.

You will have heard about the **Great Results Guarantee** through the media recently. This initiative will focus funds in our school in the early years to ensure each child has the best opportunity to meet the National Minimum Standard. I know that this will provide further scope to the positive and successful programs we already run at Gilston and I will collaborate to compile a plan as part of the agreement conditions.

**We all need help from time to time** and when it comes to **parenting** this certainly applies. To assist us as parents we have compiled a collection of short hints and posted them for your access on our [website](http://gilstonss.eq.edu.au). The articles are written by Michael Grose a leading Australian psychologist. I suggest you familiarise yourself with the contents so you are aware of the offerings and can share this information with your friends as the topics covered arise in conversations. You won’t be surprised to learn that a more frequently visited article is entitled “*5 Ways to Get Your Child to Listen*”.

**Teachers will be hosting information sessions next week** for parents and carers. The objective of the session is to share expectations for learning and procedures for your child’s classroom and answer your questions. I strongly encourage you to attend the session to ensure the best possible start for your child.

**The 21st Century Learning Team** to which I referred earlier continues to refine the **BYOD learning concept**. It remains our intention to expand our use of ICT devices across the school and, as suitable and sustainable models are designed, we will enact them to enhance learning.

There is a buzz around the senior school this week as the students prepare for the **House Captain elections**. Due to the special circumstance of Year 6 and Year 7 leaving us this year, there will be two sets of captains for each house. I look forward to presenting the successful candidates on **assembly next week**.

On a house-keeping note, I need to remind you to check that any **medication** you have arranged for us to administer to your child at school is up-to-date. Check with the ladies for expiry dates and **replace where necessary**.

I thank those of you who have promptly paid the **voluntary contribution** for your children. The 35 cents per child per day make a significant difference to what we can offer at Gilston.

I close this week with a reminder to be the **supermodel we expect at Gilston**. This week I am looking for you to set the positive example with before and after school safety. I expect all adults and students to **access the school through the pedestrian gates only** and for everyone, young and not-so-young to **use our crossings**. Please save yourself the embarrassment of me reminding you in public by being a Gilston supermodel.

Stay safe and keep smiling.

Bruce

MUSIC NEWS

The **instrumental music** program is for students in Years 5-7. Our instrumental music teacher this year is Steve Broxton. He is here on Fridays.

The junior (Year 3) and senior **choir** (year 4-7) will begin next week. The junior choir will rehearse on Mondays at 1st break and the senior choir on Tuesdays at 1st break. At this stage I will just be starting Year 3 students in the junior choir. Year 2 students will soon be notified when they can join us.

The eisteddfod choir auditions will take place in week 5 of this term. More information about this coming soon.

Alison Miller / Music Teacher

EXCITING EVENT

Our school will be hosting a Book Fair in Week 5 of Term 1. It will be held in our school library from 8.00am until 3.30pm each day from Monday 24 February to Friday 28 February. Our school is inviting all families to come along and visit the Book Fair. All book sales will go towards raising money for new books for our school. Every $1,000 in book sales means we receive $300 worth of new books.

This is a great opportunity for our school to get some great new books for your children to read.

Please come along and support our Book Fair.

Many thanks.

Kathy Stone & Shelley Batson – School Librarians
BANKING NEWS

Student banking is now up and running ready to start this Friday.

Sorry to all those who sent in their banking last Friday, unfortunately the bank didn’t quite have their new system ready.

For any new students that already have a Commonwealth account, you can send your wallets in on Friday mornings.

For anyone wishing to open a new account, there will be information coming in the next few weeks. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to come to the banking window at the office on Friday mornings or give me a call on 0416 085 689.

Anyone wish to join our banking team should also come and see us.

Happy banking

Mel Wright

CHAPPY’S SPACE- Chappy is back week 2

Welcome Back To All Our Staff and Families! - I trust most of you had a very nice break. I look forward to getting to know more children and their families this year. Please come to say hello at one of the Wednesday morning breakfast clubs or call the school to make an appointment to meet me after school. I am here for the support of children, parents and staff alike.

Breakfast Club will not be starting until week 3. We could really use some parental help to keep this community service going. Anyone interested in joining us can contact our Chappy on samantha@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 samantha@chappy.org.au

Food Parcels For Emergency Food Relief - Newlife Uniting Church Robina 55789322, Mosaic Family Baptist Church 07 5525 2477

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


You can access the Chaplaincy service at Gilston via Mr Weatherburn or by contacting Chappy Sami at samantha@chappy.org.au. All referrals however, need to go through our admin SNAC committee as per Mr Weatherburn.

Quotes
“Courage is the discovery that you may not win, and trying when you know you can lose.” Tom Krause.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Wednesday 5 February -
Thursday 6 February -
Ice Blocks – Karen
Friday 7 February -
Ice Blocks – Kamila Bestmann
Monday 10 February – Dannie Faulkner

Ice Blocks –
Tuesday 11 February -
Ice Blocks –
Wednesday 12 February – Stacey Gardener
Ice Blocks – Nicole
Thursday 13 February -
Ice Blocks – Karen
Friday 14 February -
Ice Blocks – Kamila Bestmann

Welcome back everyone! Hope you all enjoyed the break.
As you may be aware in the first week back there can be some mistakes with meals finding children and their classes.

We apologize for any that may have happened. Now classes are set and flexischools is sorted, I am certain meals will find the children.

Please don’t hesitate to inform your child if there is a problem with their meal, they can come straight to the tuckshop and we will sort out any issues straight away.

If you haven't already done so, you can register with flexischools at www.flexischools.com.au and order lunches and uniform items quickly and easily online.

We are always looking for fresh faces to help in the tuckshop. If you have any free time and would like to join the team, come and see us and put your name down. The children love seeing you help.

Wishing everyone a wonderful year ahead

Have a great day.

Mandy & Nicole

COMMUNITY NOTICES

TENNIS COACHING: Classes conducted on Thursday mornings from 8.00am. Cost is $17 per lesson, discounts for 3 or more children. All enquiries to Rowan Hollonds, Gold Coast Tennis Coaching, 0411 867 971, rowan@octenniscoaching.com.au or www.octenniscoaching.com.au

ELITE RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS CLUB – Rope, Hoop, Ball, Clubs, Ribbon – All Saints Anglican School – Beginners Class Friday & Saturday - phone Tatiana 0403 034 914 or 5593 8197.

NERANG BULLS RUGBY UNION SIGN ON FUN DAY – 8/2/14 – Glenmont Park, Pappas Way, Carrara.

HINTERLAND TENNIS NERANG COACHING DAILY - $10 – racquet supplied – phone John on 5596 0308.

MUDGEERABA SPARTANS JUNIOR AFL CLUB SIGN ON Saturday 8/2 & Sunday 9/2/14 at Metricon. We are located at Somerset College and cater for 5-10 year old Boys & Girls, Training program will commence on Thursday 6/3/14 from 4.00 to 5.00pm.

For further information please call Tim Searl on 0415 274 319.

NERANG SOCCER CLUB JUNIOR SIGN ON – 5-18 years Boys & Girls. Saturday 8/2/14 10.00am-12.30pm, Glennon Park, Recreation Drive, Nerang. Contact Phillipa 0422 035 542.


CRICKET AUSTRALIA are holding a free MILO T20 Blast Come & Try evening for girls and boys between ages 8-12 years old at Kerrydale Oval, Priddeys Road Robina on Monday 10 February 4.30pm – 6.00pm. Enquiries contact Gareth Roberts 0420 766 414.

ART CLASSES with Sharon Hindle Tuesday & Thursday 3.30-5.30pm – Cost $20 – Worongary – 0407 179 379.

INDOOR SOCCER – Boys & Girls 5-12, $14.00 per hour. Carrara – Phone Michael on 5537 1948 or 0416 084 729.

GET SET FOR PREP - Thursday 27/2/14 - 3.30-4.30pm – Nerang Library, Cnr Price & White Streets, Nerang. Bookings essential via the online calendar at schoolcoast.qld.gov.au/library. Select event and activities or ask staff for assistance.