



GILSTON STATE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I was delighted to **meet with the parents of students** starting Prep at Gilston next year at the **Orientation** yesterday. The **"Enrolling Families Project"** has ensured that parents are well-informed and children well-prepared for school. I will be analysing the enrolment application data this week with a view to **making offers to families from outside catchment**. My accuracy in this predictive process will rely on the current parents of Gilston lodging sibling applications.

On the topic of enrolments, I draw attention to the **Enrolment Management Plan** that outlines the process for the management of enrolment applications for **students from Prep to Year 6**. All applications will be processed in accordance with the policy and offers will be made where there is sufficient room in specific year levels. To ensure our data is accurate for these year levels I **require advice** from you should your **child not be returning to Gilston in 2016**. Advise the ladies in the office as soon as possible.

Leadership is an expectation of students at Gilston especially in the upper grades where formal recognition of leadership traits occurs. Last week, with the help of **Senator Glenn Lazarus** we presented the first round of **leadership badges** to Year 5 students who met the selection criteria. Since this presentation I have witnessed these same students "stepping up" to demonstrate their leadership throughout the school. I know some of them are excited about the prospect of applying for school and house captain positions and I am confident that they will fill the roles skillfully.

In preparation for 2016, the **Student Resource Scheme** has been designed to **replace the book pack** system that has been in place at Gilston for Years 1-6. This decision was made in response to parent feedback to me and the Parents and Citizens Association throughout the year. The scheme will ensure **value-for-money** and **heightened convenience** for parents. The cost (that compares favourably to similar schemes in other schools) has been capped at **\$160 per student per year** for all year levels. The once-only payment per year will cover **all classroom requirements** and **minor excursions** and **incursions** throughout the year. **Participation agreements** will be distributed later this term after which invoices will be prepared so payments can be finalised prior to the end of the year. The Voluntary Contribution Scheme will be \$30 in 2016. The Gilston Fair is still a topic of conversation both within our school and in the wider community. People commonly speak of the community spirit that was evident the range of activities for

FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday	16 October	Book Character Parade
Monday	19 October	PUPIL FREE DAY P & C Meeting 7.00pm
Friday	23 October	Family Arts Night
Wednesday	28 October	Final day for Book Club orders
Monday	9 November – 23 November	Book Fair

2015 Explicit Improvement Agenda

- Guided Reading
- Explicit Instruction – Short to long-term memory

Gilston Expectations

- Be a Learner
- Be Responsible
- Be Respectful
- Be Safe

Current Attendance Levels

P	1	2	3	4	5	6
94.09	94.15	93.98	93.32	93.04	93.67	93.31

young and old. Last week I signed the appreciation certificates for the **sponsors of the Fair**, the number of which was astounding. On behalf of a **grateful Gilston School** community I extend my **sincere thanks to all these supporters**, mindful that without their generosity our event would not have been the talking point it is today.

There are 131 **QParent app members at Gilston**. These people have been **making payments, monitoring behaviour, logging absences and updating details** from their "smart devices". All speak of the **convenience** that has come with the app and recommend that all parents take advantage of the features. I know of another 116 users who have begun the registration process and encourage these people to **complete the final step** as soon as possible. Apparently **Gilston has one of the highest registration percentages per student population in the trial** and our feedback has been incorporated into future design features. If you want to know more about the app contact the ladies in the office.

A book-covering team is required to assist the library staff with new resources. The covering will occur on Tuesday 27 October from 9.00am to 11.00am in the Library. Morning tea will be provided. If you can help please see Pat or Roz in the office.

In preparation for the **Family Arts Night**, the library is transforming. Remarkable pieces of artwork now adorn the space with many more to come. I continue to be impressed with the high standard of artwork that our students produce. Be sure to be a part of the celebration **next Friday** evening where I am confident you will agree that there is **abundant creative talent** in our students at Gilston.

Stay safe and keep smiling.

Bruce

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Here we go, into the home strait for the year and as usual a very busy time in schools. Students will be assessed for the Term Two reporting process, we have outside agencies coming to present to our children and a number of events happening across the school ranging from Prep Orientation to Year 6 Presentation.

One event that was a huge success was the Year Two excursion to the historical village at Beenleigh last week. The children were engaged all the time and had many great experiences passing through the different displays. However none that I've spoken to since have wished they could return to the "good old days" to attend school. One of our parents who accompanied the students commented about how she was amused by all the iPads being used at a Historical village of all places! I concur.



It's an exciting time and it's a privilege to witness students' genuine excitement and desire to be at school to participate, direct their learning and celebrate their achievements. I've heard said that the wise stand out because they see themselves as part of the Whole. They shine because they don't want to impress. They achieve great things because they don't look for recognition. Their wisdom is contained in what they are, not their opinions. They simply, quietly, go about their business. It is a truly wonderful thing to experience.

P & C NEWS

The next P & C Meeting will be held Monday 19 October at 7.00pm. We invite all parents and carers to attend.

Uniform Shop - This year the decision has been made to do pre-orders for the school backpacks. A note went home this week advising families how they can go about placing their order, payment, delivery and collection options.

The Uniform Shop is now fully stocked with school shirts and sports shirts.

Uniform Shop opens only on Thursday afternoons from 2.30-3.30pm. We continue to encourage you to use "FlexiSchools" for online ordering. It is easy, convenient and the uniforms are delivered to your children to take home. If you require assistance outside of our Uniform Shop hours, the lovely ladies in the Tuckshop will be happy to assist as they are able.

From the Guidance Officer Michelle Davies

Let's Celebrate the Greatness in our Children

It's time to really tune in and start to celebrate the greatness in our children.

Sure our kids are still learning and they will all make plenty of mistakes as they grow. However, by tuning into what they do right and letting them know how much you value and appreciate their maturity when they do choose to do the right thing, you are sending them a very clear message regarding the character traits that you treasure and attach importance to.

All too often we only tend to tune into what our children do wrong. We pay most of our attention to their mistakes and their inappropriate behaviours. Unfortunately, when children receive adult attention for their inappropriate behaviours and poor choices they will often start to exhibit even more of the same just to get your undivided attention.

Start to catch them being good

So why don't we all set a new goal today – that goal is trying to "catch our children being good" and really tuning into their positive behaviours instead of their poor behaviours?

Praise your child often and let them know what they have done well. Spend some time really acknowledging them when they have done something kind, thoughtful, caring or cooperative. By telling your children how much you admire these great qualities in them, you are helping them to identify and understand how to achieve their own greatness.

Always be careful what you pay attention to

Research shows that children will usually tend to amplify the qualities and behaviours that adults pay attention to and tune into.

Catch them when they are being helpful, friendly or positive towards others or when they are showing perseverance.

Praise them when they are being truthful or when they are helping a friend or a sibling.

Catch them when they are putting in some extra effort to complete a project or when they have followed a direction

without arguing. Tell them straight away how much you appreciate it when they display these more mature and positive behaviours and tap into their own greatness.

We need to start paying more attention to the positive and appropriate behaviours our children exhibit every day. As we tune into their good behaviours more regularly, and praise them for their effort, it is likely we will also start to feel more upbeat and positive ourselves. By catching our kids being good, we will begin to see their greatness more clearly and to encourage them to see it too.

For more information on celebrating our children's greatness you might like to look at the following articles and videos on the net.

<http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/families/about-behaviour/discipline/catch-them-being-good>

http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/encouraging_good_behaviour.html

<http://www.parenting.org/article/catching-kids-being-good>

<http://childrensuccessfoundation.com/about-nurtured-heart-approach/>

GILSTON- KOBAYASHI SISTER SCHOOL EXCHANGE

Gilston State School has been involved in a sister school arrangement with Kobayashi Junior High School in Japan for the last 20 years. Our arrangement with Kobayashi has seen students hosted between our schools on alternate years during this time. Next year, 2016, would once again be Gilston's turn to travel to Japan for an exchange with Kobayashi. Kobayashi Junior High School is located a short distance from Narita International Airport outside Tokyo. The 2016 Japan visit is proposed for 15-26 September, pending Education Queensland approval. For parents of students who are interested in going on the exchange, Gilston State School will be holding an information meeting at 3.15-4.00pm on Tuesday 17 November in the Japanese teaching room. Students will bring home a pamphlet this week, explaining some of the details which will be discussed at the meeting. Expressions of interest will close on **Friday 27 November**. The "Nihon Keiken" program will be open to all students who will be enrolled at Gilston State School in 2016 in Years 5 and 6. Expressions of interest will be reviewed in relation to a selection criteria (language studies, leadership, initiative, social and emotional readiness, independence, behaviour and effort in school).

PIANO COMPETITION SUCCESS

Ginshirou Ueno from 4S recently competed in the Queensland Piano Competition where he was awarded 1st place in the 9 Years section. Gin spent a lot of time preparing for the competition and his hard work has paid off. Well done Gin.

LIBRARY NEWS

Last week **Book Club** Issue 7 went home with students. Please order using the Book Club LOOP on-line ordering and payments system by going to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP.

Final day for payment is 28 October.

Our **Book Fair** will be held from Monday 9 November to Monday 23 November. Please support our school library by purchasing a book.

Thank you.

Kathy Stone / Librarian

CHAPPY'S SPACE

If Halloween trick or treating door knocking is not your style try the Kid's Carnival event instead in Carrara, Saturday 31 October 5.00-8.00pm, 17 Indy Court, Carrara, free entry, 3 free games. Free lolly bag for every child. See you there! For more information www.ourvictory.com.au or phone 1300309711.

Breakfast Club: Thursdays 8:15-8:45am. ALL ARE WELCOME. There is room for new volunteers to come help out at breakfast club. Your help is so invaluable to keeping the breaky club up and running. If you can spare any time between 8.00-9.15am you are most welcome to join us. If you can't help but you are able to supply spreads, cordial (artificial colour and flavour free), margarine or other goodies such as plastic cups, napkins - every little bit helps. If you work for a business who could donate supplies to our breakfast club please contact me. samanthab@chappy.org.au Thank you so much to Hayley, Karen and Tammy. Without your help there would be no breaky club. Thank you to Nerang Bakery in Nerang Mall who supply some of our bread and Ozharvest who supplies us fruit when it's available.

Prayer For Our Families: If there are any families in our community who wish to send prayer requests for any situation 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, Mosaic Family Baptist Church 07 5525 2477

Saturday Night Kids Club- 'Kids Roc' 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month put on by United 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 samanthab@chappy.org.au. All referrals however, need to go through our admin SNaC committee as per Mr Weatherburn. You can start this process through your class teacher.

Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800

Beyond Blue 1300 224 636

Lifeline 131 114

Cancer Council support line 131 120

Commonwealth Carelink Centre 1800 0520222

Juice 107.3 Careline 55 283 555

BANKING

There will be **no banking** this week due to the Book Character Parade.

A word from the Commonwealth Bank

"Recently, we decided to withdraw the Cosmic Light Beam Torch and Lunar Light Band from our Rewards Program. Our priority is to ensure all School Banking rewards are, and continue to be, safe."

Rewards Program – Available in Term 4 – still in stock are the following from 2015 Outer Space Savers range: ET DVD, Intergalactic Rocket, Invisible Ink Martian Pens. Plus a limited stock of Scented Pencils, Shark Plush Toy Keyring, Swimming Bag.

TUCKSHOP REPORT

Thursday 15 October - Tracey Zimmerman

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Friday 16 October – Kirsty Griffin / Help needed

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Monday 19 October – PUPIL FREE DAY

Tuesday 20 October – Dorothy

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Wednesday 21 October – Dorothy

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Thursday 22 October – Tracey Zimmerman

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Friday 23 October – Teresa Evans / Sally McRobert

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We have a couple of new menu items in time for summer, crunch bars – 2 flavours vanilla shake and cocoa. These bars are free from gluten, wheat and nuts. They are now available from the tuckshop and flexi schools for \$1.00.

Also we are offering **fresh fruit cups**. These cups will have a selection of yummy, cold and fresh summer fruits and they will be available from today for \$2.00.

Looking for Christmas presents for family, we still have "Washer necklaces" and Cookbooks available at the tuckshop. The necklaces are \$5.00 each and the Cookbooks are \$15.00 each. Please come and see the ladies in the tuckshop to find out more.

Have a great week. Nicole Meesen - Tuckshop Convenor

COMMUNITY NOTICE

VILLAGE CRAFT FAIR MUDGEERABA UNITING CHURCH, FRANKLIN DRIVE – Friday 23/10/15 9.00am-4.00pm & Saturday 24/10/15 8.00am-2.00pm. For bookings and enquiries phone 0417 608 705.

YOGA CLASSES: Monday evening: 6.00pm - Frank Chaston Oval (across the road from school) - Hall at the rear. All levels welcome. Any questions contact Trudy 0401 911 064.

SUMMERTIME SESSIONS IN THE VILLAGE Fridays 5.30-7.30 Cuddihy Park Mudgeeraba. Commencing Friday 23 October.

Gold Coast **SUPERFEST** V8 Supercars Roadshow, Wednesday 21 October, 5.00-8.00pm, Swan Lane Mudgeeraba.

GARAGE SALE TRAIL Saturday 24 October. Information on all the garage sales across the city on www.garagesaletrail.com.au

NERANG STATE HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP will be open for the collection of **ORDERED AND PRE-PAID YEAR 7 STATIONERY PACKS** on 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25 January, 2016 from 8.00am-12 noon. If you have any questions in relation to the ordering of the 2016 Year 7 Stationery Pack please phone 5503 7858 or for the Stationery list refer to www.nerangsh.eq.edu.au