



GILSTON STATE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I trust that you were able to avoid any significant damage and inconvenience during the **weather events on the weekend**. At school we were watching carefully the partially installed drains on the northern boundary to see whether they could withstand the deluge. Apart from some minor road damage, the drains worked perfectly directing all the overland water into the creek behind the school. I commend Jeff and his team for this outcome. Weather permitting the **road should be sealed by the end of this week**.

I am very much looking forward to meeting the "second wave" of families of the children starting **Prep in 2017 this Thursday evening**. By attending the information session these families will learn more about the process of enrolment and the events that will occur between now and when their children start in January next year.

At **2:59pm** on Monday afternoon there was **not one car in the collection zone! Congratulations** drivers for this achievement. By delaying your arrival you have averted the congestion that was occurring that led to traffic hazards on Worongary Road. Your **next goal** is to ensure that your child is trained to be ready for collection when you arrive. I have communicated with our local police the improvements to our collection time celebrating the added safety that has ensued.

The final weeks of this term will certainly be busy with a wide range of activities outside of the normal program. These include: **Gilston Performing Arts Competition, Science Fizzics incursion, Hunting History excursion, Team colours day, Junior Athletics carnival, Gala Day, Senior Athletics Carnival and the Prep Athletics carnival**. Please check the diary for the corresponding dates. In bringing these to your attention I acknowledge the extra efforts by teachers and support staff required to include these offerings for our students.

The final two weeks also coincide with a temporary change in the **Deputy Principal** role as Graeme enjoys some well-deserved long service leave. In his absence Denise Cox will be promoted from her role as Head of Special Educational Services to act in his place. Denise is looking forward to meeting more parents and being active in the Gilston School Community.

FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday	9 June	Parent Information Session 2017 Preps 5.30-6.30pm
Friday	10 June	Year 1 Hunting History payment due
Tues to Fri	14 to 20 June	Fizzics Education
Friday	17 June	Performing Arts Comp in hall 11.50am Sugoi Taiko performing at GPAC
Monday	20 June	Gala Day Year 5 & 6
Wednesday	22 June	Senior Athletics Year 4-6 Year 1 Hunting History
Thursday	23 June	Junior Athletics Year 1-3
Friday	24 June	Prep Athletics Year 5 Camp payment due
Wednesday	27 July –	Year 5 Camp
Friday	29 July	Tyalgum Ridge Retreat

2016 Explicit Improvement Agenda

- Mastery of maths concepts – efficiency through CMC program
- Embedding scripted guided reading and monitoring of reading behaviours
- Embedding consolidation instruction through slides

Gilston Expectations

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

Current Attendance Levels

P	1	2	3	4	5	6
95.16	95.43	95.01	95.31	94.76	94.42	95.25

This week I received feedback from the Assistant Regional Director about the **attendance rates** at Gilston. He recognised the improvement this year and challenged us to meet our **target of greater than 95%**. To ensure we give ourselves the best chance of meeting this goal, families of students **arriving late or leaving early** will be contacted to make necessary changes to avoid these absences. Thank you to those of you who meet your responsibility of delivering your children on time every day.

Teachers are currently putting the final touches to the **Semester One progress reports**. They have **dedicated significant time and energy** to ensuring they are a true reflection of your child against the standards outlined in the Australian Curriculum. These reports will be distributed on **Wednesday** in the **final week of the term**.

[Can you really tell if your kid is lying?](#) This is the title of a **Ted Talk** that I recently viewed. As someone who has spent not-just-a-little time around children, I found the content illuminating. If you are curious and have a spare 15 minutes, click on the hyperlink above and gain an insight from **Kang Lee**.

At the risk of shattering a wishful thought, I can confirm that despite commentary to the contrary, **Monday is not a public holiday** or pupil-free day.

Stay safe and keep smiling.
Bruce

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT **School Book Resource Scheme**

With the end of the term fast approaching I'd like to give an update on where we are in regard to how the SRS is going and what we've done in regard to our delivery of what we as a school agreed to do, as published at the start of the scheme's roll-out last year.

At the start of our roll-out of the scheme, we stated publicly that the school could have paid for some excursions and incursions. At the time this was based on the premise that families would have paid the agreed amount, and because of this we could have seen the school resource scheme in surplus.

It was never the schools intention to make profit from the SRS, nor is it legally or ethically possible. Any possible surplus would be passed on to those in the SRS to alleviate the need for further costs on families for some excursions or incursions for those participating.

To make sure we are acting in an equitable manner and to meet state government audit requirements, we have established a proviso that any funds attributed to a particular activity would be as a whole-school so as not to disadvantage any party involved. Currently the SRS budget is a little over \$10,000 in debt. We will continue to honour our original intent to pay for certain programs for our students even in light of the current deficit in this area.

To date these programs will be paid for by the school: **SCIENCE FIZZICS, NAIDOC DAY and STARLAB**.

The lost property box (located outside the Gateway), is overflowing with unnamed uniform items. At the end of this week all items will be removed from this box so if your children have misplaced anything please check the box before this time. Thanks.

Thank you to the members of the **2016 Reader's Cup Team**. It was wonderful to see you competing at the event held at Hillcrest School last night. I'm reminded of an old quote from Dr Seuss. He once said, "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn the more places you'll go" I believe this to be very true. Well done everybody and thanks to Mrs Stone for her work with you over the period.



P & C NEWS

The Pie Drive was a resounding success. Thank you for supporting it. A massive thank you to Nicole and her team for organising it. We hope you all enjoy the yummy pies – we will be running another drive in Term 3.

We urgently need volunteers to help organise the **Bush Dance** in August. Please contact Tam 0415 444 636, if you can help. Without volunteers the dance won't go ahead.

Father's Day Stall - can you help with organising this? Please contact Paula **ASAP** 0419 757 285 if you can.

SPORT NEWS

Congratulations to Andrew Prisley and Cruz Lemming on being selected in the Oceanic District U12 Rugby Union team. Andrew also ran in the Regional Cross Country yesterday. Well done boys

GALA DAY

On Monday 20 June the Year 5 and 6 students will travel by bus to Firth Park (AFL, netball, rugby league) and Mudgeeraba Soccer Club (soccer) to compete in sport competitions against other schools.

- Students require school uniform, hat, lunch, water bottle and sunscreen.
- Boots are permitted during games but school shoes are to be worn on the bus.
- The wearing of shin pads in soccer is compulsory and league players must have a mouth guard. Shin pads will be available to borrow on the day.
- All jerseys must be washed and returned to Mr Stavar.
- As always, a behaviour code of conduct will apply to all players and spectators.

We look forward to a great day.

Scott Stavar / HPE Gilston SS

PERFORMING ARTS COMPETITION

GPAC (Gilston's talent show) will be held on Friday 17 June in the hall at 11.50am. Auditions will conclude tomorrow. There have been some great auditions so far and it's shaping up to be a fantastic show. Finalists will be announced at 3.00pm on Thursday 9 June.

CARNIVALS

Please note the following dates in your calendar. More information will be made available closer to each event.

Gala Day Year 5 & 6 – Monday 20 June
Senior Athletics Year 4-6 – Wednesday 22 June
Junior Athletics Year 1-3 – Thursday 23 June
Prep Athletics – Friday 24 June

LIBRARY NEWS

Last night our Reader's Cup Team of Ruby Burgess, Charles Guerin, Isabella Goldring, Blake Smith and Luca Yamada represented Gilston at the Regional Finals at Hillcrest Christian School.

The team has worked hard over the last 2 terms to read the five books and study them for the Book Quiz. It was a very high standard of competition and there were 26 schools competing for the Reader's Cup. Our students performed really well and they all enjoyed the night.

Oxenford State School were the winners. I have greatly enjoyed coaching the team and congratulate them on their great effort last night!

Kathy Stone – Reader's Cup Coach
Librarian

COMPLETION OF ORAL HEALTH SERVICES

Gold Coast Oral Health Services have completed dental check-ups and treatment for eligible children at Gilston State School.

If you have not arranged for your child to receive a free dental check-up please telephone the Oral Health Client Service Centre on 1300 300 850, Monday to Friday 8.00am-4.30pm, excluding Public Holidays.

Don't wait to treat a problem, arrange a check-up for your child at least once a year.

Further information on public funded oral health services can be accessed via:

<http://www.health.qld.gov.au/goldcoasthealth/html/srvices/oralhealth.asp>

The new 2016-2017 ENTERTAINMENT BOOK is now available to order. Forms are in the Office. At a cost of just \$60 they provide vouchers to the value of \$20,000 for various entertainment venues. Gilston State School receives 20% of all Entertainment books sold. You can order online <http://www.entbook.com.au/1446u93> or return your completed form to the wooden box in the office. Once we receive your payment, your Entertainment Book or Digital Membership will be delivered to you. Please note that there is a cost of \$12.00 for any Books that need to be posted.

Any questions or queries, please contact Brenda Flemming on 0429 907 485.

GILSTON GOURMET

Thursday 9 June – Tracey Zimmerman / Help needed

Ice blocks – Jo Beth Taylor

Friday 10 June – **Help needed urgently**

Ice blocks – Elton John

Monday 13 June – Paula Black

Ice blocks – Hugh Jackman

Tuesday 14 June – Melanie Harrison

Ice blocks – Shania Twain

Wednesday 15 June - Help needed

Ice blocks – Casey Chambers

Thursday 16 June – Tracey Zimmerman

Ice blocks – Delta Goodrem

Friday 17 June – **Help needed urgently**

Ice blocks – Steve Johnston

Sushi Day – next Tuesday 14 June 2016

An order form is attached to this Newsletter and all students will have one sent home with them today.

Sushi will be \$3.00 each.

If your child would like to order Sushi you will need to fill in an order form and return it to the Tuckshop before 9.00am

Monday 13 June.

Thank you to all the families who supported our first Pie Drive for the year. For all the families who didn't order, we will be having another Pie Drive early next term.

Special thank you to the following ladies who helped me organise and pack all the pies – Paula Black, Amanda McGuinness, Karen Bowden, Mel Wright, Tracey Zimmerman and Tam Bell. Your help was really appreciated.

Have a great week.

Nicole Meesen – Tuckshop Convenor

FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICER: MICHELLE DAVIES

Kids do Matter at Gilston

Children and Positive Separations

When children are separated from their parents and carers they can feel distressed. This starts to occur from the age of about 6 months. Occasionally it can continue into the Primary School Years as well. It can occur across different situations and different environments. There can be several different reasons for it and children may show their distress in different ways.

Schools are very supportive environments for children. They are places where children can learn and grow in positive ways. Children can learn not only to read and write but also how to socialise with others, how to consider the feelings of friends and teachers and how they can try their best and create positive outcomes for their futures.

All children vary in their levels of emotional sensitivity. Some worry about lots of things while others are more easy-going and more willing to take things as they come. As parents it's important to make sure we don't actually over react whenever our children are showing fear or worry. We need to make sure we take the lead and show them by our responses that things will be O.K. and that everything will turn out alright. If we remember to remain calm and unemotional, our children often will too. If we show alarm or panic then our children will probably do the same.

Distress about separating is very common when our children first go off to Day Care or to their first Kindy. If we show calm and reassure them that everything will be alright in a matter of fact and non-emotional manner our children will usually follow our lead. It's best to leave them for shorter periods when they're very young and then slowly increase the amount of time and the number of days.

Always remain calm, relaxed and re-assuring. Let your child know that you love them and that you always will. Then leave as quickly as possible so that you don't become more unsettled yourself. The longer you take to say goodbye the more unsettled your child is likely to become.

Place a call to the school or Day Care Centre a short while after to find out how they have settled if necessary. Then talk about all of the positives in their day when they get home! Focusing on the positives in each day rather than on the negatives can make for a more positive day the next. Teach children that focusing on good things rather than sad things can make them feel much better. Research shows that changing to a more positive focus can make everyone feel much happier each and every day.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

SCENIC RIM ROBOTIC DAIRY & 4REAL MILK OPEN DAY

Sunday 26 June, 10.00am-3.00pm. 9023 Mt Lindesay Hwy, Tamrookum (behind Tamrookum School). Milk & Yoghurt for sale (bring an esky). Live music, food & drinks. Entry fee is a donation at the gate supporting beyondblue.

