



# GILSTON STATE SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



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### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Those of you who were outside early this morning will have been treated to an **amazing spectacle** as the sun lit the clouds in a blanket of colour. As someone who sees the sunrise each day, I can attest that this was the best for the year so far. To produce this display all the required elements were in place; the clouds, the altitude of the clouds, the timing of earth's rotation and the vantage point from which we were viewing. As it was in this event, we at school are focused on ensuring all the elements in our teaching and learning are aligned to ensure we too shine. As the semester draws to a close I **recognise the team members at Gilston for their daily dedication** to building an environment that has all the elements. I **thank you** too for your **continued support** of your child and our staff in this endeavour.

It is not a sunrise, but a sunset that awaits **Jo-Anne Lenan** as she **retires** from her career as a teacher at Gilston. Jo-Anne has decided after some leave to announce her retirement after **40 years as a teacher**. Many of these years have been at Gilston, firstly as the preschool teacher where each year we would have a long waiting list of parents seeking to be part of her program (there were only 50 spaces). When Prep came to be in Queensland schools, Jo-Anne was one of our pioneers in establishing the program. She brought her early childhood teaching skills to the new space and, by her own admission, collaborated with the Prep team and evolved the program each year to be the shining light it is today. Jo-Anne has taught thousands of children during her time, including both of ours. Her wisdom has been shared with both staff and parents throughout her years and her impact lives on in the practices of our teachers and in the homes of families. Next term we will arrange an opportunity for parents and staff to farewell Jo-Anne. If you wish to be part of this, please watch this newsletter for details.

Debbie's retirement this week and the maternity leave for Jolie and Kate has led to some **changes in staffing for term 3**. We will be welcoming some new faces to the Gilston fold in **Megan** (Year 3), **Zoe** (Year 1), and **Bryce** (Year 3 & 5) while **Annette** moves back to Prep and **Peta** assumes additional days as pedagogy leader. I am confident that the transitions will have minimal disruption to our teaching and learning. I take this opportunity to **wish Kate and Jolie all the best for the arrival of their babies** and look forward to meeting their new additions.

### FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday	23 June	Junior Athletics Year 1-3
Friday	24 June	Prep Athletics Year 5 Camp payment due Year 4 Camp deposit due <b>LAST DAY TERM 2</b>
Monday	11 July	<b>FIRST DAY TERM 3</b>
Wednesday	27 July –	Year 5 Camp
Friday	29 July	Tyalgum Ridge Retreat
Thursday	18 August	Band at Eisteddfod (am)
Monday	22 August	Choir at Eisteddfod (6.30pm)

#### 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
95.1	95.24	94.64	94.91	94.52	94.22	94.94

As I write this piece I look forward to the **senior athletics carnival today**. It presents a chance for our gifted athletes to shine and for all students to display their house rivalry and sportsmanship that has been a feature of Gilston since its inception. If you were able to be part of the day or plan to be part of the other carnivals this week, thank you for providing the audience that adds that little bit extra to the atmosphere.

On Saturday the students, staff and parents who had been training for the **Ks for Kids** event completed their 10 kilometre run. The students' confidence that ensued from their achievement will help shape their future attitudes and I **thank Scott** and the team for the commitment to prepare the students for this opportunity.

Judging by the feedback from those attending, the **Gilston Performing Arts Competition** was again a highlight. Alison's devotion to developing and recognising the artistic talents of our students was underlined by the performances. More evidence of this development will be on show at the final performance at **band and choir camp tomorrow night at Tallebudgera**. I look forward to being part of the audience.

I am pleased to report that the **drainage and road on the northern boundary is now complete** and thank Jan for her tenacity with this project. Despite the upgrade, access via this road is for **authorised personnel only**.

The funds from the final **fund raiser for Marcus** yesterday brought the grand total to **\$1,100**. I am proud to be part of a community who is happy to help out when someone else is doing it tough.

Our **Gilston Gourmet (tuckshop)** continues to grow based on the quality of the offerings. The growing demand requires **more volunteers** to ensure that the service can thrive. If you have a few hours each week, please contact Nicole who will happily arrange induction and stitch you into the team.

Each semester, we produce **certificates** to recognise the student **academic, behaviour and effort** achievements. I am pleased to report that there are hundreds to produce and these will be distributed as soon as practical. Reports will be distributed today for most of the year levels.

In closing this week I **thank Denise for her work as Deputy Principal** in Graeme's absence. She made the transition seamlessly and her skills have been appreciated. Stay safe and keep smiling.  
Bruce

#### **GILSTON GOURMET**

Thursday 23 June – Tracey Zimmerman

Ice blocks – Joanne K

Friday 24 June – **HELP NEEDED URGENTLY PLEASE**

Ice blocks – Help needed

Monday 11 July – Paula Black

Ice blocks – Help needed

Tuesday 12 July – Melanie Harrison

Ice blocks – Kim P

Wednesday 13 July - Help needed

Ice blocks – Help needed

Thursday 14 July – Tracey Zimmerman

Ice blocks – Theresa H

Friday 15 July - Help needed

Ice blocks – Help needed

Thank you to all our current tuckshop volunteers. We require more volunteers next term, so if anyone can spare 1 hour a fortnight to come and help, we would really appreciate it. There

are many ways of volunteering in the tuckshop. If you don't feel comfortable serving or doing food prep there are so many behind the scene jobs that you can do that would help us out.

If you are interested please come and see Nicole in the tuckshop.

Have a great holiday everyone.

Nicole Meesen / Tuckshop Convenor

#### **KS4KIDS**

Over the last three months, you may have seen a dedicated team of students and staff running after school on Mondays and Thursdays. This training culminated in the 10km Ks4Kids fun run last Saturday.

Congratulations to the following team members - Charlotte King, Andrew Prisley, Ocean Dudley, Jasmine Zimmerman, Maddison Simpson, Olivia Da Ros, Joshua Atkin, Blake Smith, Ruby Burgess, Ella McRobert, Irene McGregor, Michelle Smith, Sharon Fleet, Helena Haling, Miss Watts and Mr Stavar.

Well done team. You can be extremely proud of your efforts.'



#### **LIBRARY NEWS**

Please return any overdue books to the library before the holidays. Students are allowed to borrow books from the library to read over the holiday break.

**Mudgeeraba Art Show** – congratulations to the following Prep students who have had their artwork acknowledged by the judges: Aidan Evans 1<sup>st</sup> prize, Sienna Lehmann 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize and Neena – Highly Commended.

These students have won a free entry pass to the show.

**Maths Olympiad and Maths Games** – Congratulations to the Year 4, 5 and 6 students who have just completed the second round of testing. All students have improved in their scoring reflecting the pleasing progress they are making in maths problem solving.

Kathy Stone / Maths Tutor

#### **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**ROOKIES2REDS CLINIC** –Thursday 30 June 9.00am-2.00pm. Little Legends (5-7yrs), Advanced Program (8-11yrs). Surfers Paradise Rugby Club. Register only at [ROOKIES2REDS.com.au](http://ROOKIES2REDS.com.au) or 1300753733

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS FUN CAMP** Monday 27/6/16 to Friday 1/7/16 – Platinum Tennis, Hinterland Tennis Club, Price Street, Nerang. 8.30am-4.00pm (\$45 per day or \$165 5 days) or 8.30am-12.00pm (\$30 per day or \$125 5 days). Activities include Hot Shot Tennis, treasure hunt, soccer, basketball, cricket. Interested, call Jono on 0488 696 939.

**NRL SCHOOL HOLIDAY FOOTY CLINIC** – Burleigh Bears Seniors Tuesday 28/6/16 – 9.00am-1.00pm - \$40 per child. Online registration [www.playnrl.com/seq](http://www.playnrl.com/seq) or 0449 574 324



