



GILSTON STATE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As I welcome you all to semester two, I am **busy planning for 2017**. This week I will be making offers to some families out-of-catchment who wish to be part of Gilston in 2017. My decision will be based on the number of applications I have received from those with siblings already at school and those within the catchment. With this in mind, if you fit one of these categories and I have not received **your application, ensure you have it to me by Friday**.

Shortly we will be conducting the Annual **School Opinion Surveys** to gather thoughts from parents, students and staff. When the details of how to access the survey are distributed, please have your say by investing the ten minutes it will take to complete the survey. The information we collect from this exercise helps inform our future planning.

Next Wednesday **Jo-Anne Lenan** will be on site to farewell students, parents and staff as she brings to a close her meritorious career as an early childhood educator. I **invite** parents and past students to join Jo for an informal get together in the **library between 2:15 and 3:15pm Wednesday**. Though Jo wants no fuss, I am sure she will be happy to chat with those of you whose children have been in her classes.

Kylie and Alison are **looking for a handyperson** to help out building 3 Taiko drum stands for the languages and music program. If you, a relative, or someone known to you can help the ladies in this project please call the office so we can make the necessary arrangements.

The **leadership process** is about to ramp up for our year 5 students. This week the details of the process will be shared with the students with the expectation that they show initiative and persistence in the preparation required to nominate. If you have a child in Year 5 I encourage you to take advantage of this time to discuss deeply the traits that make someone a good leader.

I was very impressed to present **23 100% attendance certificates for the first semester**. This is the first year that we have exceeded 20 and I commend the students and their parents for this outcome. I am hopeful of presenting even more in semester two. As we start the term it is apparent that the colds and flu are conspiring to derail our progress toward the goal of 95% attendance for the year. **With your persistence I am confident that we can still reach the mark.**

At the halfway point in the year we are **meeting our goals to embed the use of slides for consolidation and mastery of learning and the use of the guided reading scripts and**

FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday	18 July	P & C Meeting 7.00pm
Tuesday	19 July	Gala Sports Day Year 5 & 6
Wednesday	27 July –	Year 5 Camp
Friday	29 July	Tyalgum Ridge Retreat
Friday	12 August	Bush Dance 5.30-8.30pm
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
95.06	95.05	94.36	94.67	94.44	94.14	94.81

reading behaviour checklists. Our progress with the implementation of the **Direct Instruction program in maths** has been refined to incorporate **ability grouping** to provide **differentiated approaches** for students. In Years 5 and 6 teachers will be extending the program to incorporate **explicit teaching of problem solving techniques** that build on the basics of the program. Our effect size measures in basic number facts continue to provide very positive feedback to teachers with many students **"outgrowing" the basic assessments.** I **commend our teaching and paraprofessional team** for these results recognising their dedication to embracing new methods. Stay safe and keep smiling
Bruce

P & C NEWS

The P & C would like to **welcome you all back to school** and we hope you have a great Term 3. We have our bush dance coming up (details below) and another Pie Drive - YUM!!

The Gilston Family Bush Dance

Friday 12 August – 5:30 – 8:30pm.

Come one come all and bring your family too!

Save And Win: Buy your tickets before the event and you could win a \$50 Event Cinema voucher and save money as well. Pre-purchase from flexi-schools or keep an eye out as tickets will be sold at the Rotunda closer to the time. Pre-purchases close Wednesday 10 August.

Ticket Prices (Adult and child) - Pre Purchase:

with Sausage and bread \$5 (\$7 on the night)

with Gilston Gourmet cheeseburger \$8 (\$10 on the night)

Other items for sale on the night

Cash Bar (beer and wine), hot chips, drinks (soft drinks, poppers, water), Lamingtons, tea/coffee/hot chocolate, chips/chocolate, glow sticks

Prizes to be won for adults and kids

***** Volunteers Needed Urgently ****

We require volunteers on the night to set up, clean up and run the dance. Without volunteers the event won't go ahead. If you can help, contact Tam 0415 444 636

P & C MEETING

The P & C are meeting Monday 18 July at 7.00pm in the staff room. All welcome. Come and meet the P & C and help us help your school.

GALA DAY

Due to a wet weather cancellation, the Year 5 & 6 Gala Day will now be held on Tuesday 19 July. Students require school uniform, hat, sunscreen, water bottle, lunch and any items specific to their chosen sport as identified by the coach. Soccer will be played at the Mudgeeraba Soccer Club. All other sports are at Firth Park. Students will travel by bus. We look forward to a great day.
Scott Stavar / HPE

ATHLETICS

Congratulations to the following students who are our **Age Champions for 2016:**

9 years	Bianca Davis	Brenden Thomas
10 years	Asha Paech	Carter Wilson
11 years	Emily Feld	Soren Zwolsman
12 years	Ruby Burgess	Eli Smith

The Senior Athletics Carnival was won by HINZE

Junior Athletics Carnival winner - ZIMMERMAN

Congratulations to all for a great effort.

CHOIR – TERM 3

The junior and senior choirs will be having a break for a few weeks due to eisteddfod choir rehearsals. Both the junior and senior choirs will resume later in the term. Eisteddfod choir students have received a permission note and rehearsal schedule this week. The eisteddfod competition for the choir will be on Monday 22 August at 6.30pm. Alison Miller

A LEADER IS ONE WHO GUIDES AND INSPIRES OTHERS

Leadership is more than meeting class and school expectations of good behaviour, it is: helping your classmate, leading in a group and inspiring others, being involved in the school community.

This term students will be given the opportunity to apply for leadership badges by completing a Gilston Leadership Application. This application process requires the student to reflect on the qualities of a good leader.

Students are asked to consider:

- ❖ What does being a leader mean to them?
- ❖ How they be contributing in a way that will enhance Gilston School.

Students have been asked to choose four values from a given list and to respond by stating what they think these qualities encompass and how they display them in their school and daily lives. This is the first step in the leadership process for those considering School or House Captaincy positions.

The cut-off date for these applications is Monday 12 September, Week 10, Term 3. No late applications will be considered. We wish your child every success in this endeavour.

Linda Fry

Grade 5 Teacher

GILSTON GOURMET

Thursday 14 July – Tracey Zimmerman

Ice blocks – Theresa H

Friday 15 July - **HELP NEEDED URGENTLY**

Ice blocks – Help needed

Monday 18 July – Paula Black

Ice blocks – Help needed

Tuesday 19 July – Melanie Harrison

Ice blocks – Help needed

Wednesday 20 July – Help needed

Ice blocks – Help needed

Thursday 21 July - Tracey Zimmerman

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

FREE TRIPLE P SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS will be held at Nerang Early Years Centre as follows: The Power of Positive Parenting Monday 1.00-2.30pm 18/7/16, 8/8/16, 29/8/16, Raising Confident, Competent Children Monday 1.00-2.30pm 25/7/16, 15/8/16, 5/9/16, Raising Resilient Children Monday 1.00-2.30pm, 1/8/16, 22/8/16, 12/9/16. To register, parents may phone our Nerang EYC on 5644 9100, or go directly to the Triple P website and register only at www.triplep-parenting.net

FREE TENNIS LESSON - Platinum Tennis Coaching located at the Hinterland Tennis Club, Price Street, Nerang are offering a free tennis lesson to any children wanting to get involved in the sport. We have designed our tennis programs to be a perfect blend of fun and education.

So if you are between 4-18 years of age why not come along and join at the club 6 days a week Monday to Friday from 3:30pm, Saturdays from 8.00am. We also have lessons available @ Gilston State School before school from 8.00am. If you would like to take this offer bookings are essential please contact Jono on 0488 696 939.

CELEBRATE 40 YEARS OF HINZE DAM Saturday 23 July
10.00am-4.00pm to be part of the fun. Lots of great activities
including music with Blue Poppy and Midnight Grove, plenty of
food stalls and displays.

OZ TAG NERANG – Junior Oz Tag is fun, safe and a fantastic way
to make friends. To sign up email nerang@oztag.com or visit
www.nerangoztag.com

