I was delighted to spend more time with parents of the girls and boys who will be joining us for Prep in 2017 yesterday. Importantly the children settled well with their new friends in our current Prep classrooms. From some of the stories I heard, lots of them wanted to stay for the day – a good sign for next year.

The Orientation is one of the final stages in the “Enrolling Families” process and I will be calculating staffing and resourcing based on the information I have now gathered. It is vital that all application forms are complete so my decisions are fully informed. If your family will not be at Gilston in 2017, please ensure that you tell the ladies in the office today. Your assistance with this data is essential.

Last Thursday, our latest crop of leaders was recognised as we presented certificates and badges to the girls and boys in Year 5 who met the criteria. These students were required to demonstrate the features of leaders that are valued in our setting and in society in general. The badges are the first step for some in their preparation for formal leadership roles within our school in 2017.

Manners are free, but they are a wonderful asset. According to Clarence Thomas, “Good manners will open doors that the best education cannot”. Manners can do this and much more. I thank you for the time you spend instilling consideration for others in your child such that they feel it natural to use manners in their interactions. At Gilston we are committed to building on your work to ensure that our students use manners every day.

The policy that guides application for and decision making regarding early entry to prep have been recently released. Shortly I will be convening a meeting of all parents interested in applying for early entry to prep to share the details.

Next Monday while the students are enjoying a day off school our staff will be engaged in a range of professional learning activities. These opportunities to learn alongside one another enhance the quality of our teaching and learning and the consistency throughout our school.
Thank you for accepting the challenge of improving the attendance rate. The positive moves this week have been achieved by:

- Year 1 from 94.43 to 94.49
- Year 2 from 94.23 to 94.32
- Year 4 from 93.74 to 93.86
- Year 6 from 93.58 to 93.72

I sit here closing this piece after bidding farewell to the Year 6 students attending the camp at Lake Ainsworth. Their excitement was palpable and I am confident that under the leadership of their teachers and the camp staff they will have many fond memories of their next few days.

Stay safe and keep smiling.

Bruce

FAMILY ARTS NIGHT PROGRAM – 21 OCTOBER

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At the conclusion of the entertainment the art display in the library will be re-open for a short time.

SWIMMING

Due to a double booking, the Year 4-6 Swimming Carnival at All Saints has been moved to Thursday 1 December.

SWIMMING Lessons for Prep, Year 3 and Year 5 at Nerang are in week 8, 21 to 25 November. Detailed permission notes for both events will be distributed soon.

Scott Stavar

LIBRARY NEWS

Issue 7 of Book Club has been sent home. The last date for orders will be Wednesday 19 October. Please place your order on-line by going on the Scholastic website and using the LOOP payment method.

Thank you
Kathy Stone / Librarian

CALENDAR FUNDRAISER

Parents and our budding artists love the calendars!

You will be able to view your child’s art work, place an order and pay on Wednesday 12 October 2.30–3.15pm and Thursday 13 October 8.30-9.15am at the Rotunda. Thursday afternoon you can view, order and pay at the Uniform Shop 2.30-3.15pm. Art work and orders will be posted Thursday 13 October and can be collected Monday 14 November 2016.

Payment can be made by cash or EFTPOS. Please see attached flyer for prices. (Please disregard the return date on the flyer). If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Tracey on 0408 184 403 or speak to the ladies in the Tuckshop. Thank you for your support.

YEAR 5 GILSTON SCHOOL LEADERS

Last week at assembly, Year 5 Leaders were recognised through the awarding of Leadership Badges. These students have demonstrated leadership behaviours and are eager to uphold the expectations of the position they now hold. They are Gilston role models and will maintain the highest standards in regard to the school behaviour code, promoting and exhibiting the values of the school. We congratulate them and are proud of them.

GILSTON GOURMET

Thursday 13 October - Tracey Zimmerman
Ice Blocks – Help needed
Friday 14 October – Jenny Toohey / Help needed
Ice Blocks – Help needed
Monday 17 October – PUPIL FREE DAY
Tuesday 18 October – Mel Harrison / Amelia Edward
Ice Blocks – Help needed
Wednesday 19 October – Jenny Toohey
Ice Blocks – Help needed
Thursday 20 October - Tracey Zimmerman
Ice Blocks – Help needed
Friday 21 October – Jenny Toohey / Help needed
Ice Blocks – Help needed

Our yummy Fresh Seasonal Fruit Cups are back for $2.50 each.

We all need to talk to our children about the importance of food safety. With our new lunch and eating times; it is important that your child/children are aware that if they have ordered hot food and cannot eat it all in the 1st break, they CANNOT put it in their bag for 2nd break and eat it then. The food is not safe and if your child/children become ill, the tuckshop will not be responsible.

A big welcome to our 2 new volunteers, Amelia Edwards and Jenny Toohey. Thank you for your time ladies. We really appreciate it.

If you would like to become a volunteer, please come to the tuckshop and see Nicole.

Have a great long weekend.

Nicole Meesen / Tuckshop Convenor

COMMUNITY NOTICES

TENNIS LESSONS – Looking to make new friends and learn new tennis skills all while having fun?
Platinum Tennis Coaching is running before school lessons at Gilston Primary School four mornings a week on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Lessons run for 60 minutes from 7:45-8:45am costing $12 per lesson. Currently we are offering a free trial lesson. If you would like to take advantage of this offer bookings are essential. Please contact Jono on 0488 696 939.

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