



# GILSTON STATE SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



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### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

**Welcome** to term 2 one and all. It was delightful to see the **students' smiling faces** as they returned yesterday. As I visited the classrooms, I was very impressed with how quickly the children settled to the task of learning, adhering to the established **protocols** that govern our daily activities.

We extend a special **welcome to Kelly** (our new Deputy Principal) as she takes up the reins on a range of projects throughout the school. Kelly is known to about half our students after being here in 2014/15. Her skills and abilities, coupled with her positive attitude lead me to be very confident that Kelly will have an immediate and positive impact at Gilston.

The **abrupt end to last term** presented some **challenges** for us all, you making arrangements for the care of your children and us, ensuring the damage sustained in the rain was rectified. Whilst the sun came out on the Friday we were without **power** to 30% of the school, had **no phone** connection, **no internet**, flooding in the uniform shop and **water damage** to carpets in three blocks. Thanks to the actions of key staff at Gilston, we opened yesterday with new carpets in 6 rooms, full power and internet connectivity and an attractive, clean, green environment. The removal of some **fallen trees** on the oval perimeter will occur this week.

I am aware that **some of you didn't fare as well**, sustaining damage to your places of residence. I am hopeful that you have been supported to rebound from any damage and that "your world" is back to normal.

The **premature closure** of school also impacted on our plans including the Easter concert and Graeme's send-off assembly, planning for both of which had been extensive. Whilst we are disappointed to have missed these events, in light of the plight of many in our state, these don't rate a mention. I spoke with **Graeme** this morning and learnt that his first day went well. I guess any day that ends with catching a 78cm **barramundi** is okay. I am just-a-little green with envy.

We expect that during this term works will be undertaken to **replace roofs** on some of our buildings. Deterioration of these has been attributed as the reason for much of the damage sustained during the recent weather event. This is likely to

### FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday	20 April	Last day payment Year 4 Camp
Friday	21 April	Anzac Day Ceremony
Monday	24 April	Year 6 Leadership Day Numinbah Valley
Tuesday	25 April	Anzac Day Public Holiday
Wednesday-Friday	26-28 April	Tallebudgeraba Camp Year 4
Monday	1 May	Labour Day Public Holiday
Thursday	4 May	Cross Country

Our website has access to all consent letters for any of the excursions listed above <https://gilstonss.eq.edu.au>

#### 2017 Explicit Improvement Agenda

Response to intervention (RTI):

Target driven intervention through:

- Data Analysis
- Consistent Core Instruction
- Progress Monitoring
- Supplementary and Intensive Intervention

#### Gilston Expectations

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

#### Current Attendance Levels

P	1	2	3	4	5	6
96.81	95.65	95.11	95.82	94.79	95.62	94.15

cause some disruption to classrooms however we will be planning to minimise any negative impacts.

Like you, I am drawn to reading articles and research that interests me or relates to my field of expertise. I expect that many of you will gain affirmation from the following excerpt. Some of you may choose to recalibrate your daily actions as a result of digesting the content:

**“Stop what you’re doing and give 100% attention to each of your children for at least 8 minutes a day.** Small emotional investments like one-on-one, quality time now will help ensure your kids grow up feeling safe, valued and listened to.

**Time is precious...but not as precious as your children.** That’s why it’s so important to set aside at least 8 minutes every day of distraction-free time to engage with each of your kids, one on one, without interruptions. Put down your phone, iPad or laptop and take the time to really BE with them - exchanging stories, asking and answering questions, sharing a laugh...whatever works best!

Your child will feel more listened to, **valued, safer and happier.** Studies show that kids who receive this kind of attention do better at school, with greater language skills and **higher self-confidence.** With benefits like these, there’s no better way to spend 8 minutes a day.

Actions:

- Sit down with your child for at least 1 meal every day.
- Read a book together before bed or tell a story of your own.
- Ask questions about your child’s life that need more than a one-word answer.
- For older kids, discuss a news item they might be interested in.

Kelly has captured details about the Nerang **ANZAC services** in her piece following. **Please respond** as per her request so we can plan our school’s participation. I look forward to seeing many of you at the school ANZAC assembly this Friday.

Stay safe and keep smiling  
Bruce

#### **DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

This term I will be part of the Gilston community in the role of Deputy Principal. I have received a very warm welcome from staff and students and already feel part of the community. Yesterday I spent part of the day visiting all classrooms to meet the students. I was very impressed with their behaviour, attitude and general manner towards their schooling upon returning from the Easter break.

I look forward to working closely with the staff, students and the wider community throughout the term to ensure we are supporting every student on their learning journey.

Until next time.

Kelly Clark

#### **NERANG ANZAC SERVICES**

Students from Gilston State School will be marching in the Service at 9:40am. Students are to **assemble** at the intersection of Nerang & Lavelle Street at **9:00am** in their full school uniform. Please notify the office by email or phone (5501 2333) if your child will be participating in the march.

**Nerang Dawn Service 4.45am** held at Nerang RSL Memorial Club, 69 Nerang Street, Nerang. Service only (no march) to

commence at 4.45am, followed by a gunfire breakfast at the Nerang RSL.

A holographic video presentation will be shown about the story of the Australian Light Horse as told by the Spirit of ANZAC. This is performed by the Nerang State High School students.

**Street closures:** Corner of Nerang Street and White Street from 4.00am to 6.00am.

#### **Nerang Citizens Service 9.40am**

Form up for the march at intersection of Nerang and Lavelle Streets at 9.15am.

March to commence at 9.40am from the intersection of Nerang & Lavelle Streets and conclude at the Cenotaph at approximately 10.20am. The main service will commence at the Cenotaph immediately after the march arrives and will conclude at approximately 11.00am.

Guests are welcome into the club after the service; please note dress regulations will apply which are displayed at the main entrance of the club.

Extra seating will be made available and a plan of the march route, road closures and best places to park will be on display at the entrance to the Nerang RSL Club from 5 April 2017.

**Street closures:** Nerang Street, Lavelle Street and White Street from 9.00am to 12noon.

#### **CROSS COUNTRY**

This year’s event will be held on Thursday 4 May. Students are to wear house shirts on the day please.

- The Prep–3 carnival will run during first session starting with Prep races.
- The 4-6 carnival will commence in middle session beginning with year 4.

All competitors will receive a house point and an ice block after participating. Any 10-12 year olds who place in the top 4 will represent Gilston Primary at the District Cross Country on Thursday 25 May. We look forward to a fun and successful carnival.

#### **GILSTON GOURMET**

##### **Tuckshop Roster**

Thursday 20 April – Brenda Fleming

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Friday 21 March – Amelia Edwards / Jenny

Ice Blocks - Help needed

Monday 24 April - Help needed

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Tuesday 25 April – ANZAC DAY

Wednesday 26 April - Help needed

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Thursday 27 April – Rachel Delany / Brenda Fleming

Ice Blocks – Jo

Friday 28 April - Amelia Edwards / Jenny

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Congratulations to Xavier Graham on winning the movie night raffle, which was movie tickets, drinks and popcorn donated by Nerang Cinemas. Thank you to everyone for their support.

Within the next couple of weeks, NAPLAN will be here. We require some volunteers to help the tuckshop serve breakfast from 7.45-9.00am on Tuesday 9 May, Wednesday 10 May and Thursday 11 May. If you are able

*to help, please let Nicole know.*

*If you would like to order any uniforms, please go to the tuckshop where the ladies are able to assist, or go online [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au)*

### **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**TENNIS COACHING** - New to tennis or simply want to get back into the swing of things? Platinum Tennis Coaching located at the Hinterland Tennis Club, Price Street, Nerang are offering a free trial 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. If you are between 4-18years of age why not come along and join in. Lessons run at the club 6 days a week Monday to Friday from 3:30pm Saturdays from 8.00am. We also have lessons available at Gilston State School before school 4 mornings a week from 8.00am. If you would like to take this offer, bookings are essential. Please contact Jono on 0488 696 939.

**MERRIMIC STATE HIGH SCHOOL** Enrolment Information Evening for Year 7 students in 2018 on Tuesday 16 May 2017 at 6.30pm in the school hall.

