



GILSTON STATE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Throughout each year you will read in this newsletter references to **The Nerang Alliance of Schools**. This group consists of: Nerang SS, Nerang SHS, Worongary SS, William Duncan SS, Beechmont SS, Canungra SS, Numinbah Valley SS, Numinbah Valley Environmental Education Centre and Gilston SS. The following elements summarise our Alliance's purpose:

1. Learn from each other's learning (PLC)
2. Share, develop and network best practice for all staff
3. Provide enrichment opportunities for students
4. Harness the collective impact to influence:
 - State Schooling
 - Community Groups
 - External and Government Agencies
5. Promote and celebrate State Schooling
6. Provide Professional Development
7. Collegially support each other

Most recently we have been planning a moderation activity for our teachers, appointing a coach to work in the local early childhood centres and designing a shared communication strategy for parents and our schools. The **quality of our collective work** has recently been recognised by our region leading to a presentation at the regional conference last week. I **acknowledge my colleagues** in these schools for their respective inputs and look forward to the continued benefits of working collaboratively.

8 -14 May is **Volunteers' Week**, a time to recognise the enormous contributions made by volunteers in our community. In our case we **recognise the many hours and numerous talents** that volunteers bring to Gilston. Each contribution adds value to the school and in turn to the learning opportunities for students. It is ironic that during that week we will be asking for more volunteers to assist with the breakfast. On behalf of a **grateful school community** I extend sincere thanks to all who volunteer at Gilston.

Shopping for **mum's mother's day gift** at school is something that has become a tradition at Gilston. Again, thanks to the volunteers, a shop "pops up" each year and all children are invited to buy a gift for mum. This will occur next week on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Your child's teacher will

FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday	4 May	Cross Country
Friday	5 May	Last day payment Year 5 Camp deposit
Thursday	11 May	Last day payment Year 3 Jellurgal Cultural Centre
Monday	15 May	Year 3 Jellurgal Cultural Centre Excursion

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
96.34	94.94	94.88	94.88	94.36	95.4	93.83

have a timetable.

Many of you are bombarded daily with numerous **emails** in your work and home. This form of contact has burgeoned to a level that it can become debilitating. Compounding the volume of the mail is the **expectation of the author that a response will be immediate** or forthcoming within a few hours. In schools where our core business is teaching and learning, this expectation is particularly unrealistic and I frequently remind people that for urgent matters a phone call is more appropriate. For other matters where email is appropriate I encourage you to send your messages to admin@gilstonss.eq.edu.au so that those receiving this mail can sort it and direct it to the person most likely able to provide the action required or an informed response. I thank you for your co-operation in this regard.

NAPLAN will occur next **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday** with catch up tests for students scheduled for Friday. After working hard to learn in class, your child wants to perform at their best in these assessments so I ask that they have a good night's sleep prior and drink plenty of water. At Gilston our **P & C sponsor a breakfast** on the NAPLAN days to ensure they are well-fed. To offset the cost of this meal we invite parents to **make a gold coin donation** that will be collected over the counter. This is not a compulsory contribution however all payments will be gratefully accepted.

Your attitude affects those around you. You owe it to them to be positive!

Stay safe and keep smiling
Bruce

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

What makes a good team?

This question can be answered in many ways, detailing many different qualities. Many of these qualities are dependent on each other to ensure a team is effective.

Some of the qualities that make an effective team include the following, however are not limited to:

- **A common vision:** A team is committed to complete the goal it has been given.
- **Participation:** In order to act as a team, everyone must be participating to work towards a solution.
- **Effective and open communication:** A team is able to communicate effectively and there is open communication between all team members.
- **Listening skills:** Team members listen to all members and interpret communication from other points of view.
- **Effective use of ideas:** An effective team is able to brainstorm a solution to a problem. All team members are included in the decision-making process. They trial ideas to find a solution to a problem.

Last week, as part of the camp experience, students from Year Four participated in team building activities throughout the camp program. Students were able to apply qualities of effective teams to find a solution to a number of problems.

Upon reflecting with students on what it means to work as a team, the following quotes were made:

"Trust and if someone has an idea we need to listen. It's a chance to work with people you have never worked with." Ella from 4E

"Incorporate with each other, be nice and listen to each other's ideas. Don't be bossy to the rest of the team." Lachlan from 4S

"Working together and building friendship." Gemma from 4W

"Be kind to each other, work as a team, follow the rules. Join in and listen to ideas of others." Alex from 4/5

"It is about helping each other and making new friends." Megha from 4W

GPAC – GILSTON PERFORMING ARTS COMPETITION 2017

GPAC will be held at the end of this term. The 'talent show' is an annual event here at Gilston and a way for our young performers to show off their skills. The competition takes in all areas of performing – dance, drama, singing, instrumental, poetry and can be a group or individual item. It is open to all students from Prep to Year 6. The children are asked to complete an entry form for an audition (1 entry form per group).

The forms are available at the music room.

Auditions will begin on 29 May and the competition will be held on Thursday 15 June, during the middle session.

Alison Miller / Music Teacher

CROSS COUNTRY

This year's event will be held this 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.

UNIFORM SHOP

Unfortunately, the school back packs will not be available until next year. Towards the end of this year we will have a pre- order system for anyone wanting to purchase one for next year.

Next Monday 8 May from 2.30pm-3.30pm, we will hold a uniform sale at the tuckshop. We are selling all the **2nd hand uniforms**, which include jumpers, jackets, polo shirts, sports shirts, dresses and more. These items will be \$3.00 each.

Hats and Jackets have been ordered and will be here within the next 2-3 weeks.

Have a great week. Nicole Meesen

GILSTON GOURMET

Tuckshop Roster

Thursday 4 May – Brenda Fleming

Ice Blocks – Ange

Friday 5 May - Amelia Edwards / Jenny

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Monday 8 May – Pip Collins

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Tuesday 9 May – Help needed

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Wednesday 10 May - Help needed

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Thursday 11 May – Rachel Delany

Ice Blocks – Help needed

Friday 12 May – Amelia Edwards / Jenny

Ice Blocks - Help needed

The tuckshop will be having their special tomorrow for cross country, Cake and Coffee/Tea/Hot/Chocolate deal for \$5.00. Also we will be selling an assortment of cold drinks, snacks and ice blocks over the counter all day. If you would like to order lunch, please make sure you do so before 9.30am.

Thank you to all those parents who have volunteered to help out next week at NAPLAN Breakfast. Reminder to all; the P & C are putting on breakfast next Tuesday 9 May, Wednesday 10 May and Thursday 11 May 2017 for NAPLAN. We ask children to make a gold coin donation to help with the cost of this breakfast.

Have a great week.

Nicole Meesen / Tuckshop Convenor

COMMUNITY NOTICES

ROBINA STATE HIGH SCHOOL ENROLMENT INFORMATION

EVENING for Year 7 2018 – Tuesday 16 May 5.30-7.00pm,
Performing Arts Centre – 1 Investigator Drive, Robina.

