



GILSTON STATE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I lead this week with an **expression of gratitude** to our team at Gilston. Beyond the regular duties they perform, each has accommodated my recent absence by making the necessary adjustments. I am thankful to be part of the Gilston team.

Please be aware that the **Year 2 and 1/2** classes will be **relocated soon** to allow work to commence on the roof replacement. This exercise will require cooperation by all parties including you, our parents. Please be aware that there will be no access to the buildings while work is underway. We expect this project to last two weeks.

The rugby league State of Origin series each year leads to a heightened level of excitement that is difficult to avoid. The media coverage is welcome fodder for those who love the game and perhaps an annoyance or distraction for those who do not. For the last few years at Gilston we have embraced the atmosphere created by encouraging students to **wear their team's colours**. On 31 May students will be able to show their allegiance to their team by wearing either a coloured tee shirt, ribbons in their hair, a coloured head band. Their team need not be from rugby league, it need only be a team that the child follows or in which they compete e.g. the chess team in which they compete, the local netball club, a soccer team from overseas or readers club. By participating the students learn about being able to support a team and respect that someone else can support another. The sportsmanship created will bode well for their future.

The **working bee** will be 11 June commencing at 8.00am. We are planning several projects as long as we have sufficient support. Consequently, I **need to know if you can help** and with which project. Please **call the ladies** in the office if you can assist. Details of the projects can be viewed in [last week's newsletter](#). I also **need more mulch** and encourage you to **use your contacts** in the tree-logging world to replenish our stockpile. We are happy to take mulch at any time throughout the year.

Reminder: Parent information session at Nerang SHS tonight commencing at 5.00pm.

FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday	31 May	Gold Coast South Primary Chess Tournament
Friday	2 June	Last day payment Year 4S Bicycle Safety Last day payment Year 5 Camp
Thursday	8 June	Parent Information Session for enrolments in Prep for 2018 6.00pm
Sunday	11 June	Working Bee 8.00am
Thursday	15 June	GPAC competition in the hall 11.50am

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
96.19	94.64	94.76	95	93.9	94.85	93.51



Thank you Sean (Lily and Nate's dad) for cleaning the interlocking garden bricks at the front of the school. Another example of the generosity of Gilston volunteers. The resulting facelift certainly creates an attractive first impression for us each morning.

Stay safe and keep smiling.
Bruce

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Before and after school expectations

Gilston State School is committed to providing a safe, respectful and disciplined learning environment for students and staff, where students have opportunities to engage in quality learning experiences and acquire values supportive of their lifelong wellbeing.

Pupils are expected to arrive at school prior to 8.45am, but not before 8.00am. All children who arrive at school prior to 8.30am **must sit quietly in the Tuckshop undercover area** and wait until 8.30am before moving off to their respective class areas. Children are to remain mindful of their conduct during this time. Students waiting to be collected in the afternoon are to remain seated at the Stop-Drop-Go area or in the covered area at the front of the school. Students are not permitted to play on the playground or in the Tuckshop area after school unsupervised.

Information Communication Technologies

Information from:

<http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/technologies/introduction>

Students live in a technological world where information and communication technologies (ICTs) are integral to everyday situations.

Gilston State School is working with teachers to ensure that student's acquire the knowledge and skills that form part of Digital Technologies Australian Curriculum. Technologies ensures that all students benefit from learning about and working with traditional, contemporary and emerging technologies that shape the world in which we live. By applying their knowledge and practical skills and processes when using technologies and other resources to create innovative solutions, independently and collaboratively, they develop knowledge, understanding and skills to respond creatively to current and future needs.

The Australian Curriculum Technologies aims to develop the knowledge, understanding and skills to ensure that, individually and collaboratively, students:

- investigate, design, plan, manage, create and evaluate solutions
- are creative, innovative and enterprising when using traditional, contemporary and emerging technologies, and understand how technologies have developed over time
- make informed and ethical decisions about the role, impact and use of technologies in the economy, environment and society for a sustainable future

- engage confidently with and responsibly select and manipulate appropriate technologies – materials, data, systems, components, tools and equipment – when designing and creating solutions
- critique, analyse and evaluate problems, needs or opportunities to identify and create solutions.

Gilston State School makes every effort to provide opportunities for students to apply ICTs as a tool so they may become competent, discriminating, creative and productive users of ICT. A great program that students can access from home that introduce them to Coding is <https://scratch.mit.edu/>

School Uniform

Gilston State School is a uniform school. We place emphasis on students impressing with who they are and what they can do, rather than with what they can adorn their bodies. We expect all children to wear our school uniform at school and when attending school excursions, trips and sporting events in accordance with the Education Act (2006).

As the weather is cooling down, the winter uniform includes green cargo/bootleg pants and polo jumper or jacket with school logo. Uniforms are sold from the Tuckshop or flexischools. Please mark all items of clothing clearly with students name for easy identification.

Book Fair

Thank you to all of the staff who were involved in the coordination of Book Fair. Without your dedication, this event would not operate. Book Fairs provide an opportunity for parents and students to purchase books to support their love of reading. Thank you to all of the families who supported this event. It was a huge success, raising over \$1000 in books for our school library.

GPAC

Auditions have started and will run through until Friday 9 June. All students who have entered should check the music room noticeboard to find out their day and time. Costumes are not necessary for auditions unless they are an integral part of the act. Please make sure all necessary props, instruments and music are at school on the day of the audition. It will be impossible to reschedule audition times as the program is full.
Alison Miller / Music Teacher

GILSTON GOURMET

Tuckshop Roster

Thursday 25 May – Rachel Delany/Brenda Flemming
Friday 26 May – Amelia Edwards / Jenny T
Monday 29 May – Help needed
Tuesday 30 May – Mel Harrison
Wednesday 31 May - Help needed
Thursday 1 June – Brenda Flemming
Friday 2 June – Amelia Edwards / Jenny T / Help needed

We have a new **"Junior box"** on the menu, which consists of a drink of your choice, snack wrap and cookie \$5.00. Available over the counter as of today, and on flexischools as of next week.

This weekend our award winning Gilston Gourmet staff are heading to Brisbane to represent our school at a tradeshow. The tradeshow is where we get to showcase our tuckshop; to other schools and their convenors. This is a real honour as we are the only primary school that has been asked by the Queensland Association of School Tuckshops to attend. We are all very proud and looking forward to it.

The **School Disco** is happening this term. The pyjama party disco is booked in for Friday 16 June from 5.30-8.30pm. You can pre-purchase your tickets online at flexi schools as of this Friday. Tickets will cost \$6 each for presale and on the night they will be \$8. Each ticket includes entry, 1 hot food item (either popcorn chicken, hot dog or cheeseburger) and 1 cold drink of your choice.

If you are able to help on the night in the kitchen or with supervision, please see Nicole in the tuckshop.

Yes, a **pie drive** will be happening this year. Order forms will go home Monday 10 July, 2017; which will be the first day back after the school holidays. Delivery of these pies will be on Monday 14 August & Tuesday 15 August, 2017. Please note we will be only having 1 pie drive this year, so order up.

Nicole Meesen
Tuckshop Convenor

COMMUNITY NOTICES

OPEN DAY GOLD COAST BOTANIC GARDENS –Sunday 28 May 10.00-2.00. Nature based activities, plant sales, face painting, etc.

GIRLS PLAY AFL TOO – AFL Queensland has developed a new program just for girls aged between 5 to 9 years that bridges the gap between Auskick and Club Football. The program is run over 4 weeks and is free. Thursdays (25/5/17-22/6/17), 4.00-5.00pm, Mudgeeraba Spartans JAFC, Somerset College. To register <http://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/iJfdYHyA1gD6fnbl6Vz32aM> or email— Tim Searl at tim.searl@afl.com.au

TITANS NAIDOC EVENT Wednesday 5 July 10.00am-2.00pm, Firth Park Mudgeeraba. Celebrate NAIDOC week with a great day of activities, games and stalls. Register at titans.com.au/naidoc.

FAMILY FUN DAY FOR WHITE RIBBON DAY – 10 June 9.00-1.00 Nerang Parklands, Entry \$5, family \$10. Entertainment, raffles & market stalls.

