



GILSTON STATE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Sportsmanship (or should that read sportspersonship) is a term we often use at Gilston to describe the collective behaviours of students observed during a sporting event. In an age where sport is played professionally, there is a risk that the role models we, and our children observe, lack the full suite of traits we associate with the term. It is our responsibility to guide our children to understand that this is a fundamental component of our character. The following quote may assist you in **refocusing your child on the elements that constitute good sportsmanship**. (With apologies to the authors for my edit to balance the genders) "Good sportsmanship encompasses many aspects of a woman/man's character, the most fundamental being **respect**. The good sportsperson respects both her/his teammates and her/his **opponents as equals**. She/he plays with **integrity**. A win that does not come fairly holds no satisfaction for her/him. She/He is **honest** in her/his dealings with opponents, because she/he treats them the way she/he wants to be treated. She/He is **unselfish** in her/his desire to see all her/his teammates participate and enjoy the game. She/He is **humble** in her/his victories, and has the proper **perspective on her/his losses**. In short, the qualities that go in to making a good person are the same ones that contribute to being a great sportsperson." Brett & Kate McKay August 4, 2009 **Etiquette, Health & Sports, Relationships & Family Be a Good Sport: A Guide to Sportsmanship**

With these fundamental character traits in mind let us enjoy the rivalry tonight.

As I reported last week, **Nicole and the Gilston Gourmet team** were asked by the Queensland Association of State School Tuckshops to represent them at the **tradeshow in Brisbane**. The response to the display that the ladies prepared was glowing. Many of the visitors to the stand have, or will contact Nicole to learn some more about our tuckshop and how we do what we do. I **highly commend Nicole and the team** for the work they do, pleased, but not surprised that their achievements have been recognised more widely.

We have **received 8 responses** to our invitation to be part of the **working bee** on Sunday 11 June. History leads me to be confident that we will have more volunteers than this, however I need to know so we can plan the projects. If you haven't already let the office staff know you can help, please do so as soon as possible.

Are you a supermodel? Is what you do in front of your children the behaviours you wish for them? We cannot pretend that what we do and say doesn't affect children. So I challenge you to

FOR YOUR DIARY

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
Friday	16 June	Pyjama Party Disco

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
96.12	94.46	94.78	95.08	93.92	94.82	93.52

continue to be mindful of your actions and words for they will shape the young people watching and listening to you.

On the supermodel topic, let me commend the growing number of parents wearing hats in the afternoon as you collect your children. Your example is appreciated.

Parking inside the school grounds is illegal. Signage at our gates clearly states that only authorised vehicles are permitted. These conditions are born from the need to ensure a safe environment for students and staff. If you require access to assist with the delivery of an injured student or special equipment, please contact the office staff. **Drivers parking illegally** will have a photograph of their car sent to the police for prosecution.

Next **Thursday at 6.00pm** I look forward to meeting parents with **children starting Prep in 2018**. This information session is an integral component of the "Enrolling Families" project at Gilston providing parents the opportunity to learn more about the processes involved and some hints on how best to prepare their children for their first formal year of school. Invitations have been distributed to all those on the list we have compiled as parents express interest in enrolling. **If you intend enrolling your student at Gilston in 2018 and haven't already advised us, please do so immediately.**

Reminder: All students arriving after the 9.00am bell in the morning must report to the office.

I know that Mrs Miller is busy with auditions for the **Gilston Performing Arts Competition**. Her considerable talents make her well-suited for this unenviable task and I am confident that those chosen to perform in the competition will provide a highly entertaining program.

If you are interested in learning more about **Nerang State High School, information packs** are available from our office.

Good luck to the Readers Cup competitors Thursday night.

Stay safe and keep smiling.

Bruce

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

District Cross Country

I was fortunate enough to attend the District Cross Country last week with 33 students from Gilston. The participating students represented our school proudly. I would like to congratulate them all for abiding by the school rules, trying their very best and demonstrating team spirit throughout the day.

The importance of home reading

Reading is an activity enjoyed by many, and widely held to be an essential component for success in education. Learning to read is a sequential process; each new skill builds on the mastery of previously learned skills. At Gilston State School, we value the importance of reading within the school context and at home. As students move through schooling, their reading journey shifts from 'learning to read' to 'reading to learn.'

Whether reading a novel, sharing a story, using a recipe, making a shopping list, writing a birthday card or reading a street sign, children observe the value of reading and writing during their daily life.

There are many things that parents can do to assist students at home to support their reading development.

- Involve your child in everyday conversations from an early age to assist with their oral language development.

- Read aloud to your child. It will help your child to learn the language of books and encourages the enjoyment of books and reading.
- Talk about books together - make reading a shared, enjoyable activity.
- Ensure that there is a range of reading material for your child to access at home, both fiction and non-fiction.
- Set aside some uninterrupted time to read with your child.
- Listen to your child read every day, even if only for a short time.
- Discuss the meanings of stories and words.
- Encourage borrowing books from the school and local library.

Information extracted from www.education.vic.gov.au

SPORT NEWS

Cross Country – Last week, 33 of our best runners competed at the Oceanic District Cross Country. They all ran impressively and their behaviour was exemplary.

Good luck to Bianca Davis who will now compete in the Regional Cross Country in June.

Softball – Congratulations to Taliyah Paolo on her selection in the U12 Girls South Coast Softball team. She will play at the State Carnival in September. This is a massive achievement when considering that Taliyah is 10 years old. Well done.

AFL – As Gilston is a supporter of The Gold Coast Suns school programs they are offering our community a special ticket deal to their next home game on Saturday 3 June. Tickets are \$10 each from Ticketek using the code GILSTONSS. This offer is not available at the gate.

Scott Stavar / HPE

MUSIC & SUGOI HUB NEWS

The **senior choir** students will be performing at the school assembly this Thursday.

GPAC auditions continue this week. So far there have been some fantastic acts! It will be a really hard decision to choose a small selection for the final competition on 15 June. The finalist list will be posted on Friday 9 June, after 2nd break. Good luck everyone.

Taiko -In an exciting first not only for Gilston, but also for the Gold Coast Eisteddfod, some of our Taiko members will be competing at the competition this year. Our rehearsals are in the early stages, but we will have a sneak peek performance (of what we have prepared so far) at GPAC on Thursday 15 June. Sugo!

GILSTON GOURMET

Tuckshop Roster

Thursday 1 June – Brenda Flemming

Friday 2 June – Amelia Edwards / Jenny T / Help needed

Monday 5 June – Help needed

Tuesday 6 June – Mel Harrison

Wednesday 7 June - Help needed

Thursday 8 June – Brenda Flemming / Rachel Delany

Friday 9 June – Amelia Edwards / Jenny

State of Origin lunch boxes were a hit today; thank you to all those families who ordered one.

On Friday 16 June we are having a Pyjama Party Disco. Tickets are \$6 presale and \$8 on the night. Every ticket includes entry, 1 x hot food option and a drink of your choice. You can purchase your tickets online at flexi schools or at the tuckshop from 12 June, 2017.

Volunteers are needed throughout the day for prep and for the night for supervision and in the kitchen. Please come up and see Nicole if you are able to assist.

Have a great week.

Nicole Meesen / Tuckshop Convenor

COMMUNITY NOTICES

JUNE/JULY School Holiday Tennis Fun Camp - Week One - Monday 26, Tuesday 27, Wednesday 28, Week Two -Monday 3 , Tuesday 4, Wednesday 5, Thursday 6, Friday 7 - Full Day 8:30am-4.00pm - \$40, Half Day 8:30am-12.00pm - \$25, 3 Day Pass (Full Day) come 3 or more days \$30 per person per day, 3 Day Pass (Half Day) come 3 or more half days \$20 per person per day. **Activities:** Hot Shot Tennis Coaching, treasure hunt, art and craft, dodgeball, soccer, movie. All children welcome aged between 4yrs-16yrs. Platinum Tennis, Hinterland Tennis Club, 5 Price St, Nerang. **Call Jono 0488 696 939**

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.

