



GILSTON STATE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

For those of you who haven't seen the lovely welcome message on the school noticeboard, I am the acting Principal for term 3. My name is Janet Tucker. The children call me Ms Tucker and adults usually call me Janet but you can choose which ever, when we eventually meet. I say this because connecting with parents and carers is very important to me and I will take every opportunity I can to say hello, chat, laugh and get to know you.

I am very happy to be back at Gilston. I was part of the Gilston SS team for a short time in 2006 as a teacher before being seconded to the South East Regional office as a Senior Schooling advisor. I am both Primary/Special Education and Secondary Education (PE and English) trained and have spent equal amounts of time working in both settings. However, the last 11 years has been dedicated to working in a range of Primary schools including Upper Coomera State College, Surfers Paradise, Horn Island (Torres Strait) and most recently, Principal of Russell Island SS.

My passion is quality Education. I believe that every child can learn and that it is our role to ensure they get every opportunity to achieve the best outcome possible for them. I know that 'it takes a village to raise a child' and that the role of parents, carers and wider community in working with the school, is crucial. So please say 'hello' and I look forward to meeting you during this term.

Regards,
Ms Janet Tucker

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

NAIDOC Week Celebrations

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

Gilston State School is celebrating NAIDOC Week on Tuesday, 18 July. Students will attend an Indigenous performance by Sean Choolburra. Sean is a proud Aboriginal man who maintains and practices the cultural traditions of his father's people the "Girramay" and his mother's people the "Kalkadoon, Pitta Pitta and Gugu Yalanji", which he draws on when he delivers his performances.

Sean has performed with Bangarra Dance Company, the National Aboriginal and Islander Dance Academy (NAISDA), and in 1993 Sean formed the Ngaru dance troop which have become the well-known dance group Descendence.

FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday	24 July	Senior Athletics Carnival
Wednesday	26 July	Junior Athletics Carnival
Friday	28 July	Prep Athletics Carnival
Friday	4 August	Last day for order Book Club

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
95.73	94.52	94.7	94.96	93.17	94.67	93.7

Earn and Learn

Gilston State School is participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program.

Here's how it works:

1. **Shop:** Anyone can earn a sticker for every \$10 spent at Woolworths between **26 July – 19 September**
2. **Stick:** Complete a sticker sheet
3. **Give back:** Sticker sheets are dropped into the collection box located in the office. Stickers are counted and used to purchase resources for the school.

Year 5 Camp

Last term, students from Year 5 attended camp at Tyalgum Ridge. Students weren't discouraged by the wet weather, they persisted with activities that included team building and skill development. Students were commended on their overall attitude and behaviour while representing Gilston State School at school camp.

Tyalgum Ridge Retreat! By Isla Yuen

On Monday, excited Year Five students adventured off to an amazing, outstanding camp. It was located in Tyalgum Ridge. One and a half hours long journey on a big, full bus. When we arrived we got sorted into our groups. I was in group 5 (the best group).

Next, we had morning tea. I had a piece of scrumptious cake and some fruit. After that we did our first activity. During Camping Skills we learnt how to make a fire if you are out in the woods. We made delicious damper. It was the yummiest thing I had on that camp. Next, it was lunch we had mouth-watering sausage rolls. Then it was our second activity, low ropes. It was like an obstacle course. It got harder and harder each time. Every day we challenged ourselves.

After was student time (my favourite time). Every day in student time I would just sit back and relax. Then for dinner we had beef stroganoff. After we played games including statues and bingo.

On the next day we did the water fall hike, it was beautiful. The hike was a little hard but it was all worth it. After that we had some delicious lunch. It was pizza pockets, yum! When we finished we did camping skills AGAIN. But I didn't mind, more damper.

Then it was peaceful free time. After relaxing for an hour and a half we had our dinner. It was a lovely roast. After finishing dinner it was bedtime, I was so tired. The next morning we had to pack. I was so excited to go home. After our breakfast my awesome group did rock hopping. We collected beautiful rocks. Finally, after three days of exhaustion we went home. When we got back to school I was so happy. I got home and fell fast asleep.

What a challenging week!

By Isla Yuen



MUSIC NEWS – CAMP 2017

During the final week of Term 2, a number of our Year 5 and 6 students attended the **Regional Music Camp** held at Tallebudgera Beach School. The camp encouraged high performing primary music students from across the region who demonstrated excellent skills and commitment within their school Choir and/or Instrumental Music programs. The children had the opportunity to work with guest conductors and other teachers from across the Gold Coast.

Gilston had students involved in the Stage Band, Trinity Rollison (trumpet) and Jazz Band, Ginshirou Ueno (piano). Being selected for these ensembles was a real achievement as both required a high level of skill and were difficult to get into. Our choral representatives were Mya Pascon, Ellie Bestmann, Charlotte Dennis, Zahlia Jeffery, Chad Jones, Ginger Brown, Lily Harper and Ayvah Harrison. They had the chance to perform in a massed choir of 90+ students.

After the 4 days of intense rehearsals, activities, beach fun, and with some new friendships formed, the efforts of the students culminated in a spectacular final night concert. A proud moment for all involved.

SENIOR ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 24 JULY

During recent PE classes, students in Years 4-6 have been busy attempting to qualify for track and field events to be held at the senior carnival. The top 3 from each house team will compete on the day. Other students will be invited to participate as each event concludes. This should be more time efficient and ensure greater accuracy in recording.

All students will compete in sprint events.

The names of successful qualifiers will be posted on the sport noticeboard in the hall as of next week. We look forward to a great carnival.

Scott Stavar / HPE

GILSTON GOURMET

Tuckshop Roster

Thursday 13 July – Debbie H / Brenda Flemming

Friday 14 July – Amelia Edwards / Jenny T

Monday 17 July – Help needed

Tuesday 18 July – Melanie Harrison

Wednesday 19 July – Jenny T

Thursday 20 July – Debbie H / Rachel Delany

Friday 21 July – Amelia Edwards / Jenny T

Welcome back everyone, hope you all had a great break.

Our Annual Pie Drive is happening now. Forms have gone home this week to the youngest sibling of each family. If you have not received one please see your class teacher or the tuckshop.

If anyone has any questions with regards to the pie drive, please see Nicole or any of the tuckshop ladies.

*Next Friday, 21 July, the tuckshop will be holding a “Pancake Breakfast”. **A gold coin will be required** for this breakfast and will run from 8.00-8.50am.*

We are looking for volunteers to assist in the tuckshop on a regular basis from 9.00-11.00am and 1.30-2.30pm. If you have a spare hour or two per week or month, we would love to hear from you.

Have a great week.

Nicole Meesen / Tuckshop & Uniform Shop Convenor

COMMUNITY NOTICES

MUDGEERABA LITTLE ATHLETICS SIGN ON –online see the website for details or at the clubhouse 15 July – 9.00am, 22 July – 2.00pm – Somerset Park, Swanton Drive, Mudgeeraba. Season commences 12 August at 8.00am. Tiny tots from 3 years. U6-U17's and now seniors. Phone 0412 406 742, mudgeerabalittleathletics.com.au

