



GILSTON STATE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

This week has been a very busy one! On top of all the fabulous teaching and learning I have been seeing in the classrooms I have visited, we have had **2 athletics carnivals!** Congratulations to the staff, students, parents/carers and all the other friends and supporters who made each of these events such as success. The children have experienced healthy competition and enjoyed the challenge of **doing their best**. Of course, having beautiful weather was a bonus! Thank you to the tuck shop staff for providing great food for us all and I can recommend the coffee and cake combo for \$5. I am really looking forward to our Prep carnival on Friday and welcome all parents/carers to join us.

Students arriving late – this number has been steadily increasing and is creating unnecessary work for office staff and unacceptable disruption to classes. I understand that there are times when this is unavoidable (car break downs, late buses, medical appointments, etc.). However, some children have stated the following: 'I had a big weekend at a soccer tournament', 'it was too cold', 'my mum didn't wake up', 'I was watching TV/playing X-box' etc.

These are **excuses not reasons** and would not be accepted in the work place by our employers and they are not acceptable for school. Our children are learning their adult behaviours now, so it is our responsibility to ensure we teach them the importance of being on time.

When your child is **late to class** it not only impacts on their learning but also on the learning of others. Please support your child's learning by ensuring they arrive before the school bell NOT after.

Whooping Cough – all families were emailed information regarding the recent cases of Pertussis (Whooping Cough) that have been reported and confirmed to the school. Thank you to those families who took swift action to have their child assessed and then ensuring they followed the appropriate steps to manage the illness. If your child is showing signs of the illness, please do not hesitate to have them assessed by a doctor

FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday	28 July	Prep Athletics Carnival
Friday	4 August	Last day for order Book Club Last day payment deposit Year 6 Lake Ainsworth Camp
Friday	11 August	Last day payment Year 4E Bicycle Safety & Eisteddfod Band
Friday	18 August	Last day payment Year 3 Numinbah Valley EEC
Monday	21 August	Gold Taiko at Eisteddfod 9.00am
Thursday	24 August	Band at Eisteddfod 9.00am
Friday	25 August	Year 4E Bicycle Safety
Monday	28 August	Year 3N & 3W Numinbah Valley Choir at Eisteddfod 2.40pm
Tuesday	29 August	Year 3S & 3E Numinbah Valley
Friday	1 September	Last day payment Year 4 Arts Centre
Thursday	14 September	Year 4 Arts Centre

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
95.41	94.28	94.68	95.05	92.99	94.87	93.87

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The School Opinion Survey

The School Opinion Survey is undertaken each year by the department's State School Division to obtain the opinions of parents/caregivers, students and school staff about the important aspects of schooling. The survey is designed to help schools identify what they do well and what they can improve.

The Parent/Caregiver Survey is simple to complete and is offered to all families at Gilston State School. The eldest child in each family will receive a blue online access letter next week. Parents and caregivers are asked to complete the survey by the 28 August. If you are unable to access the internet from home, a computer will be made available in the Library on the following days:

Tuesday 8 August: 8:30 – 9.00am

Thursday 10 August: 3.00 – 3:15pm

P & C MEETING TIME CHANGE (TRIAL)

Have you ever wanted to come to a P & C meeting, but couldn't make it due to the timeslot? Well now may be your chance. The P & C are trialling a new meeting time for next month so please come along.

When: Monday 21 August at 3:15pm

Where: Library

Children are welcome - there will be things for them to do. We look forward to seeing you all there.

ATHLETICS

We had great weather for our senior carnival on Monday. There was a big crowd and many happy but exhausted students. The seniors will be going back to the oval on Friday at 2:15pm to finish high jump and the 200m races.

Results will be published in next week's newsletter and district qualifiers will be notified.

Our junior carnival was scheduled for today and the prep carnival is on Friday.

Thankyou.

Scott Stavar / HPE

INSTRUMENTAL TESTING FOR YEAR 3s

An involved selection process is carried out during Term 3 and 4 for prospective band students for 2018. The process has 5 main steps...

1. **Term 3, week 4** - Testing (Selmer Music Guidance Survey) with Mrs Miller during Music lessons.
2. End of Term 3 – Tests marked and results collated.
3. Term 4 - Consultation with Mr Broxton (Instrumental Music Teacher). Results from the tests are discussed, along with class music results, individual work habits and a student's general demonstration of responsibility.
4. Near the end of Term 4 - Mr Broxton will call on select students to complete further testing.
5. End of Term 4 - Successful students will be given a pack of information with notes to be signed and returned to school.

Alison Miller / Music Teacher

GILSTON LEADERSHIP APPLICATIONS

This term Year 5 students will be given the opportunity to apply for leadership badges by completing a Gilston Leadership Application. This application process requires the student to reflect on the qualities of a good leader.

Students are asked to consider:

- What does being a leader mean to them.
- How will they be contributing in a way that will enhance Gilston School.

During year level leadership information meetings, Year 5 students have been given the opportunity to view some past student leadership application. They have also received a visit from our current School Captains and have been able to ask informative questions.

For their applications, Year 5 students have been asked to choose four values from a given list and to respond by stating; what they think these qualities encompass, how they display them in their school and daily lives, and how they will display or use this quality as a Gilston Leader. This is the first step in the leadership process for those considering School or House Captaincy positions.

These Leadership applications are due in by 9.00am on Monday 11 September, Week 10, Term 3. No late applications will be considered. We wish your child every success in this endeavour

GILSTON GOURMET

Tuckshop Roster

Thursday 27 July – Brenda Flemming

Friday 28 July – Amelia Edwards/Jenny T

Monday 31 July – Amelia Edwards/Jenny

Tuesday 1 August – Mel Harrison

Wednesday 2 August – Help needed

Thursday 3 August – Debbie H / Rachel Delany

Friday 4 August – Amelia Edwards / Help needed

Have a great week,

Nicole Meesen

Tuckshop & Uniform Shop Convenor

COMMUNITY NOTICES

FREE AFTER SCHOOL SPORT, FITNESS AND FUN at Gilston State School 3.30-4.15pm, Thursdays Term 3. Multi-sport styled activity for 5-12 years. Bookings required 0466 246 563, GMG Sports Training, gmgfitness@gmail.com.

BMD NORTHCLIFFE SURF CLUB NIPPER SIGN ON DAY / PROFICIENCY SWIM Sunday 6 & 27 August TSS, The Southport School, 8.30-10.00am. **First day of Nippers** Sunday 17 Sept, 8.15am. Contact Tiarne Smith for more information tsmith@northcliffesurfclub.com.au www.bit.ly/NSLSCNippers

