



GILSTON STATE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

THANK YOU to all the parents/carers who ensured children were at school **on time** this week. This has made the start of the day better for everyone. However, Monday is still the worst day for lateness. Please ensure your child/ren are well rested from their weekend by going to bed early and getting up in time to be at school on time. You helping your child **learn good life skills** that will stand them in good stead for the future.

Illness – it is that time of year where all the germs etc thrive and we have had our fair share of illness in the school. I'd like to remind parents that if your child is coughing, sneezing, temperature, etc please consider the impact that will have on them and other children if they are at school. If a child presents to the office suffering from these symptoms we will contact you or your emergency contact to come and collect them. With the recent spread of whooping cough as a warning, we are trying to minimise the risk of any infections spreading throughout the school.

This week is **'School Support Staff Recognition Week'**. At Gilston, staff work as a team to deliver quality education for our children. Our support staff are an integral part of that team. We will be celebrating and acknowledging their contribution during a breakfast in the staff room on Friday morning at 7.30-8.15am. Please take the time to give your own thank you to these dedicated workers if you see them.

Eating time changes – as of Monday 7 August, the second break eating time is changing. Eating will take place at the **beginning** of the break followed by playtime. First break, will remain the same format with play time first and eating time following the playtime. The P & C and staff have been consulted, following concerns about the added staffing costs of having the 2 eating times so far apart and the need for children to eat in the afternoon before they play. Ordering and buying from the tuckshop will continue as usual, it is only the time for the second break eating that has been changed.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

International Scout Scarf Day

Yesterday, active Scouts were invited to wear their scout scarf to commemorate the start of the scout movement. Students wore their scarf proudly, making the 'Spirit of Scouting' visible: Once a Scout – Always a Scout!

FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday	4 August	Last day to 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 Gold Coast Show Holiday
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
94.85	93.88	94.3	94.74	92.78	94.65	93.64



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. **Today, the eldest child in each family will receive a blue online access letter.** Parents and caregivers are asked to complete the survey by 25 August. **We value your contribution.**

International Students

This term, Gilston State School welcomes a number of International students. Students from China and Japan will be integrated into classes at Gilston to experience learning at an Australian school. Students at Gilston have been very welcoming and excited to learn about the culture of our International students. We look forward to welcoming our second Chinese group next week.

Uniforms

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). Please be aware that the winter uniform includes green cargo/bootleg pants and polo jumper or jacket with school logo. Uniforms are sold from the Tuckshop daily from 9.00–10.30am and 2:15–3:00pm. Please mark all items of clothing clearly with students name for easy identification.

ATHLETICS

Congratulations to the following students who are our **Age Champions for 2017:**

	Boys	Girls
9 years	Roko Taole	Kyra O'Connor
10 years	Riley Wilson	Megan Collis
11 years	Hunter Smith Will Mann	Asha Paech
12 years	Tom Van Loon	Summer Richards

**The Senior Athletics Carnival was won by ZIMMERMAN
House Spirit was won by LATIMER**

**Junior Athletics Carnival winner - ZIMMERMAN
March Past winner – LATIMER**

Congratulations to all for a great effort.

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.

NO STUDENT BANKING THIS FRIDAY

There will be **no** Student Banking this Friday. Please do not send your child's bank book in this week.

DISTRICT ATHLETICS

Any 10-12 year olds who placed first in an event at our senior carnival will be attending District Athletics at Griffith University on 10 and 11 August. This year, second place getters will only attend if they have met the District qualifying standards. Successful qualifiers have received a permission note. These are due for return at our next team meeting on Friday 4 August. Thank you.

Scott Stavar / HPE

SPELLING BEE

Due to the popularity of the Spelling Bee, I have extended the deadline for permission slips until Friday this week.

Please return them to the library.

Andrea Barr-Hamilton

BOOK CHARACTER PARADE

Yes the best day of the year is coming!!! Wednesday, 23 August is the Book Character Parade. Pick a book, choose a character and come dressed up. BRING the book to show the judges where you got your idea from.

Parents and grandparents put this date into your calendar and come along. It starts at 9.00am and finishes at about 11.00am.

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GILSTON GOURMET

Tuckshop Roster

Thursday 3 August – Debbie H / Rachel Delany

Friday 4 August – Amelia Edwards / Jenny

Monday 7 August – Amelia Edwards

Tuesday 8 August – Melanie Harrison

Wednesday 9 August – Help needed

Thursday 10 August – Brenda Flemming / Debbie H

Friday 11 August – Amelia Edwards / Jenny / Angela

Thank you to all the parents who helped out on Friday morning for the Pancake breakfast, Paula Black, Clare Smith, Karen Bowden, Amelia Edwards and Angela Griffin. Your time and support is very much appreciated.

Do you have a spare hour or 2 to give each week or month? If so why don't you come and volunteer at the tuckshop. There are many jobs that need doing each week, from serving students to behind the scene jobs like prepping food. It is a great way to meet other parents from your school community. If this sounds like you, please see Nicole at the tuckshop or contact me at gilstontuckshop@gmail.com

Have a great week,

Nicole Meesen

Tuckshop & Uniform Shop Convenor



