



GILSTON STATE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Safety of our children – I'd like to raise your attention to how we can work together to ensure children at Gilston SS are safe. Firstly, arriving at school in the morning – there are a number of children who are being dropped at school too early, some as early as 7.10am. There is no supervision of children at school before school starts. This is in keeping with the EQ and QTU guidelines and is the same across all state schools in Queensland. Those children who are dropped early are therefore at risk.

Understandably, parents need to get to work etc and for this reason we have a **'before school and afterschool program'** run by PCYC on the grounds of the school. Parents who need to drop children at school early, need to use this service so that their child is being not only well supervised but is not sitting cold and bored for up to an hour before school starts. It is not a good way to start their day of learning.

Similarly, collection of children afterschool must be done by 3.25pm. Staff supervise the collection of children from the 'stop, drop and go' area and children who are catching buses each afternoon. However, that supervision ceases at 3.25pm. Unless there are extenuating circumstances (please phone the school if this is the case), a child must be collected by this time. When parents are late collecting their child, the child often becomes unnecessarily worried and anxious.

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.

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Week Competition

Leading up to and on World Book Day, we're having a competition: Can you guess what our favourite Childhood books are?

We have taken photos holding our favourite book. The children have to guess who's who and what our favourite book is or was as a child. We have not made it easy, some photographs are very challenging - are you up for the challenge? Visit the library and have a go! Can you guess what each of our favourite books

FOR YOUR DIARY

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
Wednesday	23 August	Book Character Parade 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 Last day payment Year 4 Arts Centre
Friday	1 September	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
94.57	93.76	94	94.23	92.53	94.26	93.44

are?

Parents are more than welcome to pop in and join in the fun too. The library is open before and after school, if you think you have what it takes!

There are prizes available too! Those who guess all of the teachers correctly, will be put into a raffle and the lucky winner will be given a prize. Prizes - 1 x junior school, 1 x senior school, 1 x staff member and 1 x parent.

Get down to the library next week and do some detective work!

Spelling Bee

Our first ever Spelling Bee began this week. Well done to all of the students who are stepping up to have a go. Students who have made it into round two will find out next week.

Andrea Barr-Hamilton
Learning Extension Mentor



From today, we commence the School Colour Fun Run which is a major fundraiser this term so we do ask for your support. Sponsor forms will be handed out by the end of the week.

The event will be held on **8 September**. We do ask that you bring a spare change of clothes to school, **most importantly a plain white shirt**. The colour powder is made of high quality corn starch with permitted food colours. It is non-toxic, biodegradable, skin safe and environmentally friendly.

We request all sponsorship forms and money to be returned to the **wooden box in the office by 13 August**.

Students obtain donations from family and friends and earn exciting reward prizes according to the amount of money raised which ends in a blast of colour - the School Colour Fun Run!

Thank you in advance for your participation, and get ready for a **BLAST OF COLOUR!** Happy fundraising!

Ange Griffin
Fundraising Coordinator

GILSTON GOURMET

Tuckshop Roster

Thursday 10 August – Brenda Flemming / Debbie H

Friday 11 August – Amelia Edwards / Jenny T

Monday 14 August – Amelia Edwards / Jenny T

Tuesday 15 August – Help needed

Wednesday 16 August – Help needed

Thursday 17 August – Debbie H / Rachel Delany

Friday 18 August – Amelia Edwards / Jenny T

Good news! We had our menu graded this week by QAST (QLD Association of School Tuckshops) and our menu is still a 5 star healthy menu; which we have maintained for a couple of years.

Reminder to all families who ordered pies from our pie drive - your pies will be ready for collection on Monday 14 August from 2.30 to 4.00pm. Please remember to bring some bags or boxes to get these pies home.

If there is anyone that is able to assist with packing pie orders from 11.00am onwards for a couple of hours, please see Nicole in the tuckshop or phone 5501 2333.

Monday 28 August, we will have another "2nd hand uniform sale". This sale will be on from 2.30-3.30pm at the tuckshop. All items will be \$3.00. Lots of jackets, jumpers, shorts, dresses and polo shirts. Come and get a bargain.

We need assistance in the tuckshop next Tuesday and Wednesday morning, if you are able to help out from 9.00-11.30am please let the tuckshop know.

Have a great week,
Nicole Meesen
Tuckshop Convenor

COMMUNITY NOTICES

ROBINA STATE HIGH SCHOOL ENROLMENT INFORMATION EVENING for Year 7 2018 – Thursday 17 August, 5.30-7.00pm, Resource Centre – 1 Investigator Drive, Robina.

ENJOY THE BEST EVER FOOTY FUN WITH YOUR FRIENDS! Sign up now for Oztag www.nerangoztag.com, phone 0402 917 280.

KURRAWA SURF CLUB NIPPER SIGN ON DAYS 9.00-11.00am Sunday 27 August and 10 September, Miami Aquatic Centre. www.kurrawasurf.com.au



