



GILSTON STATE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

What a week! In the midst of all the great learning that is occurring at Gilston SS, we have had many students ill with a range of flus, viruses etc. Thank you to the families who are taking swift action when they notice the symptoms of illness and are not sending children back to school until they have recovered. Hopefully, with the continued **vigilance of hand washing** etc, everyone will be safer from infection.

Messages: As a result of the illnesses, the office staff have been very busy with contacting parents and caring for children who are presenting to the office, unwell. This has highlighted the amount of time they are spending making and receiving phone calls. Many of these calls are **unnecessary**. Parents regularly ring to make alternative arrangements after school for their child. **Parents should, whenever possible ensure that these changes have been organised and given to the child that morning.** Gilston SS staff will forward messages to a child, **only if there has been an unforeseen or emergency** change of routine. School staff will **not** convey a 'reminder' to students of a change in routine. This is one small way you can support our office staff to be free to complete the other important work they perform in supporting staff and students at Gilston SS.

I'd like to remind parents and students that **mobile phones and personal iPads are not to be used within the school grounds.** This is a measure that ensures the privacy of all students and unmonitored use of the internet etc on these devices. Personal phones and iPads are to be handed into the Administration office when the child arrives at school. Children are not to use these devices before, during or after school whilst on the school grounds.

This week I had the pleasure of hearing our choir sing during a rehearsal, in preparation for **the Gold Coast Eisteddfod**. They will be competing next week, and I encourage any parent or family member/friend who can take the time, to go and listen to their performance. It was fantastic! Please see our diary for the dates and times for all performances during this event.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

NAPLAN

Students in Year 3 and Year 5 completed the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy last term. Student's NAPLAN reports will be sent home today.

FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday	18 August	Last day payment Year 3 Numinbah Valley EEC
Monday	21 August	Gold Taiko at Eisteddfod 9.00am P & C Meeting 3.15pm Library
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
Thursday	31 August	Last day Sponsorship Forms & money for Colour Fun Run
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
94.4	93.68	94.03	93.7	92.37	93.96	93.23

School Opinion Survey

Please complete the School Opinion Survey online by 25 August. This confidential survey provides Gilston State School with valuable information. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

Handwashing – Why it's important

A number of infectious diseases can be spread from one person to another by contaminated hands. These diseases include gastrointestinal infections and respiratory infections, such as influenza. Washing your hands properly can help prevent the spread of the germs (like bacteria and viruses) that cause these diseases.

When to wash your hands

You should wash your hands thoroughly:

- after using the toilet
- before eating
- after using a tissue or handkerchief
- after handling rubbish or working in the garden
- after handling animals

How to wash your hands properly at school

- **Wet your hands with clean, running water, turn off the tap.**
- **Apply soap and lather well** for 20 seconds (or longer if the dirt is ingrained).
- **Rub hands together rapidly** across all surfaces of your hands and wrists.
- Don't forget the backs of your hands, your wrists, between your fingers and under your fingernails.
- **Rinse well under running water** and make sure all traces of soap are removed.
- **Shake hands and air dry them**

How to wash and dry hands with liquid soap and water



Source:

<https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/conditionsandtreatments/handwashing-why-its-important>

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.

SPORT NEWS

Last week, more than 20 of our best athletes attended the Oceanic District Athletics Carnival. They performed very well with many recording personal best efforts.

Congratulations to these students who now progress to the Regional Carnival – Keisha Stapleton-Brown U11 100m, Hunter Smith U11 Long Jump and Will Mann U11 High Jump.

Congratulations also to Thomas Davies who has been selected in the U12 Oceanic District Cricket Team. Good luck at the Regional Carnival Thomas.

Scott Stavar / HPE

EISTEDDFOD PERFORMANCES

Last Thursday the Eisteddfod Taiko group performed at the school assembly prior to their competition on Monday 21 August. They looked spectacular in their new uniforms and sounded awesome...sugoi! In the coming weeks the Taiko, Senior Band and Eisteddfod Choir will be competing at the eisteddfod. Best wishes to all involved.

Alison Miller / Music Teacher

JAPAN TOUR 2018

The 2018 Japan Tour is proposed for 8-18 September, 2018 pending Education Queensland approval. For parents of students who are interested in going on the tour, Gilston State School will be holding an **information meeting at 3.15-4.00pm on Tuesday 24 October** in the Japanese teaching room. Students will be taking home a pamphlet soon, explaining some of the details that will be discussed at the meeting.

Expressions of interest will close on Tuesday 31 October, 2017 requiring a **\$500 deposit by Friday 3 November** to secure a place. The "Nihon Keiken" program will be open to all students who will be enrolled at Gilston State School in 2018 in Years 5 and 6. Expressions of interest will be reviewed in relation to a selection criteria (language studies, leadership, initiative, social and emotional readiness, independence, behaviour and effort in school).

HOMESTAY FAMILIES WANTED

We are interested in hosting some students at Gilston from various nations and will need host families willing to have a student stay with them for a few days to a week while attending the school and integrating with our students.

If you are interested in having students from another country stay with your family while attending Gilston for a short time please send an email to Mrs Doonican at kdoon3@eq.edu.au or phone the school and leave your contact details.

JAPANESE SHOW

This week all grades participated in a Japanese incursion with Kyogen Performer Jarrod Hoare. Students were challenged to listen to stories and jokes in a mixture of Japanese and English, making connections with language and extending their knowledge of Japanese culture. This Performance was fully funded by our International program. Thank you Jarrod!

Kylie Doonican

BOOK WEEK COMPETITION

Don't forget to pop into the library and see how many of our sneaky staff members you can identify.

SPELLING BEE

Well done to all those students who took part in our first ever spelling Bee. Students who have progressed to Round Two, will be informed on Tuesday 22 August.

We had an amazing response and each and every student should be extremely proud of themselves.

Well done Buzzy Bees!

Mrs Barr-Hamilton



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 **31 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 17 August – Debbie H / Rachel Delany

Friday 18 August – Amelia Edwards / Jenny T

Monday 21 August – Amelia Edwards / Jenny T

Tuesday 22 August – Mel Harrison

Wednesday 23 August – **HELP NEEDED PLEASE**

Thursday 24 August – Brenda Flemming / Debbie H

Friday 25 August – Amelia Edwards / Jenny T

Thank you to all those families who supported our pie drive, There is a lot of positive feedback floating around which I have passed onto the bakery.

Reminder to all families that the uniform shop is no longer open; if you require uniforms please order on flexischools.com.au or come and see the ladies at the tuckshop and place an order.

On Monday 28 August the tuckshop will be holding a **2nd hand uniform sale** from 2.30-3.30pm. All items are \$3.00 each. Lots of jumpers, jackets, school back packs, polo shirts, Gabardine shorts, girl's boot leg pants, boy's cargo pants and more.

Is your child having a birthday soon? Why not let the tuckshop make your child cupcakes for their class. We require 1 weeks' notice and payment up front.

A class set of iced cupcakes is \$30. Please see the Tuckshop to organise these.

If your child would prefer an icy treat such as ½ freezie or fruit bombs, these would be \$15 for a class set.

Have a great week,

Nicole Meesen / Tuckshop & Uniform Shop Convenor

COMMUNITY NOTICES

MUDGEERABA NERANG & DISTRICTS CRICKET SIGN ON DAY for boys & girls, Sunday 20 August, 9.00am-2.00pm, Nielsens Road, Carrara. New players welcome! www.mndcc.com.au for more info.

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

