



GILSTON STATE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

PLEASE NOTE: Due to unforeseen circumstances classes for 2018 will not be revealed till next week, details below.

A great deal of my time has been spent over the last few weeks, preparing and finalising our staffing model for 2018. Despite all the factors and influences at play in this decision making process, I have been able to assign our teachers to classes and was able to advise them today. On our current students 'numbers' we will have 25 classes again next year including a composite Year1/Year2 and a composite Year5/Year6.

There have been some changes but 19 of the 25 teachers are remaining on their current year level and/or in their existing classrooms. All students will be advised of their class for 2018 on Wednesday 6 December (next week). There will be a 'transition/orientation' session that afternoon, where students will spend the afternoon with their new teacher and class in their new classroom. Year 6 students will spend the time either assisting teachers with this process or in other activities.

As I have explained in previous newsletters, a number of people have been consulted when classes are formed including the current teachers, learning-support staff, specialist teachers, the Deputy Principal and the Principal. Collectively we have shared our knowledge of each child, our professional experience and knowledge and then whatever other considerations were needed to formulate the classes. However, in the first 8 days of school, things may change. This may be due to unexpected new enrolments, unexpected issues that emerge and/or changes in personal circumstances or unexpected staff changes.

As parents/carers, how you respond to the decisions we have made or any changes that may need to be made is crucial. Dealing with change is one of the greatest skills we can teach our children. Please take this opportunity to be positive about the opportunities 2018 will bring for your child/ren and use encouraging and supportive language to create the optimistic attitude that is very much a part of the Gilston State School culture. I thank you in advance, for the wonderful job you do to support us in this way. However, if there are issues that we have not been made aware of that should have been taken into account, please make an appointment to discuss this with someone from the administration team.

Class lists will be displayed outside the school library, on Thursday (7 December) afternoon.

FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday	30 November	Japanese Festival and themed dress day
Friday	1 December	Volunteer Afternoon Tea 2:00-3:00pm
Friday	1 December	Bike Safety 4/5 Class
Friday	1 December	Year 6 Wet N Wild
Monday	4 December	Prep-Year 4 Christmas Concert (Program attached to Newsletter)
Wednesday	6 December	Year 6 Presentation Night
Friday	8 December	Last Day of Term 4 2017
Tuesday	16 January	Uniform Shop Open 7:00-11:00am
Thursday	18 January	Uniform Shop Open 1:00-4:00pm
Monday	22 January	First Day of Term 1 2018
Monday	22 January	Uniform Shop Open 7:30-8:30am
Monday	22 January	Tea and Tissues Morning Tea 9:00am
Friday	2 February	2 nd Instalment and Final SRS Payment Due

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
93.78	93.03	93.14	93.59	91.61	92.97	92.01

School Leaders for 2018 It was joy to listen to each of these students speak with confidence and purpose this week, when they presented their speeches. Our school has a bright and rewarding future if we continue to develop students with the strength of character and purpose to aspire to be school leaders. As I told them, this is just the start of their leadership journey. If they are not successful, keep persevering because you have the right qualities. If you are successful, accept the responsibility and workload respectfully because you are representing everyone in the school.

I want to personally congratulate all of the candidates. They did themselves and their families' proud.

Janet Tucker
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Volunteers Afternoon Tea

Volunteers form a big part of our school community. We would like to recognise their contribution this Friday 1 December. If you have volunteered in any capacity throughout the school year, please join us for an afternoon tea from 2:00pm-3:00pm in the Staff Room.

Please RSVP to the office by Thursday afternoon. We look forward to seeing you there.

STEM

The Queensland Government has a clear direction for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) education. Next year, students at Gilston will be participating in STEM projects.

Information extracted from Education Queensland website: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)

We need a reliable pipeline of specialist STEM skills; but we also need informed workers, users and consumers who have the curiosity and imagination to be part of the broader STEM economy. This must be underpinned by lifetime engagement for all Australians with STEM, beginning in childhood and constantly renewed as knowledge and technologies expand (Office of the Chief Scientist STEM: Australia's Future, September 2014, p21).

Why is STEM important?

STEM touches every aspect of our lives, from our smartphones to the technologies that enable us to explore the world around us and outer space.

It also drives innovation in our fast-changing global economy.

To succeed in this environment, and for Queensland to continue to prosper into the future, our students need a strong foundation in STEM.

Report Cards

Next week, end of semester student report cards will be distributed to families via email. Please ensure that your email address is up to date.

Kelly Clark
Deputy Principal

NEWS FROM THE FINANCE DESK

Please note the Finance Window at the Admin Office is now **CLOSED** for 2017. Payments can continue to be made between now and next year via the Internet, QParents and BPoint payments.

Payment due dates listed below:

EVENT	EXCURSION DATE	AMOUNT DUE	DUE DATE
SRS	2018	\$85.00	2 nd Instalment Fri 2/02/2018

SPORT NEWS

Swimming Carnival

Another successful **Swimming Carnival** was held yesterday at the All Saints Pool for the students in year 4-6. Thank you to everyone who assisted on the day.

Results and Age Champions are as follows:

Age Champions

	Boys	Girls
9 years	Reid Gardner	Ellen Sleep
10 years	Kalen Templer	Megan Collis
11 years	Harry Williamson	Kayley Moore
	Isaac Allen	
12 years	Tom Van Loon	Shayley Pankhurst

Final House Points

1 st Latimer	340 points
2 nd Hinze	336 points
3 rd Zimmerman	324 points
4 th Duncan	297 points

Scott Stavar
PE Specialist

LOTE NEWS

Japanese Festival

Our annual **Japanese Festival** will be held on **Thursday November 30** this year with students from Year 6 hosting lessons for all classes. Students may choose to dress in a Japanese themed costume or colours for the day (Red, Black, and White). Students from all classes will be sampling Japanese Green Tea Ice cream at their classroom as well. If your child has any allergies or food intolerances please send a note to their teacher to remind them.

Kylie Doonican
Lote Specialist

~~🎵~~ INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS 2018 ~~🎵~~

Instrumental Music Recruitment meeting for Parents/Caregivers: Friday 1 December - Week 9

Friendly reminder as per the paperwork sent out with the Recruitment Package recently, this is a meeting for all parents and caregivers of new beginner IM students who are commencing next year 2018. I will meet you at 9:00am in the "old" undercover area next to the Tuck Shop. Our meeting is actually in the room next to the library.

Many thanks
Steve Broxton
Instrumental Music Teacher

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Dates are listed below for uniform shop open times for those families wanting to purchase or pre-order uniforms; Cash and Eftpos will be available.

Monday 4 December 2017	2.30pm-4:00pm
Tuesday 16 January 2018	7:00am- 11:00am
Thursday 18 January 2018	1:00pm-4:00pm
Monday 22 January 2018	7:30am-8.30am (1 st day of school Term 1 2018)

We are out of size 12 and 14 senior shirts, and size 6 & 8 polo shirts. We have order stock and these polo's will be here in January 2018.



GILSTON GOURMET NEWS

Thursday 30 November Rachel Delany/Help needed
Friday 1 December Amelia Edwards/Help needed
Monday 4 December Help needed
Tuesday 5 December Help needed
Wednesday 6 December Help needed please
Thursday 7 December Brenda Flemming/Help needed
Friday 8 December Amelia Edwards/Help needed

Have you got time to organise your child's party food?

Class Christmas Parties are next Thursday 7 December 2017.
Why don't you let the tuckshop do it for you; we will heat and get them ready for each child.

*Assorted wraps/sandwich plate \$10.00
*Party Pies & Sausage rolls plate (served with tomato sauce) \$12.00
*Homemade mini quiches plate \$12.00
*Assorted mixed platter of party pie, sausage rolls and mini quiches \$15.00
All orders need to be placed and paid for by Tuesday 5 December, 2017 at the tuckshop.

Year 6 Awards night tickets that have been pre-purchased will be issued on Monday to the class teacher, who will then hand these to your students. Make sure all parents bring these tickets with you on Wednesday night.

Have a great week
Nicole Meesen
Tuckshop Convenor

COMMUNITY NEWS

GCCC Active & Healthy Holiday Program

Attached to the Newsletter is a flyer for the Division 9 Active & Healthy 'Game On' Kids Holiday Program – 9 December 17 to 21 January 18 for your information.



Surf Lifesaving School Holiday Program brochure below

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM
Join as a BMD Northcliffe member for \$75 per child.
Be involved in our school holiday program which involves fitness, surf skills & life saving education.

BMD NORTHCLIFFE SURF CLUB

11th –15th December 9am - 11am
8th –12th January 9am -11am
15th –19th January 9am-11am

For more information and RSVP
tsmith@northcliffesurfclub.com.au
www.bmdnorthcliffe.com.au/junior-how-to-join.vrn
Ph. (07) 5539 8091

*children need to wear a pink high visibility rashshirt (singles \$25 / long sleeve \$45) & hi visibility cap supplied for School Holiday Program. Club caps are \$15.
Children must have had their swim proficiency form signed by an accredited learn to swim teacher. See website for details or Tiarna at the club.

Please see the flyer below for details on the Nerang Celebrates Christmas 2017.

NERANG CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS

SATURDAY 16th DECEMBER, 2017 @ BISCHOF PARK

\$2 Rides, Drinks, Fairy Floss & Sausage Sizzle
Variety of Food Stalls

3.00 pm Christmas Entertainment
4.00 pm Meet Santa in the Park
6.00 pm Traditional Carols + Santa Come Along & Sing Along

8.30 pm FIREWORKS

Purchase an Unlimited Ride Band ONLY \$15

Help a Family this Christmas...
Your family is invited to leave non-perishable food items and toys to help Nerang families in need under our Community Christmas Tree

Principal Sponsor Councillor Peter Young Division 5

Sponsors: National Seniors, U Hooked Nerang, Bunnings Warehouse, Nerang Markets, Ace of Frames, Nerang NSL, Genesys, etc.

Tennis

Platinum Tennis will be hosting school holiday fun tennis camps at the Hinterland Tennis Club in Price Street, Nerang.

Week One December Monday 11 - Thursday 14
Week Two December Monday 18 - Thursday 21
Week Three January Monday 8 - Thursday 11
Week Four January Monday 15 - Thursday 18

Time: Full Day 8:30am – 4:00pm Half Day 8:30am – 12:00noon

Cost: Full Day 8:30am – 4:00pm \$40, Half Day 8:30am – 12:00noon \$25

3 Day Pass (Full Day) come 3 or more days \$30 per person per day, 3 Day Pass (Half Day) come 3 or more half days \$20 per person per day

Activities: Hot Shot Tennis Coaching, water bomb war, table tennis, basketball, treasure hunt, art and craft, dodgeball, soccer, mini golf.

Interested? All children welcome aged between 4yrs - 16yrs.
Call Jono 0488 696 939

