PRINCIPAL’S COMMENT
Making learning personal and meaningful.
The challenge for everyone who works with or has children in today’s world is to ensure we engage and connect with them. Children in the 21st century live in the ‘NOW’ world. Information needs to be available in many ways and needs to stimulate and challenge.
We, as educators, and I include both teachers and parents in that role, must meet these modern demands. Learning must be personalised and must be innovative.
Children today are aware of much but sometimes know little. They may know how to navigate an iPad but may not know how to use it to access quality information. We must provide that learning for them.
Learning today is not about remembering facts. It is about finding things out and analysing that information. We must work together to develop the next generation to know how to find out quality information, how to challenge and infer from that information and how to reach reasonable and effective decisions.
We, at Gilston State School, are constantly refining our practices in order to provide quality learning experiences and resourcing for all students, all the time. We must provide an education that informs students of the past but prepares them for the future.
Currently, we are developing our school Pedagogical Framework: ‘How we teach?’ This is linked to our Improvement Agenda and will identify what we do each day to find out what children know and don’t know, provide quality resources to assist learning and how to identify effective and appropriate strategies to help every child learn.
I am committed to providing quality, innovative teaching and learning for every child, every day. To do this, we, as educators (including parents) must engage, challenge and inspire our students so that they become the leaders of a new generation.

Start reading!
Gilston State School is participating in the Premier’s Reading Challenge this year.
The reading period for the 2013 Premier’s Reading Challenge begins on Tuesday 14 May and ends on Friday 6 September. Gilston has registered to participate. A special bookmark to track progress will be available for students to cut out in The Courier-Mail next Tuesday (21 May). For more information visit the Premier’s Reading Challenge website at

http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge
and remember: Everybody Reads at Gilston
Principal
David Cramb

Isaiah’s recount of his Chemistry Day at Benowa State School (Year One student at Gilston State School)
First I did marshmallow atoms. Marshmallow atoms are hydrogen and oxygen. If I had something really long and snipped it in half and snipped it in half and kept going until it was REALLY small, then it would be an atom.
Then we went out for lunch. Then we came in and did an experiment. We had to make cabbage water and add vinegar, lemon juice and baking powder. It made traffic lights – pink at the bottom, orange in the middle and purple on top. In the afternoon we went out for lunch. I ate lunch with a new friend. Her name was Elouise and she was from Mudgeeraba State School. At the beginning my feelings were scared because I didn’t know anyone and I thought I wouldn’t make a friend, but I did. My feelings at the end were VERY, VERY happy and full of joy!

P & C NEWS
Thank you to all assisting with the breakfast for NAPLAN. These breakfasts, in addition to providing some additional nutrition (knowing a large portion of the children have already enjoyed breakfast at home), have the bonus of taking the focus off the testing and allowing the children some positive social interaction before each day. Thanks again team.

Spell-a-thon - from next week all the children will be focused on their spelling words. As we have teamed this as the P & C major fund raiser, your support for the children achieving good spelling results and fund raising is greatly appreciated.

Lollipop Volunteering - not wanting to harp because that gets boring for everyone. Increased work commitments now sees our Wednesday volunteer no longer always available. For Fridays we are grateful that one of our Teachers, Nicola, has offered her time to assist when she can, until a parent or carer can step in. Nicola no longer has children attending this school but she recognised the importance of this role and is keen to be of assistance. There will, however, be times of no supervision on the crossing, so again please take extra care during pick up at that time. If you can help please give me a call.

Kind regards, Narelle Reed P & C President 0403046920.

PARKING
The council has received complaints about illegal parking in the streets surrounding the school. Due to these complaints we could see parking inspectors patrolling the area.
Please remember that there are up to 40 parking spaces behind the oval opposite the school. These can be accessed through the gate to the left of the front car park.
**GILSTON CLUB**

Hi Everyone,

The Mother’s Day Stall went really well last week – I hope all mums were happy with their gifts. I know I was!! I would like to make a special mention to all the students who attended the stall who were so well behaved and polite. All the mums who volunteered at the stall were very impressed with their manners. Speaking of volunteers, I would like to thank the following for offering their time to make this stall possible: Mel (my trusty fellow committee member), Jemima, Nicole, Doreen, Natasha, Tracey, Selena and Alex. I would also like to thank Andre from Year 7 who helped me out at the stall on Friday morning, without being asked. He just jumped behind the table and started serving.

Nerang Family Expo – I mentioned this in last week’s newsletter. We have received three scratchies and would love to see some more. Just $1 ones are fine. It would be really appreciated if as many families as possible could purchase 1 Scratchie, pop it in an envelope and donate it to the school for this purpose. They can be placed in the box in the office.

Entertainment Books – Remember, the new book can be used now. Check it out in the Office, fill in a form with payment details and the book will be delivered to your child’s classroom.

Remember, for all things Gilston Club related, call or text me on 0414 912 217.

Have a great week..... Lisa

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**YEAR 6 & 7 GALA DAY**

On Tuesday 28 May our year 6 and 7 students will travel by bus to Firth Park to participate in a Gala Day with Nerang, Tailbudgera and Coolangatta schools. They will participate in a variety of sports from 10.00am to 2.00pm. Payment is due by Friday 17 May.

The canteen will operate on the day for those wishing to buy food. See the menu below. To avoid lengthy delays, it is recommended that students pre-order their food by placing correct money in a paper bag with name, school and food required on the front. These will be handed to Mr Stavar upon arrival. We look forward to another great Gala Day.

**MENU – All items below $3.**

- Meat pie
- Large sausage roll
- Hot chips
- Ham sandwich
- Cheese sandwich
- Ham and cheese sandwich

Drinks and snacks can be purchased over the counter.

Scott Stavar / HPE Teacher

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**G-PAC (GILSTON PERFORMING ARTS COMPETITION)**

Entry forms for our talent show are due by this Friday 17 May. Audition dates and times will be posted on the music noticeboard on Monday 20 May. Auditions commence on Monday 27 May.

Alison Miller / Music Teacher

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**Children GROW with LOVE and CARE 🌺**

From the time they are born children need to know they are loved, and that people will care for them.

Healthy food, warm clothes and a comfortable home are very important to help children grow – but they are not enough in themselves.

It is important to help make ALL children feel SAFE and secure. This is a very important part of caring.

All children need to be treated as individuals in their own right. We should respect their feelings and encourage children to talk about them. We need to be aware that the way they feel may be different to the way we feel. We also need to set good examples to children in our everyday lives – as they grow, children learn from adults how to behave.

**Some Good Examples**

- Adults who show respect for others and for children in their care have set sensible limits that are in line with the child’s age and stage of development.
- Talking with children and listening to their joy and problems is a good way to show children we care.
- Parents showing affection for each other provides a good lesson in living.
- Sharing our thoughts with our children makes them feel needed, but be cautious of exposing your school-aged children to your problems - they do not necessarily have the capacity nor resources to cope with another’s problems.
- All children love to have their say – sharing meals at the table is a great way to encourage discussion. (Turn the T.V. off)
- Supporting children in their chosen sport or activity shows we care.

**EVERY CHILD has the right to be loved and cared for, and to feel safe in and out of the home environment.**

Source: NAPCAN FOUNDATION [www.napcan.org.au](http://www.napcan.org.au)

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**CHAPPY SPACE**

It’s Chappy Week Monday 20 May to Friday 24 May

School Chaplains are the emotional, social and spiritual support workers who work with other professionals in our school to support the school community as a whole, children, parents and staff alike. We are part of Education Queensland’s ‘Health and Wellbeing’ program. Anyone has access to the school Chappy for any reason. All are welcome.

Chappy Sami and Chappy Chris will both have some fun activities planned on their days - Wednesday and Friday to celebrate Chappy Week, plus there will be a special Chaplaincy Commissioning service at the whole school assembly on Thursday afternoon. All are welcome.

Thursday 23 May is also a yellow and gold dress day where everyone brings a gold coin to donate to our chaplaincy programs such as breakfast club, social skills groups, self-esteem and confidence groups, lunch programs, etc. The class with the most money raised gets Chappy for a session as a student in full dress! There will also be a meet and greet the chaplain(s) at breakfast club on Wednesday morning at 8.00am, which is also an opportunity to donate to the ‘change for chappies’ tin. So bring your spare change. Look out for the Chappy Week flyer with more information coming out to families by the end of this week. There will also be the cappuccino flyer with it explaining how, for the cost of one coffee per week, you make a monthly donation to our schools chaplaincy service and how you go about that.

Ks4Kids - log on to [www.ks4kids.org.au](http://www.ks4kids.org.au) to register your child for the Ks4Kids fun run/walk. We will be meeting at Palm Beach Parklands, cnr GC Highway & Thrower Dve at 10.15am to begin the walk at 10.30am. We will be finishing at Queen Elizabeth Park, Coolangatta where walkers will be greeted with a carnival like atmosphere with entertainment and activities for the family. The end zone will be open from 11.30am to 2.00pm. An awards presentation for walkers will be from 1.40pm. Families are welcome to bring a picnic and make a day of it. If you can’t make the walk you can also donate online by also going to [www.ks4kids.org.au](http://www.ks4kids.org.au). Let’s be the top fundraising school!

There are many ways you can support the school’s chaplains besides donating money for resources. You can donate toys, games, sporting goods, art and craft supplies and by volunteering etc.

**School Holiday camps** – please email Chappy Sami [chappystuff@y7mail.com](mailto:chappystuff@y7mail.com) for more info.
**TUCKSHOP ROSTER**
Thursday 16 May – Mandy  
Ice Blocks – Simone Beck  
Friday 17 May – Mandy, Trish  
Ice Blocks – Elektra  
Monday 20 May - Mandy  
Ice Blocks – Mandy  
Tuesday 21 May – Mandy  
Ice Blocks – Kamila Bestmann  
Wednesday 22 May – Kirsty Feld  
Ice Blocks – Stacey Gardner  
Thursday 23 May – Mandy  
Ice Blocks – Mandy  
Friday 24 May – Mandy, Alex Wilson-McCarthy  
Ice Blocks – Mandy

**Flexischools** - Online ordering is our preferred method of ordering tuckshop and uniforms. If you have not registered for online ordering with [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au) please do so ASAP. It is convenient, easy and there is no need to send your child to school with money.

**New on the winter menu**
Hot chocolate for those cold mornings $2.00  
Cup of soup cream of chicken or tomato $2.50  
Tortellini $3.50  
Spaghetti bolognaise $4.00  
Spaghetti & Meatballs $4.50  

**Sushi Tuesdays**
Every Tuesday is Sushi day. Just fill in the attached menu and hand in to the tuckshop any day prior to Tuesday.

Have a good week everyone.  

Suzelle & Mandy

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**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**MERRIMAC STATE HIGH SCHOOL ENROLMENT INFORMATION EVENING** for students in Year 8, 2014 will be held on Tuesday 4 June, 2013 at 6.30pm in the school hall. All prospective students and parents are welcome to attend this evening.

**ROBINA STATE HIGH SCHOOL JAPANESE IMMERSION PROGRAM** - Parent Information Evening – Tuesday 4 June - 5.00–6.15pm - GS410. If you are interested in working hard with a class of likeminded and well behaved students, and you are interested in getting excellent results at school you are invited to come and hear about our exciting Japanese Immersion Program. RSVP & enquiries to sskin26@eq.edu.au. Parents who have already attended a meeting do not need to attend again.
## Tuesday Sushi Order Form

To be handed in at the Tuckshop by Monday 9.30am

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While every care is taken to provide your child with the sushi pre-ordered, occasionally the supplier may be out of stock. In these instances similar ingredient sushi will be substituted.