Dear Parents/Caregivers,

It's fantastic to have most students and staff back at school and eager to push on with learning.

We currently have 96% of our student population back at school, in full school uniform, ready to learn and meet their mates again. School life as we know it, is back to some degree!

I have summarised the existing school operations for your information:

**Cancelled for this term:**
- All excursions /incursions
- Japan trip
- Cross country, Interschool sport, Regional Sport trials
- Musicals, performing arts performances
- Face to face parades, school gatherings, all meetings
- Three-way conferences and face to face parent teacher meetings
- Playgroup
- Religious instruction
- Classroom volunteers

**Continuing in smaller groups:**
- Choir
- Instrumental music
- Excellence programs

**Current and continuing school operations until further notice:**
- Parents stop at the gate—continue to minimise movement into the school
- Staggered pick up times
  - Prep-2:30pm
  - Year 1-2:45pm
  - Years 2-6-3:00pm
- Additional drop off/pick up lane—**DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CAR!**
- Staff rostered onto crossing duty (morning & afternoon)
- Modified student academic reports emailed home on Wednesday (week 10)
- Online parades (P-6) Monday 2:15pm (weeks 6,8,10) - streamed to each classroom
- PCYC—continue current drop off and collection procedures
- Additional cleaning throughout the day of high touch areas and play equipment in the school
- Tuckshop—Tuesday to Friday first break only.
- Employment of additional cleaners
- Supply to every learning space of additional hand sanitiser/soap
- Education and promotion of good hygiene practice across the school
- Spatial distancing of adults (staff & parents)
- Students encouraged to bring own labelled water bottles to school
- Students/staff not to come to school if ill
- Students/staff sent home if showing/experiencing ill signs/symptoms

Principal's personal reflection on recent times
- I have been very impressed with the way our school community managed our recent online learning challenge. Teachers did a fantastic job managing online learning with face to face supervision. Supported tremendously by our teacher aides, parent feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Parents, we always need good teachers!
- The way parents responded to my request to park on the other side of the road and walk their child to school was outstanding!
- How parents have changed their behaviours and are staying outside the school fence and using the additional drop off lane is a credit to everyone.
- Finally, the way our students have transitioned straight back into school life has been refreshing.

Yours in Education
Craig Douglas

Skippy is happy the students are back!

Miss Sorenson making ochre for her class

Gilston staff are glad to see you back!
Deputy Chat…
Lower Primary Deputy (P-2)
Kelly Clark

Welcome back
It is great to see all students back at school after learning from home. They have transitioned back to school life and are engaged in learning. Students did a fantastic job of navigating the online learning platforms and participation in online learning was high. Thank you to the parents and caregivers responsible for supervising students during online learning. Your efforts were greatly appreciated. I would also like to acknowledge the teachers and teacher aides for their outstanding efforts during this time. The new learnings that had to occur in such a short time was a feat in itself.

Online Assembly
Yesterday, students participated in our first online assembly. It was nice to see students coming together as a school through an online platform. Our online assemblies will occur each fortnight until further notice.

Prep Enrolments
We are now accepting Prep enrolments for 2021. Please drop your enrolment forms into the Office. Our Prep Transition Calendar will be modified in the near future. You will receive an email outlining an updated schedule towards the end of the term.

Deputy Chat…
Upper Primary Deputy (3-6)
Kylie Gibson

As I am new to Gilston this term, I would like to take the opportunity to introduce myself to the Gilston community. I have come to you from Mount Warren Park State School, where I was also Deputy Principal since 2016. I have experience teaching and leading in both Primary and High School and I look forward to the opportunity to work at Gilston this year. I am extremely passionate about doing whatever it takes to empower all individuals to unleash their potential and move into the future with confidence and resilience. I look forward to getting to know and working with you and your children.

Learning at School
We understand that the last 5 weeks has been new and different for everyone, so I would like to congratulate all our students returning as you have all done a great job working at home on remote learning or at school.

On students return to school, our teachers will be focusing on checking in with student progress and working out what each child needs next in their learning. Please continue to discuss any concerns that you may have about your child’s learning needs with the classroom teacher.

Year 6 students- High School
Please keep an eye out for forms from Nerang State High School that will be coming home with your child in the next week. In this paperwork, there will be 2021 Signature Program Application Form for those interested in applying for the programs on offer. It needs to be submitted back to Nerang State High School by Monday 8 June 2020. Please contact your child’s teacher if your child does not bring home any paperwork and you would like a copy.
National Sorry Day…

On the 26 May, 2020, Prep B participated in a walk around the nature trail in the Secret Garden for National Sorry Day. Watch our YouTube video - Sorry Walk Prep B

On the big log and the sandstone yarning circle.

Along the track...

All Prep classes walked together and reflected along the trail.

Our whole school participated throughout the day in the nature walk.
On Monday we welcomed back the Year 2-6 students to our classrooms. Many were keen to return to the normal school day and were eager to see friends and their teacher. A huge congratulations to you all for working through the online learning challenges. There were a few hiccups along the way but with perseverance and patience we all managed to get there.

Teachers worked collaboratively over the past 5 weeks to ensure that on return to school this week they know where their students are at, and the next step involved in their learning. We have 5 weeks remaining to consolidate, explicitly teach concepts that students may have struggled with through the online platform and assess student knowledge and understanding based on what we have been taught over the term. It’s great to have them back!
Well we are well and truly into Term 2 and it has certainly been a different term. But one thing has not changed is the unbelievable teaching and learning that has happened in mathematics. As a school we are continuing to build our capacity in teaching mathematics. Watch this space for opportunities and information about teaching and learning in mathematics.

**Activities to do with your child**

Here are some simple yet effective activities you can do with your child to help them apply the numeracy skills they learn at school:

- count the money in your child’s moneybox each week — take it to the bank and help them deposit the money
- record your child’s growth on a height chart
- make a home supermarket using empty grocery items and packets — attach price tags, then play a shopping game where your child can purchase items and calculate the change they will receive
- estimate, measure and compare lengths and heights, how heavy or light objects are and how much containers hold — for example, how many cups do you think it will take to fill the bucket with sand?
- play number games using magazines, books, newspapers and number plates
- discuss the prices of items in shopping catalogues and junk mail
- count everything — toys, the number of pegs needed to hang clothes on the line and the number of buttons on your clothes
- take your child on a ‘number hunt’ in your home or community — point out how numbers are used on everyday household items such as the telephone, or your house number in the street
- talk about time — ask your child to check the time on the clock when they go to school, eat meals, watch their favourite television program and go to bed
- play ‘I spy’ and look for different shapes and colours — ‘I spy something that is round’ or ‘I spy something that is rectangular’
- go on a ‘shape hunt’ — have your child look for as many circles, squares, triangles and rectangles as they can find in the home or in the yard
- use public transport to read timetables, look at routes on a map or figure out the number of stops the bus or train would need to make before you get to your destination
Current Attendance Levels

Congratulations Prep

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88-89% BLUE
90 - 93% RED
93 - 95% BROWN
95 - 99% GREEN
99 - 100% GOLD

PC4L-Positive Culture for Learning...

Positive Culture for Learning Focus
Our current behaviour focus is on the school rule ‘Be Safe’ Lessons will be on expectations around:
- Have good Hygiene
- Keep our hands and feet to yourself
- Be Cyber Safe — safe at school and home

The PC4L Team

Early Years Coordinator
Jolie Angus

PREP TRANSITIONS:
Unfortunately all of our events for the remainder of the term, including school tours and Playgroup have been cancelled. We are really looking forward to getting this up and running as soon as possible so keep an eye on the Grapevine for updates.

We usually advise of upcoming Prep Transition events via email, so if we do not have you on our list you may miss out on some key events and useful information. If you have a child starting school next year and have not yet contacted the office, please do so at your earliest convenience.

Staff Snapshot

NAME- Miss Gibson
POSITION- Deputy Principal
TIME @ GILSTON- 5 weeks and I can say I have never started at a school like this before.
WHAT I LIKE BEST ABOUT MY CAREER? Supporting students to be the best they can be.
FAV FOOD- I love CHEESE
FAV COLOUR- Blue
FAV MOVIE- The new Aladdin movie
PETS? My fur baby is a Labrador. Her name is Bella.
HOBBY? Playing basketball and netball and spending time at the beach with my kids.
WHY I LOVE GILSTON SS- Although I have only been at Gilston for the last 5 weeks, I have loved the Gilston spirit.
INCLUSION:
Welcome back to all families who have re-joined us this week. Sometimes the transition back to school can be challenging, for both parents and students. There are many great resources available to support families manage this transition and re-adjust to ‘normal’ school life.

Why is going back to normal challenging for some people?
There are many reasons why going back to normal might be anxiety-provoking for your child. Here are some of the main concerns young people had:

- Sine/floss over changes in lifestyle
- ‘Normal’ won’t be the same as before COVID-19
- Return to pre-COVID-19 stresses, like school bullying
- Life was better in isolation, e.g. more time with family
- Feeling safe at home and unsafe/out-of-control in public
- Fear of COVID-19 second-wave


From the Office - Finance & Admin...
Jan Wallace, Tracylee Leonard, Cindy Smith & Jo Hoger

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Unexplained absence letters
Unexplained absence letters will be going home this week. Please fill in and return to the office so we can update our records accordingly.

Change of personal details
Please contact the office if your personal details/email address have changed.

Captain’s Call...
Oliver and Samantha

Hello parents and fellow students. We are so glad that everyone is back at school after all the online learning we’ve had. A huge thank you to all teachers and our parents for teaching us! Please remember that assembly will be online every fortnight. We urge you all to keep handwashing and, if you are able to, sanitise your hands. We hope you all have fun at school and stay safe.

Your Captains

Random advertising item...
Audi with scratch on front spoiler from failing to do reverse park at drop off time. Going cheap!
Music...

Alison Miller

It was an interesting time preparing music lessons for home learning. A number of the tasks involved the children recording themselves making music. It was a joy to see and hear all of the video and audio responses. I could see that many of the students took time to master the skills and send in a response that was high quality and polished. I was also happy to see other family members joining in on some of the optional tasks. Well done everyone!

The remainder of term 2 will see us back on track with classroom music activities, which will draw on the information and skills we have been practising at home. All grade levels will be learning more about rhythm, pitch, form, expression and instruments.

Languages—Japanese...

Kylie Doonican

Japanese lessons continued during online learning with a variety of activities to help students with hiragana, vocabulary and grammar recall. The Seesaw app enabled a range of functions including audio recording which prompted students to demonstrate pronunciation. I was very impressed with the pronunciation of so many students and plan to continue use of the app to support lessons in similar ways in future.

Our Japanese Excellence students used the online platform to explore some traditional Japanese recipes using commonly found ingredients in the home. Here is a recipe for Air Fryer Kara-age Chicken and some photos supplied by Ellie – Master Chef in training!

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<td>~ 1/2 cup corn flour</td>
<td>- heat air fryer on 180 for 5 minutes</td>
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<td>~ 3 TBS soy sauce</td>
<td>- cut chicken into small 2cm pieces</td>
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<td>~ 1 TBS Rice wine vinegar (regular vinegar is ok)</td>
<td>- mix soy, ginger, garlic, vinegar, sugar</td>
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<td>~ 2 TS garlic</td>
<td>- marinate chicken in sauce for at least 30 mins</td>
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<td>- after marinating toss each piece of chicken in the flour to coat</td>
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Cook the Chicken:
- cook in 2 batches
- spray bottom of air fryer with canola oil
- place chicken in air fryer, in one layer, spray top with oil
- cook for 12 minutes (toss and respray 1-2 times while cooking)
- serve with Mayonaise
STEAM...
Jody Slade

Welcome back to STEAM... Toot toot!

It is great to be back in the classroom and to see everyone’s smiling faces. I would like to say a huge “congratulations and well done” for all of your hard work that you have done at home during the last five weeks. I have loved seeing your responses to the STEAM lessons and activities. So many of you sent me lovely hello messages and made me smile with some of your responses to the task set to you. Thank you for continuing to bring sunshine into my day from your lounge room into mine. It’s exciting to be back and I am sure that we will make up for lost laughs and time together.

Physical Education...
Scott Stavar

SPORT/CARNIVALS/DISTRICTS

I hope everyone enjoyed their online PE activities and tried to stay fit during home learning. Many of you are wondering when organised sport can restart and when our carnivals will be on. At this stage, there are still constraints imposed by government, health and education departments which will affect interschool sport, carnivals and representative selections. For now, there is no clear date for a restart. Hopefully, with ongoing communication as the response to Covid-19 evolves we will know when South Coast Sport can recommence. In the meantime, class teachers may take classes out for games with sanitised equipment and with social distancing in mind.
Spotlight on Learning...
Prep

#prepsgardening  #term2

Spot our Principal Mr. Douglas...

Quality work by Prep B #refellwriting
Spotlight on Learning... Prep

Prep T

Prep S

Prep B

Prep W
Year 5 have worked through many activities during this time of online learning. We have expanded our knowledge of concepts learnt last term and have developed new ways to show our understanding through online activities. In English, we became reporters writing about issues affecting a community and began to study different animation techniques in order to tell a narrative. These activities will continue when we return to school and students will be given the opportunity to showcase their learning ready for reporting at the end of the semester.

More online activities will be incorporated into our classes now that students have become familiar with these platforms over the last 5 weeks. This will offer a range of interactive lessons that can be used in rotations and small groups.
Library News…
Jenny Brown & Irene McGregor

Welcome back to all and how good is it to be back with our friends and teachers. Thank you to those that ordered from Book Club Issue 3 online. Those orders have been returned and dispatched to the students. Issue 4 brochures will be dispatched this week. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, we have cancelled our upcoming Book Fair. We shall hopefully have our second Book Fair in Term 4. I have purchased some great new books for the students to borrow this week. Happy reading.

PCYC news…
Kylie Morris

PCYC want to welcome all the Gilston families back. We are so excited to see you all. We have been making COVID-19 TIME CAPSULES. It has been so interesting in hearing what the children have loved or disliked over the last 8 weeks and what they are looking forward to when all grades are back at school. Some of my favourite things the children have said are… talking to Nana more on FaceTime, spending time with my family, baking lots of yummy treats, swimming lessons, band starting back up, playing sports, horse riding, going to the skate park and playground, seeing my teacher and friends and being back in my classroom. We have had fun looking after the children of essential workers and trying our best to keep everything as normal as possible for the children. We know we still have a long way to go till everything is back to normal but we can see the light at the end of the tunnel.
Welcome back! It has been an unusual start to Term 2 but I’m sure we will all get back into the swing of things quickly.

Last Term we held our AGM and elected a new Executive Committee. We said goodbye to Donna and Brenda and welcomed in Gael McDonald as Secretary. Caroline stayed in the Treasurer role, Kerri stayed on as Vice-President and Vanessa took on the President role.

You would have received emails regarding the reopening of the Tuckshop which will be opening for 1st break only with orders being placed via either Munch Monitor or written on a brown paper bag that your child can drop in at the Tuckshop before 9:00am, please remember there are to be no parents on school grounds. The amazing new Winter Menu is attached with instructions on how to order.

Friday 29 May the tuckshop will be having a RED DAY at first break as a celebration of our return to school. Lots of delicious goodies for sale so order up to support our tuckshop.

The Uniform Shop will be open again every Monday 8:15am - 9:15am and all orders processed through Munch Monitor will be placed into the class pigeon hole for delivery to your child.

Due to restrictions currently in place we will hold our next P&C meeting on Monday 15th June at 2:00pm online. New members are always welcome. Get involved in all the fun and exciting projects we would like to achieve this year!

Finally, we would like to thank everyone for their patience and support over the past few weeks. If you haven’t already, jump on our Facebook page to keep up to date with all that is happening at our great school.

www.facebook.com/pandcgss

The P&C Exec Team.
Gilston Gourmet...

Tuckshop

GILSTON TUCKSHOP
Winter 2020 Menu

Open Tuesday to Friday • Order online via Munch Monitor or over the counter before 9am each morning

BEFORE 9AM
- Munch n Crunch class snack $1.00
- Flavoured Milk Varieties $2.20
- Norco Plain Milk $2.00
- Juice Poppers $2.00
- Water 600ml $2.00
- Fresh Fruit (seasonal) $0.50-$1
- Real Fruit Smoothies (Friday) $2.00

SPECIALS
- Tues-Meat free Nachos $5.00
- Wed-Butter Chicken & Rice $5.00
- Thur-Sushi Bowl $5.00
- Fri-Fully Loaded Hot Dog $5.00
- Everyday-Grazer Lunch $5.50
- 1/2 sandwich, yoghurt, fruit, juice popper

SNACKS • DRINKS
- Cup of Fresh Cut Fruits $1.50
- Cup of Custard $1.50
- Cheese & Crackers (6 piece) $1.50
- Homemade mini banana muffins $.30
- Gluten Free Vegie Chips $1.00
- Hard Boiled Egg $1.00
- Freshly Popped Popcorn $1.00
- Corn on the Cob $1.50
- All Natural 30% less sugar Jelly $.50
- Homemade Blueberry Muffins $1.00
- Zing Frozen Ice Snap Bars $.50
- Quelch Frozen fruit Bars $.50
- Gluten Free Vanilla Ice Cream $1.00
- Twist Frozen Yoghurt Variety $2.00
- Slushie Drink - 95% pear juice $2.00
- Water 600ml $2.00
- Flavoured Milk Varieties $2.20
- Norco Plain Milk $2.00
- Juice Poppers $2.00

*Orange or Apple/blackcurrant

LUNCH
- HOT FOOD
  - Homemade Spaghetti Bolognese $5.00
  - Homemade Garlic Bread $1.00
  - Chicken, lettuce, mayo Burger $4.50
  - Cheese Burger w/sauce $4.50
  - Chicken Burger w/Salad $6.00
  - Hamburger w/Salad $6.00
  - Popcorn Chicken w/corn on cob $4.50
  - Mini Beef Party Pie $1.20
  - Gluten Free Nuggets w/corn on cob $4.50
  - Hot Dog w/sauce $3.50
  - Chicken Snack Wrap w/mayo $3.50

- SALAD BOWLS
  - Garden-lettuce, cherry tomatoes, carrot, cucumber, beetroot $5.00
  - Caesar-lettuce, croutons, bacon, parmesan, egg & dressing $6.00
  *Add cheese, chicken or avocado $1.00

- TOASTIES
  - Ham or Cheese $3.00
  - Ham and Cheese $3.50
  - Ham, cheese, tomato $4.00
  - Chicken and Cheese $4.00

- SANDWICHES or WRAPS
  *Indicate bread or wrap on order
  - Vegemite, Jam or Honey $2.00
  - Ham or Cheese $2.50
  - Chicken $3.00
  - Ham & Cheese $3.00
  - Ham & Full Salad $4.50
  - Chicken, Cheese, Mayo $4.50
  - Chicken & Full Salad $5.00
  - Salad $4.00
  - Egg & Lettuce $4.50
  - 1/2 Chicken Caesar Wrap $4.00
  - Full Chicken Caesar Wrap $6.00
  *Add gluten free bread $1.00

Pop in and see your Tuckshop Convenors Erin & Janine or email us anytime at gilston.tuckshop@gmail.com

Uniform Shop
Orders can be placed at the tuckshop or online through Munch Monitor https://www.munchmonitor.com/Account/Login
Open Mondays 8:15-9:15am

Tuckshop
gilston.tuckshop@gmail.com
Closed Mondays
Open Tuesday to Friday currently first break only

Tuckshop Orders
Orders can be placed at the tuckshop each morning, or online through Munch Monitor https://www.munchmonitor.com/Account/Login
School ID: gilstonss Password: munch4211
Things You Should Know

Ordering from the Tuckshop is easy, and can be done over the counter up to 9am, by filling in a brown lunch bag and making payment. Or, you can register with Munch Monitor, and order online. With Munch Monitor, you can also set your child an allowance to spend at break time over the counter. No more missing out on our yummy over the counter treats.

Break time counter treats will vary daily & range from $0.20 - $2

NAME: Sarah Jane  CLASS: 2B

FIRST BREAK

ORDER: Chicken Snack Wrap 3.50
Chocolate Milk 2.20
Blueberry Muffin 1.00

$ 6.70

SAVE TIME with our ONLINE TUCKSHOP!
Gilston State School Tuckshop accepts online orders using MunchMonitor

Setting up an online account is easy!

1. Go to www.munchmonitor.com
2. Click LOGIN
3. Click REGISTER
4. Enter
   • School ID: gilstonss
   • Password: munch4211
5. Click Submit
6. Enter your email address
7. Enter the password you want. Make sure you can remember your password
8. Review and tick on the Terms of use
9. Click Create your Account
10. Click on the Activation Link in the email we sent
11. Follow the steps to create your Parent Profile
12. Add Students to your account
13. Click on Account Top-up to transfer money into your account
14. You are now ready to order online!

Please be sure to let your child know if they are having Tuckshop.
Don't worry if you forget lunch, the office will contact you, & with permission we will put together an emergency lunch for your child. $5 will ensure they receive a sandwich, piece of fruit & bottle of water.

We do class Birthday treats, just ask & we can help

We are Members of QAST Healthy Schools Tuckshop

Don't forget Fruit Smoothie Fridays $2 before 9am

Our School Tuckshop relies on volunteers & donations to help keep prices low for your family. If you can spare some time, please pop in and see us. If you cannot offer your time, we've got a pantry list of items you can help with.

Just pop something extra in your trolley next time you shop and your donation will be helping keep the Tuckshop alive.

Thank You Erin & Janine
Community Announcements...

Baby Give Back

We give babies a safe start to life by providing disadvantaged families with essential baby items.

We help families in crisis live with dignity - our donations are prepared with kindness and compassion.

WHO WE HELP

We help families in crisis experiencing many types of disadvantage including family violence, homelessness, and mental health issues, as well as those affected by drug addiction, unemployment, or foster, emergency or kinship care.

We distribute donations via social service agencies, midwives and social workers to ensure they go to those most in need.

One in 6 children in our community live in poverty.

In 2018, we helped 1,169 babies and children across South-East QLD.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

There are many ways you can help us:

Donate baby items
We accept donations of new and pre-loved essential baby items. A list of what we accept can be found on our website.

Donate money
You can donate securely online - www.babygiveback.org/donate. Donations over $2 are tax-deductible.

Fundraise for us
Collective fundraising with your friends or work group is a great way to make a bigger impact!

Volunteer with us
We are always after more hands to help in the warehouse, help from home or skilled volunteers who can help us grow our impact.

Visit www.babygiveback.org for more information