



GILSTON STATE SCHOOL

** NEWSLETTER **

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FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday	16 November to 30 November	Bookfair
Monday	30 November	Swimming Carnival Years 4-7
Wednesday	2 December	Choirs to Melody Park Book pack orders ready for collection
Thursday	3 December	Book pack orders ready for collection
Thursday	4 December	School Disco
Monday	7 December	Junior Christmas Concert 9.15am Year 7 Presentation
Tuesday	8 December	Senior Christmas Concert 9.15am
Friday	11 December	Last day school 2009
Wednesday	27 January	First day school 2010

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

There is certainly something special about **children's voices singing Christmas carols**. Our students have been rehearsing in preparation for their respective concerts and before long we will witness the fruits of their labour. I encourage you to make some time to **join us for your child's performance**.

Presentation night is rapidly approaching for our year 7 students. Information was distributed this week confirming some of the details that have been discussed with students for some time now. Guest presenters have been invited, trophies are being organised and plans for the hall decoration are a point of discussion. At this time we are **seeking commitment from parents in year 6** to assist with the catering of the evening. This practice has proven successful over the years and takes the pressure off the parents in year 7, allowing them to enjoy their child's evening. If you can assist on 7 December, please complete the tear off section and return it to the office.

On the subject of year 7 students, I have received a reminder from **Nerang State High School** that **enrolments are to be lodged as soon as possible**. Additionally, the high school finance office will close on 4 December.

Planning for 2010 has been hampered by the slow **return of enrolment forms**. We will be making some predictions based on what we have received, however with only 57 Prep enrolments so far, I expect things may change significantly.

An update arrived regarding the works planned for the **relocation of the traffic lights** immediately in front of the

school. The **start date of the program is 14 December, 2009** with minor works being undertaken initially. From 21 December both the Gold Coast City Council's internal branch and the external contractor will be on site. Pending good weather the vast majority of the work will be completed during the break, however I expect there to be some disruption at the beginning of the school year.

Part of the Prep upgrade is the expansion of storage for the outdoor play equipment. I expect that the shed will be located on the same slab near block 2; however the current shed will be surplus to our needs. **Tenders are therefore invited for the 3m x 3m shed** and close on Wednesday 9 December at 9.00am. The successful bidder will be expected to remove the shed from the slab within the week following close of tenders at a time that is mutually convenient.

Do you and your family tour the streets each year admiring the **Christmas lights**? The Gold Coast City Council can assist you in your quest. They have captured a list of displays on their website and also arrange bus tours of the sites. Visit www.goldcoastcity.com.au/christmaslights for more details.

Stay safe and keep smiling

Bruce

TERRY'S TALK

End of Year Disco

There will be an end of year disco organised by the P & C in the hall on Thursday 3 December. The P & C will need help with this event. Please support the school by returning the slip to volunteer some of your time on the night. A roster will be published in the newsletter on Wednesday 2 December.

Swimming Carnival

Please remind children about safety around water and also to wear sunscreen if you deem it necessary. Please make sure all items of clothing, drink bottles and towels are named.

I am looking forward to a fun day.

Book Packs

Book packs orders will need to be taken directly to Symons Educational Supplies 117 Olympic Circuit. There will be no packs available at the school at the beginning of next year.

Cheers

Terry Welch

The **SWIMMING CARNIVAL** this year will be held next Monday 30 November at All Saints Anglican School beginning at 9:30am. The swimming carnival is only for ages 9 to 13 (Years 4 to Year 7).

Any students wishing to attend and who have not paid must now pay online by **Thursday 26 November** as payments were due by last Friday.

Below is a summary of order of events. (N.B. - Please don't ring the office asking when your child is swimming as exact times cannot be given).

It requires many officials to run a successful carnival and parent volunteers may be required to assist with judging and life guarding. Please see Mr Rennes if you are interested in helping. Only first 3 places will be timed as we do not have the personnel to time every lane.

Order Of Events (All events are youngest to oldest)

25m - Freestyle, Breaststroke, Backstroke, Butterfly.

U10, 11, 12, 13 - 50m Freestyle, Breaststroke, Backstroke, Butterfly.

Novelty relays if time persists.

Children will be allowed to swim in either a 25m or a 50m race for each event.

If you are taking your child home early from the pool please advise their class teacher.

Jono Rennes / P.E Teacher

CHOIR PERFORMANCE

The senior choir sang well last Thursday at the launch of the Kmart wishing tree at Robina. We were able to purchase 3 gifts with the \$54.00 that the choir children donated. Two were placed under the tree on the day and a third was bought with any of the later donations and dropped off at the store. Thanks choir kids. I'm sure you will be making 3 people's lives a whole lot brighter on Christmas morning. Also I would like to say a big thank you to all the parents who were able to help with transport. It was great to have you there supporting us.

Our next Christmas choir performance is at Melody Park retirement Village on Wednesday 3 December. Both choirs will be singing for this and permission notes have already been sent home.

Alison Watson / Music Teacher

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Thursday 26 November – Chris Gomersall **HELP NEEDED**

Friday 27 November – Jenni, Helen Lana.

Monday 30 November – Lana Watkins.

Tuesday 1 December – Tracey Zimmerman.

Ice Blocks – Vicki Johnston, Vicki Maroske.

Wednesday 2 December – **HELP NEEDED**

Ice Blocks – Leesa Farley.

Thursday 3 December – **HELP NEEDED**

Friday 4 December – Lana, Jenni, Helen.

UNIFORM SHOP

Size 3 Taslon shorts are now available.

School bags ordered previously are ready to be picked up.

There will be limited stock of both medium and large schoolbags arriving on Monday.

Don't forget, only 2 more weeks to get your uniforms. Please take order forms to tuckshop and we will fill and get back to your child. Orders with cash/EFTPOS payment will need to be picked up from uniform shop.

**Uniform shop will be open each morning from Wednesday 27 January until Friday 29 January from 8.30am-10.00am.

P & C THANK YOU DINNER

The dinner will now be held on Tuesday 8 December as all our special guests are able to attend on this night. Sorry for an inconvenience in trying to find a date to suit everyone.

TUCKSHOP

We are introducing some new or healthier items on a trial basis to our range over the coming months. Feedback is always welcomed.

GUITAR WORKSHOPS

during the Christmas holidays. No experience needed. All guitars supplied. Held over 4 days (Mon-Thur) at Emmanuel College, Carrara or St Brigid's Primary schools. See Miss Watson in the music room for an information leaflet.

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE

The Queensland Government Conveyance Allowance is available to parents of school children who travel more than 3.2kms to school each day by private arrangement. If the distance travelled is above 3.2kms to **your nearest** state school you may be eligible for an allowance.

Please remember to have your application in by 5 December if you would require payment for this year (on form, mark date to claim from as 27 January, 2009).

You can still apply for this period or for next year after the 7 December and up until the 31 December, with payment being made next February.

Application forms are available on the website <http://www.transport.qld.gov.au/schooltransport> or contact the Gold Coast office on (07) 56308857

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YEAR 7 PRESENTATION

Parent Help

I would like to assist with the catering of the Year 7 Presentation evening on Monday 7 December 2009.

Name: _____

Contact Number: _____

Signature: _____

PLEASE RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE

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DISCO

Parent Help

	5.30 6.00	6.00 6.30	6.30 7.00	7.00 7.30	7.30 8.00	8.30 9.00	9.00 9.15
Canteen							
Supervision team							
BBQ							

Parent Name: _____

Contact Number: _____

Student name and Class: _____

