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Friday 11th April
Whole School Assembly 9.15 am
15th—25th of May
NAPLAN Online Testing Window

ICAS
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From the Principal continued

practices that build on learners’ prior knowledge and learning capabilities to monitor progress and inform next teaching steps.
If you require child care on the pupil free day please contact the Gilles Street OSHC.

School Policies

Gilles Street staff have begun discussing and reviewing school policies. Yard Play and Behaviour Development will be looked at first. The purpose of these reviews is to create a supportive and connected school culture that creates safe conditions for rigorous learning, safe play and wellbeing.

Committees of leaders and teachers, in partnership with students and guided by DECD policies will review and improve our school’s current policies. Following review of the policies they will be presented to School Council for feedback and shared with the school community before implementation.

Student involvement in this process is extremely important as it will enable staff to understand how children are feeling in the yard and classroom, how students believe the school environment can be improved to support them and how we can best use our yard space to ensure children have the best opportunity to enjoy their play breaks and feel safe.

I will keep you updated regarding the progress of these policy reviews.

I hope all Gilles Street families have a fantastic long weekend and if you have any questions regarding Gilles Street Primary School please do not hesitate to contact us at school.

Kind regards

Michael

Bake sale supporting Julian Burton Burns Trust

On Thursday 8th of July we had a bake sale of huge proportions here at Gilles Street! As advertised through Flexibuzz, the aim of the sale was to raise funds to support the Julian Burton Burns Trust (JBBT).

Many of our school community may not be aware that Julian was a Sturt Premiership footballer, on an end of season trip in Bali who suffered life threatening burn injuries during the Bali Bombings of October 2002. After this and as a result of the care he received, Julian was inspired to give something back to the people who supported him and the many others who were affected.

After researching burn injury care across Australia, Julian discovered Australia did not have a national burn care community organisation in existence and indeed that burns are one of the top 3 injuries suffered by Australians and Australian children every year.

Obviously our school community has been touched by this issue recently and members of Jack’s class wanted to do something if they could to help.

The Bake sale on Thursday raised nearly $900 which will be donated to the JBBT to help continue the work that was started over 15 years ago by Julian and his team.

Many thanks to all those in our school community who helped, either through providing goods for sale or by purchasing something.
High School Information

Please see the information for Open nights and information sessions at two of the major high schools in the city and eastern suburbs. If you live in the catchment zones of these schools and haven’t made high school decisions for your child yet you may be interested in these.

As well as the Open Night at Norwood Morialta, there will be, a separate information evening for the three special Interest Programs run at the school. This information evening will be held on Wednesday the 21st of February at 7:00pm on the Middle Campus in Rostrevor.

The special Interest streams offered are Accelerated STEM, Italian Immersion and Rowing.

OPEN NIGHT

Tuesday, 27 March 2018 Tours from 5:30pm until 7:30pm

Morialta Campus, Morialta Road West, Rostrevor SA

Families are invited to join a school tour to see:
- displays and demonstrations
- our extensive curriculum opportunities
- view student displays
- learn more about our 2019 Special Interest Programs

Join us to see the Senior Campus ‘in action’

Tours at 1:00pm and 3:00pm on Thursday 5 April 2018

Please register your interest for the Senior Campus Tour on EzyBook 2019.

Adelaide Botanic High School

As well as these established high schools, there is the exciting opportunity to have your child attend the new Adelaide Botanic High School.

If you scan the QR code to the right, it will take you to the part of the ABHS website that contains details regard their In Zone, and Out of Zone (STEM) Information Evenings. For families with older children, please note that there is also a one off opportunity for Year 9 students to begin in 2019. This information is also accessed via the QR code to the left.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

Gilles Street Primary School will again be involved in the Premier’s Reading Challenge this year. The Premier’s Reading Challenge is a literacy engagement program that was introduced by the Premier to encourage students to read more books, enjoy reading and to improve literacy levels.

The Challenge requires students to read 12 books between the beginning of the school year and early September. As well as developing students’ reading and literacy skills, participants also have the opportunity to earn medallions to recognise their achievement.

The PRC website is http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au/prc/pages/home (or you can scan the QR code to the right) and on there students will have access to the reading lists and the appropriate recording for their age. Hard copies will also be available from class teachers and the library. We encourage all students to be involved in the Challenge and ask parents & carers to support this initiative and their child’s reading at home.
**Scholastic Book Club**

The second issue of Scholastic Book Club has been released for 2018.

For orders to be processed, they need to be submitted by Thursday 22nd of March. These orders can only be accepted via the website.

**Surf Life Saving State Championships**

Congratulations To Evie and Lyla Fisher who are both competing in the State Surf Life Saving Championships this long weekend! They will be competing in a range of events. Good Luck Evie and Lyla!

**Term Planner: Weeks 7 - 11**

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