Dear Parents and Caregivers

Teachers have been working hard to analyse students’ learning progress and achievement throughout terms one and two in order to complete semester one reports. These reports will be sent to families of mainstream children on Friday 21st June. Following this, as part of our school’s assessment and reporting process, parents and caregivers will have the opportunity to make a time to meet with their child’s teacher in weeks nine and ten.

Personalised information regarding parent / caregiver interviews with class teachers will be sent to you, in hard copy, next week. Please keep an eye out for this and we look forward to seeing many parents and caregivers during the interview period.

Pupil Free Day

This Friday 7th of June is a Pupil Free Day. The professional development purpose during the morning of the Pupil Free Day is as follows:

- Mainstream teachers will focus on Writing Professional Development.
- IELP teachers will focus on Writing and Functional Grammar.
- SSOs will focus on support of students with behaviour challenges.

During the afternoon all teachers will be learning more about Office 365 and how it can be used to support teaching and learning. SSOs will be engaged in Words Their Way and Functional Grammar professional development throughout the afternoon.

School Council

Our most recent School Council meeting was held on Monday 20th of May. A range of topics were discussed including NAPLAN testing, finance, upgrade of school facilities and school uniform.

Following these discussions School Council has agreed to establish committees to actively seek support for the upgrade of our school’s facilities and to look more deeply at the possible development of a school dress code.

Thank you to School Council members who have nominated to be part of these committees and all progress will be shared with the school community.

The next School Council meeting is on Monday 17th of June at 6pm.

Second Hand School Uniforms

If you are after school uniform and do not want to pay full price for a brand new item there is a supply of clean preloved uniform items in the front office. These uniforms are available for a gold coin donation. If you have items of school uniform that your child has outgrown and wish to donate these to the school they can be dropped off to Rod in the front office.

Thank you to families who have been donating to our second hand uniform supply.

SAPSASA Sport

Gilles Street upper primary students have been involved in a range of SAPSASA team and individual sport this term. It has been fantastic to see our teams have success and progress through to the next stage of the state knockout competitions.

Well done to all students involved and thank you Mr Thring for your organisation and coaching of these teams. I look forward to hearing
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about your performances in future rounds - Mr Tucker has provided a full report in this newsletter so that all in our school community can follow the progress of these teams.

School Crossing
So far this term I have observed nearly all students and adults using the Gilles Street pedestrian crossing in a safe way – thank you for doing this as it supports the safety of children and adults arriving and departing school.

I am still concerned about some children and adults taking a short cut through the staff car park. This is unnecessary and unsafe so please use the front footpath gates if you are entering the school from Gilles Street.

Some children and their families enter school from the South Terrace end. Please also take great care and cross South Terrace at the pedestrian crossing.

The Gilles Street and South Terrace crossings are there for the specific purpose of keeping everyone safe and I am looking forward to seeing all in our school community continue to use these crossings safely.

I hope all families have a terrific long weekend!

Kind regards
Michael

2019 Aboriginal Student STEM Congress

During Reconciliation Week, on Monday the 27th and Tuesday the 28th of May, Señorita Alicia and Mr Thring took me to the 2019 Aboriginal Student STEM Congress. Señorita Alicia and I first went to the Adelaide Convention Centre main hall where they introduced us to the congress and then we left to do the activities.

Our first session was the wearable tech workshop, where I used Microbits to make step counters and displays on led lights.

Then we went to the heart beat workshop where we played a virtual reality game called Beat Saber and had different types of music in our ears to change our heart rate.

Finally for day 1 we went back into the hall for the closing speech and to be told where to meet the next day and what we were doing.

The next day Mr Thring and I went to the hall to be introduced again and what we were doing, then we went to the archaeology workshop which was ok but wasn’t as good as virtual reality the day before because it was basically a reading comprehension. Then we had lunch and went to the migration museum.

The whole experience was a fantastic 2 days of learning with other Aboriginal students from all over South Australia!

Jai

Wipe Out Waste

Remember that on Wednesday each week, classes are aiming to be ‘landfill free’ by packing ‘nude food.’

Durable, reusable containers are a great way to bring food, as they may last from pre-school through to high school and beyond, providing long term cost savings and environmental benefits.

Can you spot the nude food in these lunchboxes?

'Nude-Food' each Wednesday!
Congratulations to Esther, Oscar, Jai and Phong who all successfully auditioned to be part of the special Himeji Taiko Percussion group for this year’s Festival of Music. All four have been offered a place to accompany the Festival Choir over 4 concerts in September.

Well done also to all the other Gilles Street drummers who auditioned and who have made it onto the waiting list.

Jai has also been accepted to participate in the special Welcome to Country for the Festival. Jai will be learning how to play the Didgeridoo from some of Adelaide’s Indigenous Elders to help create this special feature of the concert series.

We wish the best of luck to our JunKIDZ, Himawari Daiko performers, Flip Out (circus group) and Frank who are also auditioning as Guest Artists for this year’s performance.

We also have Noah, Zuri, Lola and Maya auditioning as soloists for a number of different songs.

Best wishes to all students on the upcoming auditions!

July Holiday Vacation Care

Although it feels like Term 2 has only just begun, we are already past the half way point and it is time to start looking forward to the July holidays.

If your children require vacation care during the holidays, please refer to the Flexibuzz that was sent out yesterday that outlines the activities being offered, cost and the enrolment procedures.

If you require any further information regarding the OHSC or Vacation programs, please contact Steve at steve.kirk494@schools.sa.edu.au or on 8227 1746.
Over the last few weeks Gilles Street Primary School students have been very active on sporting fields!

For those that are unaware, we have entered Year 6/7 teams in boys and girls football (soccer) and a girls netball team in Term 2 & 3 knockout competitions.

We are entered in the small schools draw and we get matched up against schools of loosely geographically similar location.

When there are numerous schools entering the first part of the draw is sometimes set out in a 3 or even 4 way mini carnival with the winner proceeding to the next round.

**Girls Football**

Two weeks ago, on Friday the 24th of May, our year 6/7 girls team travelled up to Uraidla Primary school to play in one such round robin competition against the home team and Aldgate Primary School.

Our girls won both of their games, beating Uraidla 3 - 1 and Aldgate 4 - 3. All the girls played well and were very excited about the results. Issey and Danni each scored a goal, but the standout player of the day was clearly Crystal, who scored the remaining 5 goals!

My sources tell me that when they returned back to school around lunchtime, the girls were already arranging themselves into a training session to get ready for the next round!

Our opponent in that next round will be St Francis de Salle.

**Boys Football**

Last Friday, the 3st of May our boys team faced off in the South Parklands against St Raphael’s of Parkside. We played St Raph’s last year and our team of mostly year 5 students we beaten comprehensively 1 - 7.

However, this year was to be a very different match.

It was very close and hard fought the whole match, with St Raphael’s twice going into the lead, but first Suhand and then Jad scored to equalise. Jad’s goal to make it 2-2 all was very late in the match.

This meant the score was drawn at the end of regulation time - and a draw doesn’t decide who can move on to the next round!

Extra time beckoned.

In a gripping finish, late in the extra time period, Taro scored a goal that put the boys team into the next round where we will play the winner of the Kingswood / Ascot Park and St Joseph’s round robin!

**Girls Netball**

As this newsletter goes to print, today, Thursday, 6th of June, the girls netball team will be playing in their 4 team round robin competition against St Raphael’s, Clapham PS and St Joseph’s.

Good luck girls, we look forward to bringing you their results!

Good luck also, to all Gilles Street teams in these coming matches!