



Gilles Street Primary School



innovative
pilot school



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Coming up...

Tue Feb 9

Pancake Breakfast - Shrove
Tuesday 8.00 - 9.00 am

Fri Feb 12

Assembly 9.15 in the Hall

Tue Feb 16

Acquaintance Night and
Family Picnic 5.00 -
7.30pm

Mon Feb 22

School Council Meeting

Swimming Weeks

Mar 7 - Mar 18

Mon Mar 14

Adelaide Cup Public
Holiday

SCHOOL CLOSED

Mon Mar 21

AGM

8th February 2016

Issue 1

From the principal

Welcome back for 2016!

We hope that you all had a very safe and happy break and were able to spend quality time with your families and friends.

We are excited for another wonderful year at GSPS and welcome our new students and families in mainstream and IELC.

We also welcome our new and returning staff: Michael Aquilina is our new Arts teacher and will be focussing on Performing Arts - Drama and Music with all mainstream and IELC classes. Erin Lee will be working in rooms 1 and 2 and supporting the Intervention Programme. Deb Fisher will be teaching IELC Year 2/3, Rosa Santangelo IELC Year 6 /7, Gabby Aujard Year 6 /7 MS, Janet Leadbeater Year 2 MS, Claudia Sychold Resource Centre, Alicia Alfaro Spanish and Taylor Power Smith working as ACEO and on the Kurna Languages Programme. Vicky Bitzios has been appointed to the Adelaide Prospect Partnership as Teaching for Effective Learning Pilot Leader.

Congratulations again to Gyllian Godfrey who will be taking up her role as Assistant Principal from the start of this year. Gyllian will be based in the front office.

As you are probably well aware the grounds work has not been completed and we again start the year amidst a construction site. We hope that this will be completed soon. As an alternative access, the front office will be the main point of entry and exit during this time. I will keep you informed of the progress.

Acquaintance Night Tuesday 16th February 2016

We are again combining the Acquaintance Night with a family picnic. This year the format will include a classroom visit between 5.00 pm and 6.00pm followed by a shared picnic at the Glover Playground in the South Parklands from 6.00-7.30pm. This will give people an opportunity to visit the classroom to meet the teachers and then to mingle in an informal setting with staff and other parents from your child's class. We ask that you bring a plate of food to your child's classroom to share after the class visits. Please label the food if 'Vegetarian' or 'Halal'. Remember that we are a 'Nut Aware School' so **please avoid using nut products in the cooking or clearly label those foods which may contain nuts.**

We have tried to cater for families visiting the classes by

staggering the visits. School age children will be supervised in the yard from 5:00pm until 6:00pm.

AGM Put this date in your diaries. 21st March 2016

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday the 21st of March. The school council would like to encourage all families to attend and will be sending out information in the near future. There will be an opportunity for you to nominate for council or just to come along, meet people and find out a bit more about the school. **Deb O'Neill**

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



The School Council is inviting parents and students to assist in fund-raising for The Hutt Street Centre on Tuesday Feb 9 between 8 -9 am by purchasing a pancake (or two) for \$1 each.

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Class Parent Representatives Program

Gilles Street Primary School has a wonderful parent/caregiver community. This year we will be introducing a Class Parent Representatives program to further enhance communication between families of a class as well as with the teacher/s and the wider school community. It is anticipated that the Class Parent Representative/s will do things like:

- 1. Organise a class contact list** - Making contacts at school is valuable for children to integrate and make friendships, as well as for parents to make friends and share ideas about children and schooling. Class Parent Representative/s will need to collate the class contact list and distribute it to parents and the class teacher.
- 2. Help welcome new families and farewell those leaving** - Parent Class Representatives will be asked to help make new families welcome to the school and help them settle into the school's culture and community, and in turn also say good-bye to anyone leaving the school. This can be done by introducing new parents to others and updating the class list. A farewell could be incorporated into an after school play or just a simple card from the class to the child or family.
- 3. Assist with the collections for fundraising events** - On occasions collections may be required for school fundraising (e.g. raffles/cake stalls) or parent volunteers might need to be mustered for school events (e.g. Cabaret Night, Sports Day or School Fun Run). It is anticipated that the Class Parent Representative/s will assist with this.
- 4. Organising after school play dates/social events** - The Class Parent Representative/s may like to co-ordinate a whole of class play date/social function - for example a playground catch -up in the school holidays.

We will be looking for parents to take on the role in coming weeks and it will be a topic of discussion at acquaintance night. It is not anticipated that the role will be particularly onerous and volunteers will be under no obligation to do more than the basic requirements. The role is not limited to one person and can be taken on by a number of parents within a class (2 or 3 is probably ideal).

Class Parent Representatives will be supported by a Parent Coordinator and members of the teaching staff will be available to answer any questions, provide guidance and/or practical support.

Please consider taking on this valuable role!!

2016 Newsletter

The school newsletter is generally published fortnightly. You can choose to view and download the newsletter or elect to receive a News in Brief straight to your inbox by subscribing to our Newsletter list from the link below. We encourage all members of the community to access the newsletter digitally as it assists in the reduction of paper and printing costs to the school and is more environmentally sustainable. If you do require a paper version please let Rod in the Front Office know.

You can also stay up to date with most information via Facebook, Twitter and the school website.

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2016 Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club, provided by the City Salvos will be continuing in 2016 on Tuesday mornings from 8.00 am in the OSHC centre. Unfortunately due to some rostering issues there will be a delay with the programme. Please keep an eye on future newsletters, our website and/or Facebook or Twitter for updates.



Free English Classes

Free One-on-One Tutoring and Conversation Classes are being offered at the Hutt Street Library (235 Hutt Street) during school terms.

One-on-One Mondays from 1-3 pm - contact Cathy Lawson 8100 4698 clawson@redcross.org.au or conversation classes on Wednesdays from 10.30 - 12.30 with Deborah. Call 82037202 or email bfcc@adelaidecouncil.com

2016 YOGA

Vivian Scott is continuing to support students who wish to practice yoga. Kid's Yoga sessions are held locally at the Om Centre. If your child is interested please send them to Vivian in Room 7 for a form with all the details.



Preferred Payment Method



Qkr! is now at Gilles Street Primary School

The new Qkr (pronounced 'quicker') app is now live for families of students at Gilles Street PS. Qkr is a free, secure mobile app for fast and easy payment of school accounts.

Qkr by MasterCard can be downloaded for free from Apple's app store for iPhones (iPads should download the iPhone app) or from Google Play for Android phones and tablets.

After downloading the app and registering, simply select Gilles Street PS from 'Nearby Locations' or type **GSPSA** after tapping the magnifying glass in the top right of the home screen, and then the app will always recognise you as part of the school, making future payments even easier.

You can pay for your M&S fees and uniforms right now (payments are received by the school the next morning and uniform delivered to your child) using Qkr, so why not download it today and take a look at our school on Qkr!

We will be looking to move even more items onto Qkr, including your upcoming swimming fees, in the future. All feedback to the Finance Office is very welcome.

You can find all of the instructions at <http://www.gillesstps.sa.edu.au/Online-Payments>

M&S fees 2016

Your 2016 Materials & Services fees will be arriving home shortly. They are due within 30 days, however if you experience difficulty making this payment in full, please speak to Tracey in the Finance Office to arrange time payments. This year our preferred payment methods are: **Qkr!**, Bpoint (replacement of Bizgate) and direct debit.

In the past we have accepted payments via bank transfer. This has become increasingly difficult as some payments have been received with no reference information making identifying your payment problematic. If you wish to continue transferring directly to our bank account, please ensure you use your Family ID and your invoice number.

Bizgate is no longer available.

School Card 2016

School Card applications will be sent out with the M&S invoices. If you are eligible for School Card, please complete the form and return it to the front office as soon as possible. We will lodge them on your behalf. Please remember if you have another child attending a different school, you will need to complete an application for each school.

Come 'n Try HOCKEY

Interested in playing Hockey? Forestville Hockey Club, located at the Goodwood Oval complex, Fairfax St, Millswood is running Come and Try and skill development for primary school children.

For children born in 2005 or later the sessions will run for 4 weeks (excluding March long weekend) commencing on Sunday February 14th from 9am to 11am at the club. Bring your own mouthguard (or buy one from us for \$7) and shin pads (some for sale at \$10/\$15 depending on size). Sticks can be borrowed from the club.

For children born before 2005 the sessions will run for 4 weeks commencing on Wednesday Feb 17th from 6 to 8 pm at the CBC pitch, upstairs over Ifould St, Adelaide. Mouthguards and shinpads required, someone will lend you a stick if you don't have one. For further information email juniors@fhc.com.au or contact Julie Mills on 0402 250 511

Library News

Scholastic Book Club

We are encouraging all parents to order and pay for Scholastic Book Club books via Scholastic's online LOOP payment system. It is safe and secure and your order is delivered directly to the school. In the event that you do not have online access order forms can still be processed by the front office. Please make Claudia aware if you have ordered books as gifts and do not wish the order to go to your child/ren.

<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent.aspx>

Parents in the library

Parents are welcome in the library before school from 8.30 am and after school until 3.30 pm.

Calendar TERM 1 2016

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2.	3	4	5
2	FEB 8	9.	10	11	12
3	15 IELC Bike Safety	16 Acquaintance Night and family Picnic	17	18	19
4	22 School council	23.	24	25	26
5	29	MAR 1.	2	3	4
6	7 SWIMMING	8.	9	10	11
7	14 Adelaide Cup Public Holiday	15. SWIMMING	16	17	18 Senior Voices training at Unley PS 11.am
8	21 AGM	22.	23	24	25 Good Friday
9	28 Easter Monday	29.	30	31	APRIL 1
10	4	5.	6	7	8
11	11	12.	13	14	15 Last day Term 1