From the Principal

Tram Safety
Unfortunately we have received a number of phone calls from concerned members of the community about some of the unsafe behaviour from some of our students who catch the tram after school. These children are not obeying the traffic rules and are not using the lights, at times running across the road in between traffic to catch the tram. We will be monitoring the situation and the children have been spoken to at assembly but we would appreciate your assistance in reminding them about using the roads safely.

New Sand Pit
The refurbished sandpit has certainly been a hit and along with the new equipment purchased by the Junior Primary Student Representative Council it has become a favourite spot during playtimes. The children are being incredibly respectful of the equipment and playing quite nicely with each other even though at times space and shovels are at a premium. The biggest challenge we have is keeping the sand in the sand pit!

Web Page Launch
We will shortly be launching our new website which has been under construction for a little over a term. We will be using the most up to date technology and we hope that it will provide up to date relevant information for families. When it is launched parents will be asked to provide email addresses so that we can email out links to newsletters and other useful documents.

Welcome Back and Goodbye
We welcome back Ginny Pryor who was seconded in to the Education department in Flinders Street for 3 weeks to work on a number of projects. We would like to thank Julie Neale who acted up in her absence.

Rembrandt Building
I want to apologise for the delay in the demolition of the building next door and any disruption this has caused. Unfortunately due to the tricky nature of the demolition the tendering process took longer than expected meaning that the site will not be ready for demolition in July as previously announced. I have assurances that it will occur in the October school holidays. OSHC will operate in these July holidays and Mira has developed a wonderful programme. Sorry again for any inconvenience.

We have 199 likes on our Facebook page! Who will be 200?

Gilles Street Primary School

Pupil Free Day
FRIDAY 2nd August 2013 (Term 3)
OSHc AVAILABLE

June 21st, 2013

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Come to Our Funny Garden

“A fantastic collaborative effort…”  
Ms Zogopoulos

Children from Gilles Street Primary made a ‘Future Garden’ from recycled material. Children, parents and teachers worked together for the Come Out Arts Festival. It was taken to the Festival Centre for a show. It is good for children to look at because it is funny.

Reported by Helena

Aboriginal Food Trail Excursion

‘Rooms 6, 7 and 8 went to the Botanic Gardens to go on the Aboriginal Food Trail. It was to help their investigations in how the traditional Kaurna people’s life has been affected by the daily and seasonal changes in the weather on the Adelaide Plains and Hills.’

Reconciliation Week

Ninna marni! We learnt new information about Aboriginal people in Australia in Media Studies and we are looking forward to finding out even more! We researched on computer, played a matching game about famous Aboriginal people, watched a film about history on the ‘Reconciliation’ website and some great music clips of Yothu Yindi, Gurrumul Yunupingu and Jessica Mauboy. Also we studied at an amazing map showing hundreds of Aboriginal groups and languages in Australia. Some information we discovered: We learned that Aboriginal people should have freedom. We have to be friends with Aboriginal people. We learned that in Australia, Aboriginal people and non-Aboriginal people have equal rights. We learned that if the skin is black or white it doesn’t matter because all the people are the same. So now we know that there are lots of popular Aboriginal people in Australia. In Australia there are lots of Aboriginal groups. By Alyona and Arminta

I learnt about the meaning of the colours in the Aboriginal flag designed by Harold Thomas: BLACK = the Aboriginal people, Yellow = the Sun, Red = the earth, land

By Ojaswi
Schoolkids Bonus Reminder

The second instalment of the Schoolkids Bonus will be paid in July and eligible families who have not updated their child’s education details with Centrelink have until 29 June to do so to ensure they receive the correct payment in July. Eligible families who have updated their child’s education details with Centrelink do not have to do anything.

Eligible families will have extra money on hand to help with mid-year and ongoing education expenses, like school excursions, winter uniforms, new stationery and other school supplies.

Information materials, including:

- an information brochure and factsheet (in English and ten languages)
- a pathfinder to help families understand if they are eligible for the Schoolkids Bonus

can be downloaded at australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus

Hardcopies of the brochure and factsheet are also available (free of charge) and can be ordered by contacting us at schoolkidsbonus@fahcsia.gov.au

Lost Property

There is a lot of Lost Property gathering near the Front Office area. Please check for any missing items from your child’s wardrobe as it may be quietly pondering its existence in the lost property bin. Much of it is labelled so please take the time to have a look.

Rooms 2 and 3 went to the Zoo

On Wednesday June 19th, Rooms 2 and 3 walked over to the famous Adelaide Zoo. Before we arrived we saw lots of Ghost bats. They were upside-down. When we arrived at the zoo I saw sea lions. They were eating some fish. I saw a wallaby too. The wallaby was very fast. I touched the Wallaby. I touched it for a long time. It was in the sunshine. I also saw a snake eating a rat and an enormous turtle.

Arthur, Room 3

On Wednesday June 19th, Rooms 2 and 3 walked to the zoo. When I went inside the zoo I saw an enormous turtle, a Chinese panda, a koala, a giant giraffe, Tasmanian Devil and a rat-eating snake. I remember one little Joey, out of its pouch and everyone came over to see the little Joey. I fed a guinea pig a carrot. I washed my hands afterwards. When we ate our lunch we saw a big bird.

Raam, Room 3
Student Winter Health

Winter has begun and as such there is a prevalence of colds and other illnesses. Schools can be hotbeds for the spread of infection between students and from students to teachers and vice versa. It is better to have one day off school early on than many days if exposure to bacteria or viruses continue to occur.

We would advise and encourage that you **Keep a Sick Child at Home if You See the Following:**

- **Fever** - This is one symptom that automatically rules out school, no questions. (Anywhere from 37 degrees or higher is the usual guideline used by most schools.) Your sick child should be fever-free without medication for at least 24 hours before you send them back to school.

- **Diarrhoea** - This could be a sign of a viral infection, so it’s best to keep your child at home. It’s also important to keep rehydrating them with an oral rehydrating solution when they have diarrhoea, and the best way to do that is by keeping them at home. (Exclude until there has been no diarrhoea for 24 hours)

- **Vomiting** - Aside from the fact that your child won’t be comfortable, they could vomit again (in our house, one bout of vomiting is usually followed by another). Keep them home until they have gone 24 hours without throwing up -- though some parents and doctors say it’s fine to send a child to school if they haven’t vomited since the night before.

- **Cough** - This depends on how severe the cough is. Coughs can spread infection to other students. A serious cough can also keep a child from getting a good night’s rest, which means they’ll be too tired for school. As a general rule, if your child has a serious cough, particularly if it’s accompanied by breathing troubles, call your doctor and keep them home. But if it’s just a mild cough and they have no other symptoms, they can probably go to school.

- **Rashes** - Skin rashes could be a sign of a contagious infection, such as impetigo. You should have a rash evaluated by a doctor before sending your child to school.

- **Conjunctivitis** - This infection can quickly and easily spread from one child to another. Keep your child home until the doctor says they are no longer contagious. (Exclude until discharge from eye has stopped/doctor diagnoses non-infectious conjunctivitis).

**Evaluate the seriousness of these symptoms before making a decision**

- **Stomach ache** - This one can be tough to call. If they don’t have diarrhoea and aren’t constipated, tummy trouble could be caused by any number of things from anxiety to food poisoning. If the stomach pains seem minor and they have no other symptoms, send them to school. Later, you can talk to your child about any emotional issues that may be on their mind.

- **Ear infection** - As with coughs, you should evaluate all their symptoms before making the call. If they have mild ear pain, they’ll likely be fine; but if they’re clearly uncomfortable, they will have trouble concentrating in class anyway and should be kept at home. And if there are any other accompanying symptoms such as a fever, it’s a definite sick day.

- **Runny nose** - Let’s be realistic: If you kept your child home every time they had the sniffles, they’d miss a lot of school. Use your judgment. If they have a runny nose but seems otherwise fine, then it’s probably okay for them to go to school.

Hygiene plays an important part of staying healthy all year round...

**Please encourage your children to**

- wash their hands thoroughly and regularly,
- cough/sneeze into their elbow/sleeve (not their hands)
- use tissues that are disposed of immediately after use
- eat plenty of ‘in season’ fruits and vegetables
- get an appropriate amount of sleep
- have some sun exposure for Vitamin D
- exercise regularly