Dear Parents and Caregivers

It has been fantastic to see students, using our new laptops and iPads this week, supported by access through our significantly upgraded Wi-Fi infrastructure.

The roll out of phase one of the ICT upgrade is the result of a great deal of planning and hard work by Gilles Street staff and I am sure all students will benefit from the improved quality and increased access to ICT learning tools.

During the next two weeks we will be focusing on having the new system work as efficiently as possible before stage two of this improvement process is initiated.

Stage two involves the introduction of more iPads and Laptops supported by a new fibre optic internet connection that will deliver our students and staff internet bandwidth and speed that has not previously been possible in South Australian schools.

Stage three is planned for late 2019 and early 2020.

School Council Annual General Meeting

Thank you to the many parents and caregivers who attended the 2019 School Council AGM on Monday 18th of February.

The 2018 Gilles Street Annual Report was presented at this meeting and if you were not at the meeting and would like to read this report it is available on the school website.

The AGM is also the time for electing parent / caregiver School Council representatives who serve a two year term. There were eight vacancies and I would like to congratulate Emma Anderson, Catherine Campbell, Siobhan Guy, Matthew Byrne, Susie Masi, Doreen Begovic, Emily Bourke and Carlton Wilson being elected to School Council for 2019 and 2020. The newly elected members join David Conroy and Tim Graham who are returning parent representatives and staff elected representatives are Ginny Pryor and Libby Kelsh.

The first “ordinary” School Council meeting was held directly after the AGM. The most important function of this meeting was to elect the 2019 School Council office holders.

School Council elected David Conroy to continue in the role of Chairperson, Emma Anderson Deputy Chairperson, Catherine Campbell Secretary and Tim Graham Secretary.

Congratulations to office holders on their election and thank you to all School Council members for...
making yourself available to fill these important roles. I look forward to working with you throughout 2019.

The next School Council meeting is Monday 18th March at 6pm in the school library.

Student Leadership

The year 6/7 team has started the year with a real focus on student leadership and there has been a noticeable increase in the impact of this leadership in the first six weeks of school.

This process has included the identification of important executive student leader roles and this included nomination, presentation and voting on these positions. I was extremely impressed by all students who nominated and presented to students and staff regarding why they were the best candidate for one of the executive roles.

Students and staff voted on these positions. At the conclusion of the voting the following students were presented to the school at last Friday’s assembly:

- Esther – Joint Chairperson
- Zuri – Joint Chairperson
- William – Treasurer
- Eliza – Secretary

Congratulations Eliza, William, Zuri and Esther; I am confident you will be outstanding school leaders in 2019.

Teacher Professional Development

Gilles Street teachers are continuing to focus on a cycle of continual improvement in line with the 2019 to 2021 school Improvement Plan. An important part of this plan is the focus on High Band Achievement. Teachers have a particular focus on his via their Professional Learning Communities (PLCs).

On Tuesday afternoon we were fortunate to have our Education Director, Greg Petherick, present to all teachers about High Achievement Band teaching and the advantages of the PLC process. Teachers continue their focus on PLCs, with designated meeting times, during weeks 6 and 7 of this term.

If you have any questions regarding Gilles Street Primary School please do not hesitate to contact us at school.

Have a great week!

Kind regards

Michael

Finance Office - School Fees

All Materials and Services fees are due by the end of Term 1. If you wish to apply for School Card assistance, please go to https://bit.ly/2H3nzpM or scan the QR code.

If you would like to discuss a payment plan with the school please apply in person to Dil in the Finance Office or email her directly at dil.alahakoon168@schools.sa.edu.au before the end of term.

Mural Update

Although you won’t have noticed it yet, with the support of the Adelaide City Council, a lot of preparation work has been happening for the mural painting that will cover our big blue wall.

Lead artist, Mike Makatron has been in consultation with our project team and with collaborator Shane Kookaburra will be visiting tomorrow to continue this planning.

The unveiling and official opening of the piece will be at 10:00am on Tuesday 19th of March.

Mike’s work has a strong environmental focus and he has worked extensively with indigenous artists from Arnhem Land to Brazil. Scan the QR code to be taken to https://makatron.com and check out Mike’s webpage to get a sense of the scale and style of his work! The picture to the left is a piece Mike painted in Melbourne and image to the right is was commissioned by the government of Singapore.

On the day of the opening, Zooper Doopers will be on sale at recess time for $1 each.
On Monday 18th February all the Intensive English Language Program (IELP) classes attended a Beach Safety Education session with the lifeguards at Glenelg Beach.

After some safety talks about safe swimming, avoiding rips, reading signs and how to get help, it was time to get in the water and have some fun playing games, floating, swimming and paddling.

PaCE will be running a BBQ at Bunnings (Mile End) on Sunday 31 March and we need you!

What do we need?

- Volunteers to turn sausages and serve - Please Contact Erin (helloezmay@gmail.com) if you can give some time.
- Cakes - cupcakes, muffins, log cakes, brownies, cookies, slices, etc. that can be sold individually or as a pack on a sturdy paper plate or tray with covering - Please contact Catherine (catnatcam@gmail.com) if you can assist with cakes or selling.

Over the holidays and early into this term some Gilles Street Primary students auditioned for the Department for Education’s lead ensembles and music groups.

South Australian Public Primary Schools Choir

Congratulations to Zuri and Noah who have successfully auditioned for the South Australian Public Primary Schools Choir (SAPPS).

Both Zuri and Noah will be given the opportunity to work with some of SA’s leading choral directors and musicians, performing at a range of events throughout the year.

Primary School’s String Orchestra

Congratulations also go to Lyssie who successfully auditioned for the Primary School’s String Orchestra (PSSO). Lyssie will be given the opportunity to work with some of Adelaide’s string experts and will have the chance to go on tour and perform at various events around the state.

There are also several other opportunities coming up in the next few weeks for dance troupes, ensembles, hosts and groups that Gilles Street students are auditioning for.

We wish them all the very best!
High School - Open Night Information

Marryatville High School
Special Interest Music Centre
INFORMATION EVENING
Thursday 21 March 2019
7.00 - 8.00pm

OPEN NIGHT
Tuesday 19 March 2019
5.30 pm to 7.30 pm

Families are invited to join a school tour of the Middle Campus to:
- Explore our exciting learning opportunities
- Discover our 2020 Special Interest Programs
- Hear about our new facilities
- Meet the Principal, Staff and Student Leaders

Visit us to see the Senior Campus ‘in action’
Tours at 11:00am and 1:00pm on Thursday 4 April 2019
Register for the Senior Campus tour on 8364 2299

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Adelaide High School Open Night
Wednesday 20 March 2019 5.30pm – 8.00pm

Online applications for Special Entry Programs are available from the Enrolment Options page of the Adelaide High School website. Applications close on Friday 29 March, 2019.

Special Language Entry for 2020
Adelaide High School is a South Australian Specialist Language School. 60 students are accepted into Year 9 through the Special Language Program. Students commit to study two languages other than English for three years and at least one language until the end of Stage 2 (Year 12).

The following languages are offered:
Afrikaans | Chinese | French | German | Italian | Japanese | Modern Greek | Spanish

The Forge Theatre
Marryatville High School
170 Kensington Road
MARRYATVILLE

Information about the Special Interest Music Centre, course structures, curriculum and selection process.
For information about the event call 8304 8431