Thursday 27th of June, 2019

From the Principal

Dear parents and caregivers

Thank you to all mainstream parents who have attended parent / teacher interviews this week and who are intending to attend interviews next week.

The genuine interest you show in your child’s learning and your engagement with their teachers is an extremely significant element in showing your child how valuable their education is. This helps set them up for success at primary school. It is clear that Gilles Street parents and caregivers are engaging effectively with their child’s learning and supporting their children to be successful.

Invacuation Drill

Today all students, teachers, SSOs, BSSOs and volunteers were involved in an invacuation drill. We are required to hold evacuation and invacuation drills several times throughout the school year to ensure all at Gilles Street are aware of safety procedures.

This practice supports students and staff to understand what they need to do in the case of an emergency and also provides us with the opportunity to review and improve our practice in this area.

An invacuation may be implemented for a number of reasons including severe weather, an intruder entering school grounds, chemical spill on a nearby road, bomb threat, nearby gas leak and any other situation that has potential to cause harm to students and staff if they remain outside.

I was extremely impressed with the calm and efficient way in which all at a Gilles Street approached today’s invacuation drill.

Volunteer Morning Tea

Volunteers continue to add value to many aspects of school life at Gilles Street. As a small token of our appreciation, and to give us the opportunity to say “Thank you!” to all of our volunteers for their efforts in the first two terms of 2019, we are holding a Volunteers’ Morning Tea next Friday 5th of July. All volunteers are invited to attend.

The morning tea will be held in the library, straight after assembly and I’m looking forward to seeing many of our volunteers at this event.

School Council

Last Monday’s meeting was well attended and we welcomed a new parent representative to our school council. Congratulations and welcome to Gemma Page who has filled the vacancy left by Tim Graham’s resignation.

On behalf of school council I would like to thank Tim for the time and effort he has put into school council over the past two years. Tim has been an active parent representative and also

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put in extra time, to meet regularly with a Dil and I, in his role of treasurer. Thank you Tim!
The school council meeting included discussion about the school budget and reports from PaCE, OSHC, Facilities and School Uniform sub committees. PaCE has a newly ratified terms of reference and the School Uniform sub-committee will have its next meeting on Thursday 4th of July.

School Improvement Plan
As we approach the middle of the school year it is important to acknowledge the work of all staff as we implement our school improvement plan and work as professional learning communities (PLCs).
Examples of this work are:
Continuing staff focus on the school wide Mathematics professional development, Big Ideas in Number and the whole school Spelling program, Words Their Way
Junior primary teachers have invested a great deal of time and effort in their Synthetic Phonics work and we are already seeing improvement in our year one and two Running Records results
Year one to five teachers have been involved in Writing Plus and are quickly introducing their new learning into their classrooms – Brightpath writing results show improvement in writing achievement across many year levels
Year five, six and seven teachers are looking deeply into their Mathematics teaching practice, complemented by Thinking Maths, and designing new, improved learning programs that are impacting positively on upper primary students
All staff, through their PLCs, are sharing their new learning and teaching strategies with their colleagues and this is supporting the improvement from reception to year seven.
It has been a busy and productive first semester of 2019 and I would like to thank all staff for their continued efforts to improve teaching and learning at our school.

As this is the last newsletter for term two I would like to wish all families a fun, safe and exciting mid year break.

Kind regards
Michael

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From the Principal Continued...

In Week 5, Rooms 11, 12, 13 and 14 went to the Norwood Town Hall to watch Pulteney Grammar school perform the musical Wicked. This story is a prequel, telling the story that sets the scene for the much loved favourite, The Wizard of Oz. The performance was entertaining and thrilling at the same time, with the audience wanting to know what happened next.

This was a dress rehearsal, a chance for the cast and crew to make sure there were no last minute glitches. This was lucky, because there were a few technical issues such as one of the backing screens getting caught on the props. Also, some of the singers forgot the notes but they did well covering their mistakes.
Pulteney Grammar School really made sure that we were treated well, they even supplied us with complimentary buses and comfortable seating for the performance.

By Lili and Anastasia
On the 24th of June, Room 4 went on an exciting excursion to the Art Gallery of SA and our Parliament House.

Before we left, we ate our recess, as we were told we were not allowed to bring any food.

It took us about 30 minutes to walk to the Art Gallery. At the front, was a huge egg shaped sculpture, it was made as a present for the past manager. We walked around the back. While we waited for Angela to check us in for the tour, we looked in the fish pond, naming the fish we liked!

We were split up into two groups. One group went with Angela and the other went with Mali’s mum, Denise.

We went in different directions and learned about the aboriginal artworks and artefacts. The Yawk Yawks, scary eyed monsters and paintings by Albert Namatjira were some of our favourites. We especially like learning about the meaning behind the pieces.

After the tour, Angela told us it was time to head back to school.

What we didn’t know is that she had surprise for us...

So we started walking.

After a little while we were on the steps of Parliament House.

As we went past the security guards, everyone was very excited.

We went into the old chamber and it was simply marvellous! There were pillars that shot up to the ceiling and detail everywhere you went!

A man from the House of Assembly talked to us about Parliament House and then we had lunch. It was awesome!

We had party pies, fruit and sushi.

We went into the House of Assembly, Mackenzie was the Speaker, and Kashmira was the Minister for Education. Fatima and Mali were the speaker’s much needed security guards.

We were debating about banning mobile phone use at school, and then we did the same thing in the Legislative Council.

After all this excitement we left through a secret door and headed back to school.

We all had a fantastic day!

By Kashmira and Ella
Girls Knockout Netball
On Thursday, 6th of June, the girls netball team played in their 4 team round robin in the knockout competition against St Raphael’s, Clapham PS and St Joseph’s.

While our girls, who were an inexperienced team in this year 6/7 competition, did not win any of their matches, they had a fantastic day and competed with exactly the right spirit. Teachers from each of the other schools contacted me and said what a credit our girls were to Gilles Street Primary School.

Congratulations and good luck to St Josephs Kingswood who were the winners on the day, in their upcoming match in the next round.

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Community News

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AUSKICK starts next term!

Starting July 25th
Cost: $90
10 week season
or free when you use
Thur nights 5.15pm
Sports TG voucher
(with $5 healthy meals available afterwards)

Register today! bit.ly/AJB-AUSKICK
for kids aged 4-7 (parents must attend)