Welcome

Term 3 has begun and it is hard to believe it is already Week 3! We would like to extend a welcome to all our new families starting this term.

It is a privilege to commence this term as the Principal of our school. For those who aren’t aware, I have been a member of the Gilles Street staff for exactly 9 years, starting back in July 2008. You can always come and ask me about my CV. It’s long, after 20 years in education!

What you need to know is that I love this work. Learning with children is a gift. Designing learning for students is a privilege. I know that this is the most exciting time to be in a school. Education, as we know it, is evolving; schooling for a 19th century society is left behind as the needs of contemporary learners are prioritised. I get to do this now on a grander scale as Principal, and I see the next six months in the role as an opportunity to build on the legacy left by Deb O’Neill, while preparing Gilles Street for what comes next. I look forward to getting to know more of you as the year progresses, sharing our ‘good news’ stories.

Testing times

We are expecting the delivery of NAPLAN reports over the next fortnight. Student reports will be delivered to you securely and confidentially as soon as possible. Staff will be looking at these reports in detail. If you have queries or concerns please make a time with your child’s teacher to discuss these. The State Government has announced a $67.5 million Literacy and Numeracy First Plan as part of a major push to lift improvement at every level of public education. The plan will provide dedicated intervention funds to primary schools for students who are not achieving expected standards or growth in their learning. Later this term students in Years 1-7 will be completing the PAT-M (Mathematics) and PAT-R (Reading Comprehension) tests. These annual tests provide further information on the progress students are making in Mathematics and Reading. In addition, we have been selected as a trial site for UK Phonics Screening Check, with teachers being trained recently. More information on this will follow. We are also a trial site for the NAPLAN online and students will be putting the software through its paces once again, in Week 6.

Until next time!

Gyllian Godfrey

This is because although it may still be cloudy, cold and wet, the UV regularly reaches 3, therefore the Cancer Council and DECD policy means hats on in Term 3. Students not wearing hats are directed to play in undercover areas.

Hats

Thank you to parents for sending students with their hats. You may have seen the article in the Sunday Mail featuring some of our students with hats AND umbrellas.
Term 3 has started off with a bang and this week our students were very fortunate to get some hands-on learning at our school incursion of The World of Maths. Students were treated to a whole range of interactive tasks, in which they needed to use their problem-solving, collaborative and critical thinking skills. This play-based approach to Maths, gave students an opportunity to experiment with a whole range of original games, specially designed to help students engage with mathematical enquiry and work as a team. Students really enjoyed the event and a lot fun-learning was had!

**World Of Maths**

**Lunchtime Interviews with Ms. Gyllian and Ms. Helen.**

By Lola and Nicola

Our new Principal Ms. Gyllian has recently replaced Ms. O’Neill and we thought we would interview her on what it’s like to be the new Principal. Here are some questions we asked her and the answers she gave us:

**Is your job much different to the job you had before?**

Ms. Gyllian: Yes very different. Now I work with people outside school.

**How did you feel when you got the job?**

Ms. Gyllian: I felt a little bit scared but mostly excited.

**I like being in charge but in a way that people want me to.**

**Are you afraid to give people your ideas even if they don’t like them?**

Ms. Gyllian: No and I’m happy to compromise.

Well, there you have it! The interview with Ms. Gyllian!

At Gilles Street Primary School there is a bunch of students called the SRC. Here is an interview with Ms. Helen Grant.

**What are some of the most popular ideas that kids have come up with for SRC meetings?**

Ms. Helen: Things that change the world! Crazy ideas to have fun at the school!

**What are some of the craziest ideas kids have come up with?**
$67.5 Million Funding Boost to Accelerate Student Achievement.

The State Government will provide a $67.5m funding boost to public school students who have been identified as needing more help to lift literacy and numeracy across the state.

Primary school students who are not achieving expected standards or growth will benefit from dedicated intervention funds provided to their school.

Under the 4 year $67.5m Literacy and Numeracy First Plan, schools will use extra funds on high-impact teaching strategies to lift student achievement. Schools will use a range of evidence-based teaching strategies, including extra teachers, literacy and numeracy coaches or targeted programs. Improvement strategies will be overseen by a newly-established independent panel of education experts.

The recent NAPLAN results show there has been improvement in numeracy across all year levels in the state, but more work is needed to lift achievement to a higher level for all students in numeracy and in literacy.

The targeted funding – for students in public primary schools – is designed to lift achievement and modernise the state’s public education system to prepare young South Australians for jobs of the future. For more information visit the department’s website: https://www.decd.sa.gov.au/

Dusty Feet Mob Performance

On Wednesday we were very fortunate to have the amazing Dusty Feet Mob put on a heartwarming performance in front of our whole school. This incursion was organised by Mr. A, who contacted them earlier in the year when he heard they were coming to Adelaide. As a lead-up to the performance, all classes have been learning about Indigenous music and dance in Performing Arts with Mr. A and Ms. Marcus, his student teacher. Our Nunga students had an opportunity to meet the performers and learn a bit about each other’s lives. One of the highlights during the performance was when they invited all students and teachers to join in singing and dancing to one of our favourites -We Are One. It was truly great to see everyone follow their moves and literally come together as one!

And this year’s Book Week Theme is...

...Escape to Everywhere!!!

We have made some changes to our Book Week schedule.

TUESDAY 22n August in the morning (after the bell) – Whole School Dance and Sing-Along.

THURSDAY 24th August in the morning (after the bell) – costume parade and in the afternoon Whole School Assembly. We hope that you can make it to all of our Book Week events!
Second-hand book & stationery sale!

Where? In the Library
When? Week 4 - From Tuesday to Thursday
At Lunch, before and after school
Cost? From 50¢ to $5

This is a great way of getting your book ready for the Book Week dance and parade!

Tickets are almost sold out – Festival of Music 2017

Our senior voices have been working hard rehearsing for their big performance on Friday 15th September (Week 8) as have our Taiko drummers who will be performing on Saturday 16th September. Some of our students will also be performing on the Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday as part of the opening acts.

Come and watch our students up on stage but hurry as tickets are selling fast!

More information about our students’ performances, including our Taiko drummers performing in Concert 5, has gone out via FlexiBuzz. For all ticketing information, please go to the Ticketek website:


Road Safety Message

Even children who seem to know all the road safety rules won’t necessarily remember to follow them when something catches their attention. Take special care where there’s a lot of traffic, high-speed traffic, narrow or no footpaths, or things that can block the view, such as parked cars and trucks, trees, crests of hills or crowded footpaths.

Never ignore children in traffic!

It’s nice to chat with other parents but children quickly become bored with adults talking so keep it brief and always hold on to little hands.

ROAD SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS BEGINS WITH YOU!