



# Gilles Street Primary School Newsletter



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Issue 1

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## Term 1 Diary Dates

### Friday 16th of February

Whole School Assembly 9.15 am

### Friday 2nd of March

Whole School Assembly 9.15 am  
Circle of Friends afterwards in the Library

### Monday 5 March

School Council AGM

### Monday 12 March

Adelaide Cup – Public Holiday

### Tuesday 13th of March

Pupil Free Day OSHC Available

### Friday 16th March

Whole School Assembly 9.15 am  
Circle of Friends afterwards in the Library

### Friday 30 March

Good Friday – Public Holiday

### Monday 2nd April

Easter Monday – Public Holiday

### Friday 13th April

Whole School Assembly 9.15 am  
Last Day of Term  
EARLY DISMISSAL 2.15 pm

## From the Principal

Dear Parents & Caregivers  
The first three weeks of the school year have flown by and I continue to be really impressed with the way our Gilles Street students are applying themselves to their learning and doing their best to work effectively with each other in class and at play times.

Our school yard is a friendly and inclusive place to be and the leadership shown by our senior students to role model positive interactions in the yard has been impressive.

Gilles Street staff has worked extremely hard throughout the early weeks

of term to ensure all students have the best possible foundation for a successful school year and I am sure families were provided with a clear outline of teaching and learning, class routines, behaviour expectations and school / home communication during Acquaintance Night class meetings.

### Teacher Professional Development

Our staff has also started engaging in a range of professional development opportunities in order to ensure Gilles Street

students have access to the best possible learning and welling opportunities.

Last Thursday afternoon many Gilles Street teachers took part in ICT training and on the weekend our junior primary team and Rachael Courtney attended Jolly Phonics learning. During the next two weeks we will have staff engaging in professional learning opportunities in the teaching of Mathematics, Working with High Ability Students and Student Wellbeing.

### Acquaintance Night

Thank you to all families who came to Acquaintance Night on Tuesday. It was fantastic to see you all taking such an active interest in your child's / children's learning and to see our school community mixing at the picnic at Glover Playground.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY 5th MARCH 2017

6:15 for a 6:30 start

AGM

PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORT

SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS/ELECTIONS

Nominations will be available on the school website and sent out via Flexibuzz in Week 5



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## From the Principal continued

### Assembly

This Friday's assembly, beginning at 9:15am, will be run by Mary's and Kate's classes. I'm sure this will be a terrific assembly and apologies for my absence as I will be out of the school all day at the DECD School Leaders' Day.

### School Council Annual General Meeting

As announced in week one our School Council Annual General Meeting will be held in the school library on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> of March at 6:30pm. More details of this meeting and how you can be involved will be sent to the school community next week.

## Finance Office Information

### School Fees Reminder

All Materials & Services Fees (M & S) are due in full by the end of Term 1, unless you have made a payment arrangement with the Finance Office, via Qkr! or have submitted an application for School Card.

Our preferred method of payment is via the Qkr! mobile app or through the link on Tiqbiz.

Other payment options are cash, credit card, or online BPOINT. (Please note changes in office hours below.)

Invoices for your family will be sent home by the end of this week via email. If you don't receive yours, please see Dill in the Office.

### School Card

Application for School Card 2018 open now. Copies of forms are available from the front office, online at [www.sa.gov.au](http://www.sa.gov.au), or by scanning the QR code to the right. If you have children attending other schools, please



## Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club takes place on Tuesday mornings from 8.00 am in the Rec Centre.

This program is provided by City Salvos. Please register with the Front Office if your child wishes to participate.



### School Calendar

Mark Tucker, Assistant Principal Innovation and Learning, has included a calendar of school events with this newsletter. We hope this is useful to assist your planning throughout term one and we will let you know of any other important dates as they arise.

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

remember you will need to complete a form for each school. Clarification can be sought here at school from Dill, or at [DECD.Schoolcard@sa.gov.au](mailto:DECD.Schoolcard@sa.gov.au)

### Commitment to Pay for School Activities

All school activities requiring payment will be accompanied by a Commitment to Pay form. We appreciate this being completed as your intention to meet the cost of the activity. All payments need to be received prior to the activity for your child to participate. If you are experiencing financial difficulty please speak with Dill in the Finance Office or Michael Bawden, Principal.

### Office Hours for Payments

Office hours for school payments are between **8.30 - 9.30 am** and **2.30 - 3.30 pm**. Online payments can be made at any time. Please note that Qkr! is our preferred payment method.

If you require more information on Qkr! Please see Dill or access the information from the Online Payments section of our website.

## Kid's Yoga

Yoga has started for 2018, and it is never too late to join in. Come and see Vivian Scott in Room 7 for

a permission note if you are interested. If you have any questions please contact either myself or Wendy Semak at the Om Yoga centre on 0424635185.



## Changes to Volunteering Requirements in DECD Schools

Due to DECD requirements, all volunteers in the School community need to undertake the **Responding to Abuse and Neglect – Education Care for volunteers** training (RAN-EC). This was previously known as Mandatory Reporting. This training, which previously could be conducted on site, is now available online only.

**Plink** is the DECD online training portal. You will need to create an account, and then sign up for the RAN-EC course.

A new requirement is that potential volunteers also need to complete the **Volunteers Training Module**.

This is also to be accessed via the PLINK Portal.

The Plink Training Portal can be accessed from the link below or by scanning the QR Code to the right.



[www.plink.sa.edu.au/pages/signup.jsf](http://www.plink.sa.edu.au/pages/signup.jsf)

The online RAN-EC induction session for volunteers takes about 60 to 90 minutes to complete and includes an assessment at the end.

## Flexibuzz

Have you registered for Flexibuzz?

Flexibuzz is our main form of daily communication with parents so please take the time to sign up, join Gilles Street Primary School and add relevant boxes to your profile.

If you have any questions or require help please contact Mark Tucker, Assistant Principal - Innovation and Learning, his email is [mark.tucker238@schools.sa](mailto:mark.tucker238@schools.sa).

## String Instrument Lessons

Instrumental music lessons have begun for the year. All places for guitar, piano and drums are full, however, it is not too late for your child to learn an instrument at Gilles Street in 2018.

The DECD Instrumental Music Service (IMS) operates here at Gilles Street and string instrument such as violin, viola and cello are all still an option for 2018. Applications for students in Years 3-7, close very shortly. To register, please go to the following section of our school website

The course will cover:

- First time sign up
- Our organisation
- Our policies
- Your work health and safety responsibilities
- Other information for volunteers

Once you have completed the two training modules, Rachael Courtney needs to sight and sign the certificates and then you can undertake volunteer work at school. These two certificates enable you to do volunteering in the school, in a class, sporting or other situation that *involves your own child*. To volunteer in a group that your child is not in, you need an extra level of clearance, which involves a DCSI screening check.

Please contact Rachael on 8223 5184 or at [rachael.courtney233@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:rachael.courtney233@schools.sa.edu.au), if you require any further clarification about these procedures.

We're making it easier to be connected by using FlexiBuzz to stay in touch.

Register for FlexiBuzz on your phone, tablet or PC to receive our news, messages, events and other communications.

Stay in touch with FlexiBuzz

**STEP 01** Sign up for FlexiBuzz and then login  
Search "FlexiBuzz" in your app store. Go to [web.flexibuzz.com](http://web.flexibuzz.com) and click "Sign Up".

**STEP 02** Connect to us  
Select the "Search" icon and type in our name. Select us from the results.

**STEP 03** Select your communication groups  
Click the "Add" icon beside the communication groups that apply to you.

**STEP 04** Get started  
Click the "Home" icon to view our recent posts.

For further information or assistance please visit our website [www.flexibuzz.com](http://www.flexibuzz.com) or email us via [support@flexibuzz.com](mailto:support@flexibuzz.com).

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<http://www.gillesstps.sa.edu.au/Instrumental-Music> and click on the 'Instrumental Music Enrolment Form' link. The only costs associated with the IMS lessons are the hire of an instrument (if needed) and purchasing learning materials (books etc).

Scanning the QR code below will also take you to the IMS online enrolment form.



## Book Clubs for 2018

In 2018, students will again have the opportunity to order books through our two book clubs.

Catalogues for both Book Clubs are available from the library now.

**Redgum Book Club** – Please Note:  
Online ordering only via  
[www.redgumbookclub.com.au](http://www.redgumbookclub.com.au)

Redgum orders due by Monday  
26th February.

**Scholastic Book Club** – Online  
ordering through  
[www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or  
payment with a completed order  
form to the school.

Scholastic orders due by Tuesday  
20th February.



## Term Planner: Weeks 4 - 11

WK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4	19/2	20/2	21/2	22/2	23/2
5	26/2	27/2	28/2 Room 12 & 14 Biology Workshop	1/3 Room 13 & 11 Biology Workshop	2/3 Assembly, followed by Circle of Friends, in the Library.
6	5/3 School Council AGM 6:15pm	6/3 IELC – Milo Cricket	7/3 IELC Beach Day	8/3 Wipe Out Waste, Bin Audit	9/3
7	12/3 Adelaide Cup Day	13/3 Pupil Free Day  Staff working on Partnership Strategies	14/3 RAA Street Smart— JP Mainstream	15/3	16/3 Assembly, followed by Circle of Friends, in the Library. 'Bullying – No Way' Day
8	19/3	20/3 IELC – Milo Cricket	21/3 Harmony Day	22/3	23/4
9	26/3 Room 12 – SA Water Sustainability Challenge	27/3 IELC – Bike Education Day	28/3 Year 6/7 – Big Day Out	29/3 Room 12—SA Water Sustainability Challenge Room 3—Wingfield Recycling Centre	30/3 Good Friday
10	2/4 Easter Monday	3/4 IELC – Milo Cricket	4/4	5/4	6/4
Room 1 & 2 Camp – Glenhaven Park					
11	9/4	10/4 IELC – Milo Cricket	11/4	12/4	13/4 Assembly Last Day of Term 2:15 Dismissal

**We will advise you of additional important dates as they arise.**