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 wellbeing 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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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

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
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 5th 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, or by scanning the QR code to the right. If you have children attending other schools, please 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

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.

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.

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

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, if you require any further clarification about these procedures.

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.edu.au.

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 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

Redgum orders due by Monday 26th February.

Scholastic Book Club – Online ordering through www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or payment with a completed order form to the school.

Scholastic orders due by Tuesday 20th February.

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