If you have any concerns about homework please see your child’s teacher.

The Bunnings BBQ is fast approaching and I would like more assistance for the BBQ on Sunday the 22nd February at the Mile End store. Please email me if you can help. Thank you to the people who have already offered. I have your details and will be in contact shortly.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on March 2nd at 6.30 in the library. The Annual Report will be presented and new council elected. See page 3 for the nomination form if you are considering being part of the council for 2015-2016. Responsibilities for council members include meetings during the school year (usually two per term), discussion of school policies and direction, provision of advice to staff on school matters and contributing to budget and site plans. We hope to see many of you on the night.

Deb O’Neill
Swimming Week

In Weeks 6 and 7, students in R-7 classes are involved in a week long swimming program at the Unley Swimming Centre (Ethel St, Forestville). Years 1-7 in Week 6 and Reception and R/1 classes in Week 7.

Information and consents will be coming home next week.

Please ensure that you return all consents and medical information for your child/ren and follow these guidelines -

- The DECD Swimming and Aquatics program is a curriculum based program and as such the direct relationship is between the instructors and the school.
- If you are attending please see your child’s teacher for a parent badge. Please direct any questions in regards to the program to the classroom teacher.

Photography by parents is not allowed given the difficulty in ensuring other children are not identifiable in their photos.

Please ensure students come prepared with a CLEARLY NAMED hat, bathers (one piece), rashie/t-shirt, towel and sunscreen each day.

Your child’s teacher will inform you of times your child will be at the pool.

If you have any questions please contact Carol West on 8223 5184.

Grounds Development

You will have noticed that the workers on the block ‘next door’ have been very busy over the last two weeks. We are expecting that it won’t be too long until the planned courts are laid and finishing touches completed. You can see the court layout to the right.

We also have a development plan in train for other areas of the yard. Your ideas are most welcome and can be added to our Vision Board located outside the back door of the Front Office.

We will be continuing to fund-raise over the year with the first major event at the BUNNINGS BBQ MILE END on SUNDAY FEB 22.

Please contact Deb O’Neill if you can volunteer some time at the BBQ or come on down and grab a snag.

Material and Services Charges

Materials & Services Fees

Next week your child will be bringing home a pack containing your statement and 2015 invoice for Materials & Services. Also enclosed will be a 2015 School Card application. If you are eligible for School Card, please complete the form and return it to the front office as soon as possible. This year we will be offering direct debit as a payment option to families. This information and application form will also be enclosed.

Once you have received your packs, if you have any questions, please contact Tracey in the finance office. Please finalise all outstanding debt from previous years urgently.

Thanks for your cooperation - Tracey Aberlé, Finance Manager
YOUR SCHOOL COUNCIL NEEDS YOU!!

PLEASE HELP! VOLUNTEER TO BE A MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL COUNCIL in 2015

We need enthusiastic and dedicated members of our school community to be part of our dynamic council.

- Find out what’s going on.
- Be involved in educational decision making.
- Get to know the staff and community.

How to join…..

1) fill in the nomination form or contact the school and leave your details with Rod at front desk.

or

2) attend the AGM on the 2nd of March at 6.30pm in the library.

Drinks and nibbles will be provided at the meeting so come along and meet your council.

“seek the wisdom of the ages but look at the world through the eyes of a child”

Ron Wild

SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM.

2015/ 2016

I ________________________________

wish to nominate as a member of Gilles Street Primary School Council for the 2015/2016 years (most council members serve for a 2 year period, however those wishing to only serve 1 year are also welcome to nominate)

or

I do not wish to nominate for school council but would like to assist at other times during the year

Name__________________________________

Best Contact Phone Number

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Child/ Children’s’ names and class

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For more information, visit
When it's time to go, say goodbye to your child. Never sneak out. As tempting as it may be, leaving without saying good-bye to your child risks their trust in you. Tell your child when you are going - "I need to leave at 9.15 am, that is when the big hand is on the 3". Then leave at exactly 9.15 am.

Once you say good-bye, leave promptly. A long farewell scene may reinforce a child’s sense that school is a bad place. We also want to limit the overall impact of distressed students on the wellbeing of the whole class.

Express your ease with leaving. Some parents wave from outside the classroom window or make a funny good-bye face.

Don’t linger. The longer you stay, the harder it is. But do let your child know that you'll be there to pick them up.

Children are generally fine after parents have the left the room. There may be a few odd sniffles but once they get into the routines of the day they are happy and altogether too busy with learning to make much of a fuss.