Thursday 22nd of November, 2018

From the Principal

Dear parents and caregivers

Thank you to all school community members who attended the PaCE Comedy Night on Friday 2nd of November.

It was fantastic to have world class performers in our school hall. Thank you to all parents who put in so much effort to make the night such a success and thank you also to our brilliant performers who donated their time to provide a night packed with laughs.

In addition to this being a great social event for our school community PaCE managed to raise almost $10,000 and this money will be used to add value to your child’s experience at Gilles Street.

Leadership will liaise with PaCE, students and Gilles Street staff to establish exactly what this money will be used for. As soon as this is decided we will share this news with all in our school community.

Welcome 2019 Reception Students

We are expecting at least forty reception students to start at Gilles Street in 2019. On Wednesday 21st of November we welcomed thirty of these children and their parents to Gilles Street.

These children will continue their transition process over the next two weeks and we are looking forward to them officially starting school on Tuesday 29th January 2019.

Defibrillator

Visitors to the front office will notice there is now a defibrillator adjacent to the front office desk.

All staff have recently been trained in the use of a defibrillator and the one in the front office is able to be used for children and adults.

We hope that our defibrillator never needs to be used; however, we also want you to know that in the case of an emergency we now have this device available in our school.

School Yard Improvement

Throughout this year there have been many discussions regarding how we can improve our school yard.

After meeting with several consultants we invited Nature Play to present to staff and...
members of school council in order to clearly
demonstrate the advantages of an improved
play space for Gilles street students and to
display possible options for the improvement of
our school yard.

Following this presentation, and positive
feedback from staff and school council
members, school council has supported the
decision for our school to engage Nature Play
to consult with the school community about
how we can improve the school yard.

Following this consultation Nature Play will
design a master plan for the school yard.

The most important people in this consultation
process will be Gilles Street students as they will
be the ones who play in the school yard every
day.

I expect this process to begin early in the 2019
school year and all progress will be shared with
the school community.

School Improvement Plan and Friday 23rd
November Pupil Free Day

Please remember that tomorrow is a Pupil Free
Day. Staff will use this day to continue work on
Literacy, Numeracy and Wellbeing plans in line
with the School Improvement Plan.

Focus areas are:

Wellbeing:
* Whole School Positive Psychology program
* Review of Gilles Street PS Behaviour Support
  program

Literacy:
* Whole school agreement of consistent
teaching and learning for literacy
* School wide agreement for literacy data
collection tools and timelines

Numeracy:
* Whole school agreement of consistent
teaching and learning for numeracy
* School wide agreement for numeracy data
collection tools and timelines

These plans will be made available to the
school community when complete.

2019 Class Placement

The Personnel Advisory Committee is hoping to
have the 2019 class structure finalised very
soon.

When this is finalised I will send a message to all
families to let them know what this structure is.

Following this teachers will be working together
to allocate students into classes. This is not a
fast process and every effort will be made to
place your child into the class that best
supports their learning and wellbeing.

If you have any information you believe needs
to be considered for your child’s 2019 class
placement please send us an email to
dl.0120.info@schools.sa.edu.au with the subject
2019 Class Placement.

2019 class placements will be sent to families
with end of year student reports on Friday of
week nine.

If you know that your child will not be attending
Gilles Street PS in 2019 please let us know as this
may enable us to offer enrolment to a family
who has their child on our waiting list.

If you have any questions or suggestions
regarding Gilles Street Primary school please
do not hesitate to give me a buzz or send me
an email.

Have a great week!

Kind regards

Michael Bawden

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Pack only what is realistic
to eat.

Many children have
excess food which ends
up uneaten in bins.
Discuss what and how
much your child is
likely to eat at school
or preschool.
GSPS Comedy Night

What a night it was! Thank you to parents and friends of the school community who were able to attend, and enjoy a wonderful night full of many laughs.

The night would not have been possible without our fabulous acts:
- Our wonderful school parents Boo Dwyer and Mickey D, school friend Amelia Ryan, and of course, Tom Gleeson!

Many thanks to our sponsors and donors – without them we would not have raised $9561!
- Strike a posy
- Imperial Measure Distillery
- Osmonds Electrical
- Gravity and Other Myths
- Emma Anderson and Craig Harrison
- Peter Drew
- SA Museum
- Dymocks
- Jam Factory
- Jax and Co.
- Menz
- Mike Makatron
- Fleeci
- Aesop
- Pip Kruger
- Prohibition Liquor
- Mismatch Brewing
- Chaffey Bros. Wine Co.
- Wine Direct
- Mile End Hotel

The event was proudly bought to you by the hard working team from PaCE and parent volunteers.

Year 5/6 Debate in Parliament House

In the House of Assembly we had a debate about the Suffragettes. The carpet in this house is green and has grapes, grain and wattle printed onto it. On the sides there is a strip of red carpet with the Sturt Desert Pea on it. Back in old English times there might be a sword fight and the speaker would have to separate the swordsmen with the mace.

Lyssie

Rachael Sanderson, the Member for Adelaide and the Minister for Child Protection, gave us a lot of information.

Daniel
Rooms 11 and 12 visited the Connections with China exhibition at the State Library. It was based on the Tai Mountain, the Yellow River and the Sage, Confucius, an important philosopher in Chinese history. Confucius believed that calligraphy cultivates our inner calm and tempers aggressiveness. We all copied some Chinese words using traditional implements.

We played an ancient game called Weiqi, which is similar to connect 4. The traditional game has 38 pages of instructions but the simple rules only took a few minutes to master. Another activity was listening to common Chinese greetings, which help us to respect others’ cultures. The tangrams were challenging and we tried to create the shape of a swan, a candle or a house and we ended up with a missing piece.

Confucius believed archery cultivated skill and focus. The virtual reality goggles simulated archery because we obviously couldn’t shoot a real arrow in a library! We also listened to 4 different people playing traditional instruments, which are to keep us calm. Their names were Dizi, Gugeng and Pipa.

On the second level of the old library, we learnt about preserving old books and artefacts. Digital instruments were used to record the temperature and humidity of the atmosphere where the old books are stored. In the basement, a restricted area, we were able to see old printing presses and binders and see restoration in progress.

It was an excellent learning experience for us all.

**End of Year Performance**

The 2018 End of Year Performance will be at the Royalty Theatre on Thursday 29th of November!

Sound checks, tech rehearsal, costumes, make up, lights!

This year’s theme of EUROVISION promises the opportunity to sing along to some of the best and worst entries from over the years.

Ticket sales for this year’s performance are now open. Please visit https://www.trybooking.com/ZKHH or scan the QR code to buy your tickets!

The theatre is well over half sold out already, so get in quick to avoid disappointment.

**Connections with China Workshops**

**Summer Holiday Vacation Care**

Please make sure you book early if you would like your child to attend Vacation Care during the summer holidays!