and leaders representing the 60 Microsoft schools from across Australia. One of the exciting elements of the training was the 21st Century Learning Designs which are a set of skills that are required for life and work in the 21st Century. Microsoft has conducted significant research into these skills and we will be investigating them with staff.

A number of staff also attended the EduTech Congress in Brisbane. This conference focused on initiatives in teaching and learning and how technology influences our practices. Even though it was a technology focused conference, the main message was about how we as educators need to further extend our students to live and contribute towards a global society. We will be reporting back to staff in the near future.

Our Pupil Free Day last Friday also focused on teaching and learning. The years R to 5 teachers and IELP teachers attended Unley Primary School and worked with our cluster schools on the Australian Curriculum, and in particular the General Capabilities. The general capabilities cross all...
curriculum areas and are central to the curriculum. The year 6/7 mainstream team attended Norwood Morialta High School and worked with our International Baccalaureate cluster on the new chapter documents in the IB. Both days were very useful and gave us an opportunity to extend our learning through sharing with other educators.

Site learning plans.

Every year we review our focus areas and develop specific goals for review and development. These are contained in the Site Improvement plans and usually spread over the next 3 years. The complete report was presented to School Council last month and a report of the achievement is presented via the school’s annual report in March. Below is a summary of the areas in the report, if you would like a full copy please request via Rod the front office.

Improved Literacy and Numeracy

- Improve numeracy across all year levels
- Collect data about the teaching and assessing of mathematics
- Improve Early Years Literacy
- NAPLaN - Literacy—continue to show improvements in Year 3 Reading

Strong Community Wellbeing

- Promote a positive school community.
- Implement the Kids Matter Framework.
- Ensure all learning for Aboriginal Students is monitored through IELP’s.
- Ensure Aboriginal student attendance is at or above 95%
- Ensure all Aboriginal students receive additional support through Multi-lit or intervention programmes

Empowered and Powered up learning

- Explore innovative teaching practices using Microsoft 21st Century Learning Design.
- Collect data about teacher pedagogy and student engagement using the Teaching for Effective Learning Framework or National Teacher Standards
- Implement the Australian Curriculum

Premier’s Be Active Challenge

The Premier’s be active Challenge is a state-wide program which encourages school aged children to be physically active on a regular basis.

Physical activity is for everyone and recent studies have shown that those children who are more physically active on a daily basis are achieving improved results in schools.

With Numeracy and Literacy being the central focus in the majority of schools, we feel that this program has a role to play in the overall wellbeing of the child and improvement academically.

By now parents should have received the Parent Information Sheets regarding the Challenge. This year the Challenge is being promoted to families through schools. We have had an overwhelming response from families who have used the information sheet to gain further knowledge about the program and register their children if the school hasn’t already done so.

In the majority of cases, your children would be achieving 60 minutes a day of physical activity, getting them to capture what they are doing in a diary or online can get them not only in the habit of valuing physical activity in their daily routine but also receiving a medallion as recognition for their hard work.
Room 12 - Boy Overboard

Room 12 has been reading the book Boy Overboard by Morris Gleitzman. As a part of their engagement with the story they have designed their own dust jackets to represent the story within.

Room 12 - Kinect

Room 12 have been using the XBOX Kinect in Maths this term. The game Kinect Adventures is providing the perfect vehicle for learning about mean, median and mode. In their 'Kinect Adventures Marvellous Maths Challenge' students begin by collecting data on their individual performances in each of the adventures. In Round 2, students get together in teams to collate all of their results together, graph them and find the mean, median and mode and explaining their results. The games finish with the Championship Round, where the data is used to select the championship competitor from each team, with the final results also collected and means, medians and modes are recorded and explained. A very fun and engaging way to learn Maths!

Come Out Garden - Back at Gilles Street

Our Come Out Garden Future Garden has been returned from the Festival Theatre where it featured, among others, as part of this year’s Come Out Festival Future Garden Display. It is currently located adjacent to the library. Please take the opportunity to view the garden and if you have your QR code reader handy you can share in some of the Future Dreams of our Room 11 students. The future of the garden is yet undecided. We will be discussing its viability in a more permanent location or the possibility of having it dismantled.

School Fees Reminder

All M&S Fees are now due in full, unless you have made a payment arrangement or have submitted an application for School Card.

Your accounts can be paid with cash, credit card, cheque, Bizgate or bank transfer.

Final notices will be posted in the school holidays for any remaining debts.

We would also appreciate payment of any outstanding excursions and extra-curricular activities (such as sport, taiko, violin etc). If you have any questions, please contact me

Thanks - Tracey Aberlé
Finance Manager
**Gilles Street Primary School Vacation Care Program**

**JULY 2013**

**Venue:** Recreation Centre
Gilles Street Primary School
91 Gilles Street, Adelaide SA 5000

☎ 8227 1746

**OPENING HOURS:** 8:00 AM—6:00 PM

**COST:** $47.00 per day per child (excursions included)

For more information contact OSHC Director

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### Bookings are Essential

Children must be signed in and out of the Vacation Care program by the Parent/Caregiver each day that they are attending. Please make sure to look at the top of the “Sign Out Book” for the day that your child/ren are actually attending (e.g. Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri)

**Child care benefit is available to most families**

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**THIS PROGRAM IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND WE ENCOURAGE ANY LEARNING AND FUN OPPORTUNITY**

**Please be at the centre by 9:00 Am on all excursion days**

(we cannot wait for children arriving late.)

**Last day for booking is 26th June 2013 without exception (Unless booked prior to this date)**

All bookings are final after the closing date and no cancellations will be accepted. Bookings not paid for and confirmed by the closing date will be cancelled.

Don’t forget LUNCH, MORNING TEA and AFTERNOON TEA every day!

(All food and drink must be provided by the parents)