August 7, 2015

From the Principal

This term we welcome Chloe Ryan to our school. Chloe will be taking over from Cathy Bawden for the remainder of the term whilst Cathy is holidaying overseas with her husband. Chloe has worked in schools across our partnership and we are sure you will all make her feel welcome. Christine Lawrence is also on leave for the next 3 weeks with Judi Fox replacing her in the Art Room.

Parent feedback on the Australian Curriculum

Parents are invited to contribute to DECD’s submission to ACARA monitoring the Australian Curriculum by participating in an online survey. Feedback will contribute to the national process of curriculum monitoring. This curriculum is used by Reception to Year 10 teachers to plan what students will learn. The survey can be accessed at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Feedback_Parents_Carers_Aust_Curric. The survey closes on Friday 7 August.

2016 school year

We will shortly be developing our class structure for the 2016 school year. It is important that we know which students will be continuing with us. If your child will not be with us in 2016 would you please send an email or note to the school advising us of their departure. This will assist in determining our class configurations and also if we can open up spaces for others on the waiting lists. Class placements will begin in term 4 and I will be asking for parent requests closer to that time.

Grounds Development

It is anticipated that we will be beginning our grounds landscaping over the Xmas school break. This will include landscaping, seating, erecting mini stages and installing shaded areas. We are hoping to have enough money to replace all of the gates and fences along the front and back of the school during this time as well.

Staying safe reminder from SAPOL

Students and families are reminded to be wary of approaches from strangers, especially when they are unaccompanied or travelling to and from school. If they are approached, students should not respond and should not accept offers of rides or gifts. Students should seek the assistance of other nearby adults if they feel unsafe and should report the event to a trusted adult (parent or school staff member) as soon as possible. SAPOL advises that taking out a mobile phone and calling police can deter the offender and they recommend the student making a formal report to their closest police station.

Calendar reminders

This term, Sports Day will take place on Thursday, September 10. There will be more details to come.

Friday, September 11 is a School Closure Day. The school will be closed. OSHC will be available.

Remember you can also keep up to date with school news on the Sentral Parent Portal (mainstream parents), The Gilles Street Primary Facebook Page, @GillesStreetPS on Twitter and the ‘What’s On’ section of the school website http://www.gillesstps.sa.edu.au.

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3D Creatures

Year 5’s studied a variety of environments and researched animals and insects that live in them. They then created a creature with various body parts which would allow it to survive in a particular environment. The designs were made using Makers Empire and then printed on the school’s 3D printer.

Keep your kids smiling

Dental care is FREE for most school children and ALL preschool children at the School Dental Service.

All children aged 0-17 are welcome.

To locate your local School Dental Clinic visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au or call us now on

Trash and Treasure

Thank you to the many students and parents who purchased a wide variety of toys, books, knick-knacks and stationery items in our Trash and Treasure sale in the library.

Thank you also to those parents who kindly donated the goods available for purchase.

Funds raised from the sale have been used to support our Book Week activities, in particular the performances from Tony Bones Entertainment of ‘The Stone Lion’ by Margaret Wild and ‘The Simple Things’ by Bill Condon.

Students thoroughly enjoyed the interactive performances.

We are now looking forward to Week 6 and the special Book Week Concert on Friday August 28.
We have been experiencing a lot of illness over the last 3 weeks, particularly with the flu. Please keep children home if they have a fever or are unwell. Please let the school know if your child is going to be away.

Influenza is highly contagious and can be spread for up to a day before symptoms appear and for up to five days afterwards.

There are a number of things you can do to avoid the flu, including:
- washing hands regularly
- cover nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing
- avoid physical contact with others

If infected:
- avoid mixing with other people, particularly those in a high-risk category.

Don’t return children to school early as they could still be contagious.

The Ultimate Police Band in the World - The SA Police Band Visits GSPS

By Room 11 Journalist Team

Did you know that there is actually a South Australian Police Band that goes around the world to play music & entertain, while teaching people about safety?

The aim of the performance at our school last week was to teach people about safety rules and entertain. The talented musicians played powerful music to entertain people.

The police band had different kinds of instruments. The sections were woodwind-flute, percussion-drum, base-guitar, string-guitar, and brass-trumpet, trombone and saxophone. The police musicians were amazing, performing their beautiful music with an accompanying vocalist, also a police officer.

The SA ultimate Police Band played different kinds of music and songs to entertain the younger audience, like Star Wars, Tonight’s Gonna Be a Good Night, Angry Birds and more. At the end, the band played a song called Happy and everyone danced together. It was an incredible performance!

All the members of the police band explained about safety. They told us that if we’re in trouble to dial 000. They told us to always wear a helmet when we are riding something with wheels and to wear seatbelts in a car. Another important point was not to talk to strangers. We learnt that the police are our friends.

We highly recommend all the teachers in South Australia to book a police band concert at their schools.

We considered that the concert was very educational and rated it 5 stars.
Introducing the MYSA Playgroup and Circle of Security - two new programs designed to help multicultural parents bond with their children and socialise with other parents.

For Playgroup information please contact Rachel@mysa.com.au or on 8212 0085 and the Circle of Security contact hailey@mysa.com.au for on 8212 0085 for more information.