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Coming Events

**Monday January
27th, 2014**

**Australia Day
Public Holiday
NO SCHOOL**

**2014 RETURN
TO SCHOOL**

**TUESDAY 28th
JANUARY**

**2014 Swimming
3rd - 7th March
2013**

Assembly Awards

Room 7

Sammy - Resilience
Charlie - Resilience
Lucy - Organisation
Ava - Organisation
Lili - Getting Along
Emma - Community
Lyssie - Community
Oliver - Respect

From the Principal

End of year wrap up

It has certainly been an amazing year with so many wonderful things.

The purchase of the adjacent warehouses at the end of last year enabled us to make some plans about the space. The buildings were demolished in September and work began to restore the space into a green play area. After a few setbacks we are hopeful that the space will be completed by the start of next year. The Off the Wall Mural party was a huge success and was a fitting way to acknowledge the work of Christine Lawrence and the community in the development of the wonderful mural that graced our play area for so many years. It was also a wonderful event to celebrate the new space that we have been given. I would like to thank all of the people involved who organised the celebration. There will be a permanent reminder of the mural erected in the front office in the New Year.

Renovations will be occurring to the front office during the school holidays with a temporary office established near the staff room. There

will be no access via the front of the school during this time. Please also note that the office will be closed after Friday the 20th of December until Monday the 20th January. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Retirements and other farewells

Last week the School Council and staff acknowledged the wonderful contribution to education by Julie Neale. Julie will be taking long service leave before retiring next year. Julie has worked in the Gilles Street Intensive English Language Program for the past 16 years and was instrumental in developing the Newly Arrived Program at Sturt Street before this. Her longstanding career of over 30 years has included country service at Meningie, Highgate, and Pennington. We will miss her greatly and wish her all the best for her future.

Ben Cooper will also be leaving us. Ben has won a permanent position at the Halifax Street Children's Centre. We wish Ben all the best and know we will remain in close contact with him as we further develop our relationship with the Centre.

December 13th, 2013

This year we have been fortunate enough to have the pleasure of an exchange teacher from Colorado visit our school. Pam Levie has experienced life and teaching in Australia and has made many lifelong friends during her visit. She has seen most of South Australia and travelled around Australia visiting many of our iconic sites. One fond memory will be of the Gilles Street Primary School Staff Barossa Tour. We wish Pam all the best for her return to the States and at the same time welcome back Vivian Scott who we are sure will return with many stories and adventures of her own.

At this time of the year there are many of our contract teachers and School Service Officers who are awaiting positions. We do hope that they return to Gilles Street in 2014 in some capacity. Thanks to Gabby Aujard, Cammy Cheah, Jane Glasson, Moni Harwood, Janet Leadbeater, Emma Kelly, Daphne Orphanou, Michelle Smith, Judi Fox and Claudia Sychold.

We will also farewell our Intensive English Language students who will be exiting at the end of the year and some of our mainstream students

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End of Year Wrap Continued...

who will be leaving us for a variety of reasons. We also, of course, would like to say a big GOODBYE to our year 7 students who will be entering the next phase of their lives. We wish them every success for their future and hope they look back on their primary school years with wonderful memories.

Lastly, we would like to thank you all for your support over the year. It is truly a special place to work with such gorgeous children and families. We hope you have a chance to spend time together over the festive season and we will see you again in the new year.

Deb, Carol and Ginny.



Moving House

Moving is a hard thing to do. At the end of the year people all around the world sometimes move to new places for different reasons. We have lived in six countries; Malaysia, Australia, Japan, USA, China and England, moving many times with our parents. When we move we need to be organised. We need to work together to figure it all out. This year we are moving houses. We finally found houses that our dads agreed with and we all liked. Luckily this time we do not need to change schools. Jingle said that they have found a sweet home.

Here are our 6 top tips for moving:

1. Find a house
2. Get organised
3. Donate things that you don't need into the second hand shop
4. Get boxes
5. Pack your stuff
6. Sort out things into labelled boxes

Good luck to people who are moving schools or houses this year.

By Mei and Jingle

Congratulations

Earlier this term, Finlay from Room 11 entered the Primary Mathematics Association 'Powerful learners: Mathematics and Numeracy Challenge' with two other boys in the family category. The boys were awarded "highly commended" and were presented with their award by the Minister of Education, Jennifer Rankin. Finlay put in lots of effort with the team on a project entitled Learning Logic.

Congratulations also to Henry and Sam who placed second with their ALICE animation video "Escape to Adelaide" in the inaugural ALICE Wonder Games between Gilles Street and Goodwood Primary Schools. They, with other finalists and classmates, were treated to a pizza lunch and unveiling of all finalists video animations. The judges commended everyone's creative efforts and programming skills.



Day of the Dead

Have you heard of *Día de Los Muertos*? It is Spanish for *The Day of the Dead*. People in Mexico celebrate the lives of the people in their families and relatives who have passed away.

They go to church and pray. The people celebrate with parties with family, friends and cousins.

The first of November is to remember children. The second of November, is to remember adults. Everybody has a party at the cemeteries and churches.

We love everyone in our family who has died. We care about them and we want them to R.I.P. mostly because we miss them. We decorate an altar with everything that they liked when they were alive. Peter, Room 1

SRC Xmas Giving Tree

Over the last couple of weeks the SRC has been collecting donations of non-perishable food items for hampers for the Magdalene Centre and Hutt Street Centre. We would like to thank you, our community, for all the wonderful donations. They will help to give so many people a lift for Christmas, which can be both an exciting and/or difficult time of year. Thank you to Mrs Hicks for organising the donations under the Xmas tree. On behalf of the SRC, Happy End of Year to everyone!

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