



Gilles Street Primary School

2014 Newsletters

From Week 3, 2014, the newsletter will only be available digitally via our webpage (scan the QR code) or via email by subscription. In the event you require a paper copy/ies please advise the classroom teacher of your eldest child ASAP. Thank you for supporting our efforts to reduce paper.



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Coming Events:

- **Week 3 - NAPLaN**
Years 3, 5 & 7
- **Tue 20 May**
ICAS - Computer Skills Test
- **Wed 21 May 'Parent Workshop'**
- **Wed 21 May 10:30 am**
National Simultaneous Strtime
- **Fri 23 May**
Whole School Assembly
9:15 am in the Hall
- **Mon 26 May**
School Council Meeting
- **Mon 9 June**
Queen's Birthday
Public Holiday
- **Tue 10 June**
Pupil Free Day

From the Principal

NAPLaN in Week 3

NAPLaN is used by governments, education authorities and schools to determine whether young Australians are meeting important educational goals in literacy and numeracy. It provides a snapshot of your child's progress as they travel through school to see how well they are learning the skills of reading, writing and mathematics. It also provides information to the school that assists in determining areas for further development. It is important to know that NAPLaN is not a pass or fail test. It simply looks at what level students are achieving in literacy and numeracy against the national standards and compared with their peers throughout Australia. Some nervousness is expected and as a parent, you can help your child by treating NAPLaN test days

just like any other school day and reassuring them that NAPLaN is not a pass or fail test.

Students cannot prepare specifically for NAPLaN and are not expected to do so and although NAPLaN familiarisation is important, drilling and excessive practice is unnecessary and unhelpful. If you have any concerns please talk to your child's teacher. Individual test results will be available at the end of term 3, usually around September and will be distributed by the school.

Reporting to parents and caregivers

During this term staff will be collecting information about your child's progress against the learning areas and general capabilities that make up the Australian Curriculum. Although some of these areas are in draft form, we as a school have

decided to stop using the SACS (South Australian Curriculum) Document and use the Australian Curriculum. We endeavour to ensure that communication is an ongoing process throughout the year, however during Terms 2 and 4 mainstream staff write formal reports and assessments using an A to E scale and the International Baccalaureate assessment for Year 6 and 7 students according to Federal Government requirements. Intensive English Language students receive their report on exiting from the program. It is important that you are informed and involved in your child's learning so additional meeting times or reporting processes may be organized at the teachers or parents request. Reports will be sent home on Friday the 13th of June followed by student led interviews.

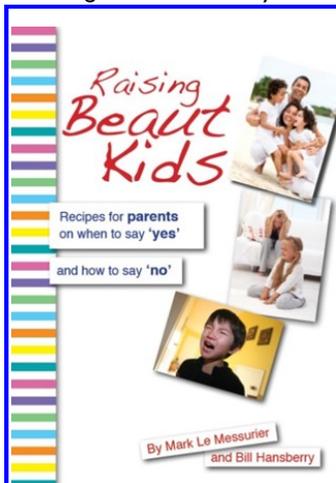
I would encourage you to attend the Bill Hansberry work-

shop if you are able. Bill is an experienced and engaging speaker with a wealth of knowledge about raising children and developing healthy relationships around building rules that work. This is the first in a series of workshops the school will host with Bill.

Deb O'Neill

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Bill Hansberry

PARENT WORKSHOP

"Recipes for Parents/Carers on when to say 'yes' and how to say 'no'."

When:

Wednesday, 21st May 7- 9pm

Where: GSPS library

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Information Flyer with

Registration details to come.

Sports News

Cricket: Blue Warriors Win

Our Blue Warriors team, playing in the inaugural Multicultural Cricket competition won the inaugural Multicultural Cricket Cup. Well done on the win. Let's go back-to-back in 2015.



Term 1 Basketball

The Gilles Street Basketball team had a successful term under the watchful eye of the coach, Ian Harrington. Thank you to the parent supporters for transport, scoring and support. The Terms 2/3 season will begin on Tuesday May 6th, The timetable will be out soon. Here are the Term 1 results for the Year 6/7 Tuesday night Boys (Mixed) Team.



Round	Date	Time	Court	Against	Score
1	18 th Feb	3:50pm	3	WPPS Wolves	Win 26/18
2	25 th Feb	3:50pm	1	Tenison Tigers	Loss 17/18
3	4 th March	3:50pm	2	WPPS Wallies	Loss 18/21
4	11 th March	3:50pm	3	Torrensville-Tornadoes	Forfeit
5	18 th March	4:35pm	2	CBC Purple	Win 34/16
6	25 th March	3:50pm	2	PGS White	Win 20/19
7	1 st April	3:50pm	2	Torrensville-Tornadoes	Win 24/16
8	1 st April	4:30pm		CBC Purple	Win 18/14

Term 2 Yoga



If you haven't already heard, we are starting Friday afternoon yoga in the GSPS hall (from today). Yoga is such a great way to stay fit, focused, relaxed and flexible. Wendy Semak is a highly accomplished yoga teacher and has been teaching all levels for many years. It's not too late if you are interested. Please see Vivian Scott for a permission note and more information. Come along and give it a try!!



Term 2 Football

The Footy season got underway last Saturday with the St, Raphael's/Parkside/Gilles Street Year 2/3 Division 1 team playing very well against Glen Osmond Primary defeating them 13 goals 6 to 2 goals. A special mention goes to Dakota in Room 1, playing for the first time as the only representative from Gilles Street on the team and the only female. She represented us well, being an integral part of some fantastic goal scoring plays. Well done to the boys on the team who supported her all the way,



Library News



TOO MANY
ELEPHANTS
IN THIS HOUSE

by Ursula Dubosarsky
Pictures by
Andrew Joyner

National Simultaneous Story Time

This event is taking place on Wednesday 21st May at 10:30 am. We will have participating students in the library listening to this year's story, "Too Many Elephants in this House" by Ursula Dubosarsky. You may wish to read along to any younger children you may have at home. Scan the code for a video reading of the story.



Trash and Treasure

The Library trash and treasure held in the last week of Term 1 was a huge success. We raised \$380, an amazing effort considering the prices ranged between only 20c and \$2. It obviously provided lots of holiday reading! Many thanks to all who supported this fundraiser, - the money will go towards Book Week activities next term.

Alison Hicks, Teacher Librarian

Room 11 - Out and About

Dark Heart Exhibition—Adelaide Art Gallery



“[2014 Adelaide Biennial of Australian Art: Dark Heart](#) presents more than twenty eight contemporary Australian artists and collectives, delivering their brave new visions in photography, painting, sculpture, installation and the moving image. “

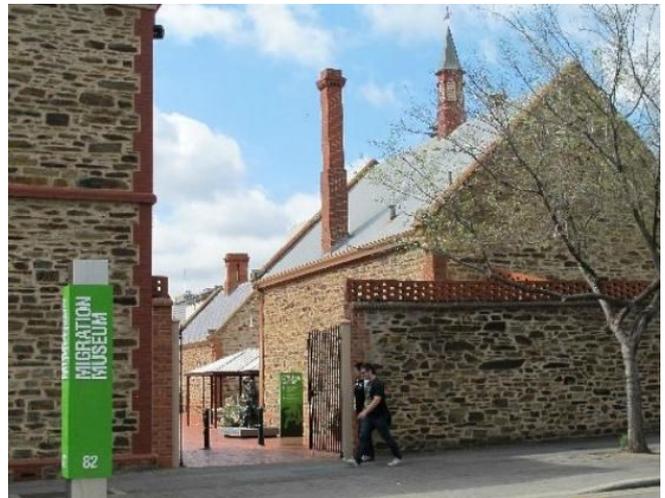
Year 5's favourite piece of contemporary art was Ian Burn's "Clouds". Ian claims that his work was like a giant diorama. It was cleverly created using ladders, umbrellas, toys, moving fans, a glass bowl and digital screens. Children who lay under the 50 plus spears commented that they felt scared but were impressed by the layout.

Migration Museum Visit - Lily and Leyla

Our class went to the Migration Museum. Although it was raining heavily, we managed to go somewhere dry while we waited for our guides to arrive. We were escorted inside and given 19th Century names such as Bartholomew, Quinton, Esther, Obedience and many more. We were also given some white clothing which colonial children used to wear. We were split into 2 groups with one guide for each group. David and Toby were our guides.

We learnt what the poor people ate and the jobs they had, such as cleaning the chamber pots, working in mines, cleaning chimneys and things like scooping up horse poop. We saw how the rich people lived and they had a much better life style.

Next we played some colonial games like skittles, quoits, memory and sheep knuckles. All the games were fun!



Spanish Room News

The Spanish Film festival is on at the Palace

Nova Eastend Cinemas at the moment! Many great Latin American and Spanish films. there is something for everyone including one for children *Zip Zap & The Marble Gang* which is a Spanish take of Harry Potter, on this Sunday the 11th of March at 1:45. For more information visit:

<http://>

www.spanishfilmfestival.com/sessions/Adelaide

PALACE CINEMAS
Estrella

SPANISH
FILM FESTIVAL 2014



Recognitions

Term 1 - Week 11

Spanish

Room 7 - Odile
Room 6- Claudia
Room 4- Nina
Room 11- Alice
Room 13- Nandi
Room 13- Kellie
Room 12- Danielle

Term 2 - Week 2

Spanish

Room 6 - Kainum
Room 8 - Jessica
Room 5 - Elysia
Room 1 - Angel
Room 2 - Trung
Room 12 - Genevieve
Room 13 - Jessica

Practice your Spanish with an International Student

Capture the spirit of family and friendship - host a Spanish international exchange student!

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange is seeking volunteer host families for International High School students from Spain.

Students arrive in July 2014 for 11 weeks and can be placed anywhere in South Australia. You do not need to have children of your own to enjoy this experience.

All students are carefully selected, will attend a local high school, have their own spending money and can bring your family to life!



- Introduce your family to different customs, values and ideas
- **Improve your language skills**
- Make lifelong international friends
- Share Australian culture and lifestyle

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PHONE Jenny ON (08) 85562208

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UnleyHighSchool-Special Entry Rowing

COME AND TRY SESSIONS HELD MAY 11 and MAY 25, 2014

- Special Entry at Year 8 in 2015 to all interested students
- Opportunities to develop skills as rowers, coxes and coaches
- Access to fitness facilities
- Spring and summer rowing camps on the Murray River
- A comprehensive curriculum including on water training, fitness training, goal setting, sports nutrition and physiology
- Competition in regular regattas including Head of the River, and in senior years, the Australian Rowing Championships



Talent identification process for specialist entry includes physical testing, come and try sessions, written application and an interview.

To register your interest, email helen.jones@uhs.sa.edu.au



OSHC - PUPIL FREE DAY TUESDAY 10TH JUNE 2014

More information about excursions and booking will be in the next newsletter or see Mira in the OSHC Office

Operating time: 7:45 am - 6:00 pm (\$20 late pick-up fee after 6:00 pm)

Fees: \$47.00 per day per child per day (includes excursion cost when applicable)

CCB available to eligible parents/carers

Bookings will be final at the time the booking form is returned to the Service. No cancellation will be accepted after the booking form is received and Parents/Caregivers will be charged regardless of attendance.