



Gilles Street

Primary



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2014 Newsletters

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Thank you for supporting our efforts to reduce paper.



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Coming Events:

- 3/12 New receptions parent meeting. 5.30pm– 6.30pm
- 3/12 International Baccalaureate information evening for year 5 and 6 parents.
- 3/12 Sports Presentation Night. BBQ 6.15 Presentation starts at 6.45pm
- 9/12 Year 7 Graduation.
- 10/12 Volunteer and helpers morning tea. 11.00am in the school library
- 12/12 Last day of Term 4.—2.15pm assembly

28th November 2014

From the Principal

School Performance

What an outstanding performance again. Congratulations to Val Zogopoulos and her team of helpers who again managed to create a sense of wonder and of course curiosity. A very special thank you to the students in her class who pull the whole thing together, to our filmmakers and helpers on the day and of course to all of your wonderful children who remind us often of why we love doing the jobs we do. I hope you enjoy the snippet of photos.

Sports Presentation Night.

A reminder that our family presentation night and BBQ will be held on Wednesday 3rd of December from 6.15 pm. A BBQ and drinks are provided but pre-ordering is essential. If your child participated in a sporting event or team at GSPS during 2014 you should have received an invitation and order form. If you didn't please contact Mark Tucker or Del Atkinson at the school.

On the night, the Sports Person of the Year is announced. This person is selected by the coaches for their commitment to sports, achievement and good sporting behaviours. Year 6 and 7 students are eligible for the perpetual trophy.

Volunteers Morning tea.

Every year we like to thank our volunteers for their support and help throughout the year. This year our celebration will be held on Wednesday 10th December at 11.00am in the library. **Please put this date in your diaries**

Parent Information Sessions.

There will be two parent information sessions held during next week on Wednesday the 3rd of December. One for 2015 new reception parents and one for 2015 year 6 and 7 parents.

This Year 6&7 meeting will be outlining the International Baccalaureate Middle Years program for parents and caregivers. This program is quite different, particularly the assessment and reporting and it is recommended that you attend. It will be held upstairs in Deb McMahon's and Nick Muxlow's class.

The meetings have been planned to finished before the Sports presentations.

The Year Farewell,

It is at this time of the year we say goodbye to a number of staff who will not or may not be returning to Gilles Street in

2015 A special farewell to Alison Hicks who will be retiring after 42 years of service to public education. We wish her all the best for her future.

We will also farewell Senorita Jane Glasson, who will be travelling in 2015 and then returning to Cleave to teach. We may see her for a short time before she departs for Spain and France early in the new year.

There are a number of other staff members who as yet do not know where they will be working in 2015. We hope to get many of them back at Gilles Street but need to wait until the central staffing process has been completed. We are hoping this happens prior to the end of the year.

Reports and Class Place-ments.

End of year summative reports will be sent home with the children on Wednesday 10th of December. If you wish to discuss them please make a time to see your child's teacher. Class notifications will also be sent home. At this stage it is unlikely that we will change any children as the process has been completed. If you have any major concerns please see Carol or myself.

A busy but exciting time.

Deb O'Neill

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Reminder—Parent opinion Survey ends this weekend. Please complete it if you have not already done so.

FAREWELL from ALISON HICKS

In my primary school days, playing 'school' under the gum trees in the dusty playground, I was always the 'teacher'. I never imagined that teaching would be my life for 42 years, half of them spent at Gilles Street Primary School.

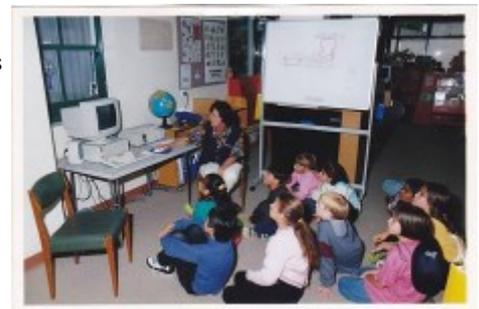
My career has spanned a variety of school settings – primary and secondary, city and country, large and small schools. I began as a history teacher at Campbelltown High, which had a student population of around 1800 at the time. I obviously looked very young, as once another teacher challenged me for being out of class after the bell – I was on yard duty with him! I gained my library qualifications while working in primary and secondary schools in Whyalla. I spent 8 years at Clare Primary, where my library had 3 different homes, moving as the school population grew.

I arrived at GSPS in 1994, initially working both here and at another school. The Library ran across the front of the main building, where the office and staff room were also located. There were 5 classes in the western building and the Education Department Curriculum Unit in the central block. After the New Arrivals Unit came to GSPS from Sturt Street Primary, the Library was relocated to where a courtyard had been enclosed – the current Spanish and computer rooms. GSPS resources had been packed in boxes and stored in a shipping container; trucks brought boxes from Sturt Street. With the growth of GSPS the Library had a new home yet again, the current location which is wonderfully spacious and inviting. I am very experienced at moving libraries!

Some people are surprised that I would want to stay at one school for so long. It has not been a matter of just settling back into a comfortable routine – in fact I had to reapply for my job 3 times. I can honestly say I have never been bored! There have always been interesting developments, programs and events that have challenged, engaged and been enjoyed. One highlight has been my involvement in the International Baccalaureate. It was a wonderful professional experience to work with others from around the world in designing and implementing curriculum. I was privileged to be selected to write a unit for a special United Nations project and excited when a teacher guide I co-authored was commercially published. While curriculum development has been my area of professional interest, working with children in the school setting has always been my greatest love. It is lovely to hear children say the Library is their favourite place. I am very passionate about libraries, literature and research – they are for life and I will be making the most of them in my retirement.

When I first came to Gilles Street, having recently returned from the country, two things struck me. The first was the diversity of the school community and the other was the wonderful sense of community. Nothing has changed. Thank you to the students and parents who have made my time at GSPS so enjoyable.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank all the fantastic colleagues I have worked with over the years. My time at GSPS has been very special. I am leaving with so many wonderful memories.



Sharing digital learning before interactive whiteboards!

Building the old library – staff room on the right



Lots of unpacking to do in the old library!



Building the next library



Lots of books to shelve



SLEEP WELL

In week 5 we had a guest speaker from the Uni SA Centre for Sleep come and discuss the importance of sleep for our students and here are some useful tips we learnt.

1. Establish a regular sleep pattern: regular set hours of sleep are important as it will help your child understand when it is time to sleep
2. Bedtime should not vary by more than an hour between school and non-school nights. The same goes for the time your child wakes up
3. A consistent bed time routine is important in ensuring your child knows when bed time is every night: quiet activities such as reading a book, being read to, having a shower/bath are good activities to do before bed
4. Half an hour before bed there are some things that your child needs to avoid: more active games, playing outside and watching TV, internet, mobile phone use and computer games

5. Make sure the bedroom is comfortable: bedrooms should be quiet, comfortable and dark (night lights are fine)

6. A snack before bed may help: It's harder to sleep on an empty stomach; a light snack can help (e.g. a piece of fruit). HOWEVER your child should not have a heavy meal within one to two hours of going to

***And remember that school age children should be sleeping between 9 and 11 hours a night.**

Dimi and Abbie Social Worker students.



SRC SUMMARY

The Junior Primary and Primary SRC's organised some exciting events throughout the year and developed and explored ways of bringing student voice into everything we do. They also had a lot of fun.

Some of the activities included Gilles Street's Got Talent, Chess competition, Handball knockout, Student-run World Cup soccer team at lunch, Music instead of bells on Fridays, Harmony Day activities, Netball shootout at lunchtime. JP Pyjama day and breakfast and JP discos. There were also some random inspirations including chopstix tournament, soapbox, Random Acts (improvisations), hula hoop showdowns, mass skipping, introduction to cricket for JP, informal talent show after Curiosity performance (Gilles Street's Got Talent Uncut!) and a flash mob!

Thank you to all of our wonderful students and Janet Leadbeater and Helen Grant who contributed to our successful year.

S.R.C's



Power of Curiosity



Out of School Hours Care
**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR AFTER SCHOOL CARE
 FOR THE YEAR 2015**

All children must be rebooked

Due to the high demand for After School Care (ASC) places, we are taking expressions of interest from Parents/Caregivers needing care for their children during the 2015 school year from

Monday 24th November 2014

THIS IS A TEMPORARY BOOKING ONLY

(not the enrolment)

Final bookings **MUST** be finalised and **ENROLMENT FORMS** returned, by the end of the first week of the 1st term 2015 (please include any changes that you may have). Enrolment forms will be available from the OSHC office.

Our centre is approved for 90 places and they will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis strictly observing priority of access guidelines set up by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relation displayed on the entrance door in the Recreation Centre

. WE CANNOT EXCEED THIS NUMBER.

WE CHARGE FOR ALL BOOKED DAYS, SO PLEASE, MAKE SURE THAT ON THE FINAL ENROLMENT FORM YOU BOOK ONLY THE DAYS THAT YOU NEED.

Please fill in the expression of interest form below and send it back to OSHC before **Friday 12th December 2014** (if we are not booked out prior to this date).

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I/We will need ASC for my/our child/ren for the year 2015

Contact Phone:.....

Child/ren's Name: 1..... 2.....

3..... 4.....

Days required:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Single Parent Studying | <input type="checkbox"/> | Single Parent Working | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Both Parents Studying | <input type="checkbox"/> | Both Parents Working | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| One Parent Working/One Studying | <input type="checkbox"/> | Respite Purposes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| At Risk/Referral | <input type="checkbox"/> | Parent Disability | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Child Disability | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Respite Care

- I/we have booked the care for our child/ren according to my/our needs at the time.
- I/we have been advised (at the time of booking) that in the case of my/our need for care changes, additional places may not be available.

I/we understand that if I/we don't need all places booked I/we can cancel them in the first week of first term with no cost incurred.

Signature.....

Date:...../...../ 20.....

Office Use Only

Date Received:...../...../ 20..... Time.....