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Gilles Street PS Newsletter

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PUPIL FREE DAY
FRIDAY APRIL 7
OSHC Available
EARLY DISMISSAL 2.15 pm
THURSDAY APRIL 13
OSHC from 2.30

March 3, 2017

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Diary Dates

Monday 6 March

Family Sausage Sizzle and AGM
from 5.00 pm

Monday 13 March

Adelaide Cup – Public Holiday

Friday 17 March

Whole School Assembly 9.15 am

Monday 20 March

School Council 7.00 pm

Friday 31 March

Whole School Assembly 9.15 am

IELC Circle of Friends 10.00 am

Friday 7 April

PUPIL FREE DAY

OSHC Available

Monday 10 April

IELC Year 3-7 Bike Safety

Thursday 13 April

End of Term Assembly 9.15 am

EARLY DISMISSAL 2.15 pm

From the Principal

Acquaintance night

Thank you to everyone who attended the Acquaintance Night and Community Picnic in February. It is always a pleasure to see the way that 'old' and 'new' families come together to build our community. The range of foods were also delightful and we appreciate the effort to provide and share such delicious dishes.

More thanks

Thank you to all of the members of our school community who have

completed the Responding to Abuse and Neglect training for Volunteers facilitated by Rachael Courtney and have applied for the Relevant History checks through the Department of Communities and Social Inclusion. We look forward to having you work with us in your volunteer capacity throughout the year. It has been fantastic to see so many parents assist with the Water Safety Education program this

week.

First Impression Reports

The First Impressions Report is the first formal report you will receive this year, and will be coming home at the end of Week 6. IELP students will receive a Settling In Report.

These reports are designed to give a snapshot as to how your child is settling into school and their behavioural and emotional wellbeing.

Your child's teacher may indicate a need for an interview and if this is the case please contact your child's teacher to make a time. You are also welcome to request an interview with your child's teacher.

The Mid-Year Report, mid-year interviews and an End of Year report will enable you to gain an understanding of how your child is progressing academically and will be graded against the outcomes in the Australian Curriculum.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY 6 MARCH 2017

5:00 - 6.15

FAMILY SAUSAGE SIZZLE

6.15 - 7.00

AGM

PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORT

SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS/ELECTIONS

Nominations are still open. Please contact the school if you wish to nominate for School Council and/or as a PaCE member.

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School closure dates for 2017

The School Council has approved the following closure days for 2017:

Term 1 Week 10, Friday 7 April

Term 2 Week 7, Tuesday 13 June - Adelaide Prospect Partnership Day

Term 3 Week 1, Monday 24 July – Adelaide Prospect Partnership Day

A further closure day for the Royal Adelaide Show in Term 3 and School Review day in Term 4 will be announced closer to the dates.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be taking place on Monday 6 March, 2017. We would love to see as many of you as possible attend our Family Sausage Sizzle so you can meet our current School Council members, ask questions about being a member of the School Council and our Parent and Community Engagement group and/or nominate for council or PACE in 2017.

To find out more about being on a School Council please visit our website
<http://www.gillesstps.sa.edu.au/Council>

Deb O'Neill

Important Finance Office Information

School Fees Reminder

All M&S Fees are due in full by the end of Term 1, unless you have made a payment arrangement with the Finance Office, via Qkr! or have submitted an application for School Card.

Our preferred method of payment is via the Qkr! mobile app or through the link on Tiqbiz.

Other payment options are cash, credit card, or online BPOINT. (Please note changes in office hours below.)

Invoices for your family have been sent home.

School Card

Application forms for School Card 2017 are also due by the end of Term 1. Copies of forms are available from the front office. If you have children attending other schools, please remember you will need to complete a form for each school.

Commitment to Pay for School Activities

All school activities requiring payment will be accompanied by a Commitment to Pay form. We appreciate this being completed as your intention to meet the cost of the activity. All payments need to be received prior to the activity for your child to participate. If you are experiencing financial difficulty please speak with Jody in the Finance Office or with Deb O'Neill, Principal.

Changes to Office Hours for Payments

Office hours for school payments are between **8.30 - 9.30 am** and **2.30 - 3.30 pm**. Online payments can be made at any time. Please note that Qkr! is our preferred payment method.

If you require more information on Qkr! Please see Jody or access the information from the Online Payments section of our website.

Volunteering and Mandatory Responding to Abuse and Neglect Training

Did you know it is compulsory for **ALL** volunteers to undertake the Responding to Abuse and Neglect – Education Care – for volunteers training (RAN-EC), formally known as Mandatory Reporting to be able to volunteer at school from 2016? This requirement is in addition to the Department for Communities & Social Inclusion - Working with Children screening. This training is now AVAILABLE ONLINE.. Training can be accessed from this link

<https://rantrainingvolunteers.e3learning.com.au/>

The online Responding to Abuse and Neglect – Education and Care induction session for volunteers takes about 60 to 90 minutes to complete and includes an assessment.

Undertaking the session online is a good option for volunteers who:

- have good English and computer skills
- already know about child protection issues (for example, medical staff, staff and volunteers from the Department for Child Protection, police officers)
- have a job or other commitments that make it hard to come to a site-based session

Before undertaking this training please contact Rachael Courtney, Assistant Principal - Wellbeing & Inclusion, for information specific to Gilles Street Primary School. The certificate will need to be signed by Rachael before undertaking any volunteer work at school.

More information can also be found here

<https://www.decd.sa.gov.au/working-decd/ran-ec-training/ran-ec-induction-sessions-volunteers>



Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club take place on Tuesday mornings from 8.00 am in the Rec Centre. This program is provided by City Salvos. Please register with the Front Office if your child wishes to participate.

Kid's Yoga

Kid's Yoga is due to start on Friday March 17. If you have an interested child, please send them to Vivian Scott in Room 7 for the information and permission slips.

TIQBIZ

Have you registered for TIQBIZ?

As this is our main form of daily communication with parents please take the time to sign up, join Gilles Street Primary School and add relevant boxes to your profile.

If you have any questions or require help please contact Gyllian Godfrey, Assistant Principal - Innovation and Learning.

Here's how to set up tiqbiz

Phone and tablet.

Search tiqbiz in your app store.



Android



iPad & iPhone

For Apple:
Select 'allow' notifications.

Computer

Access the web version of tiqbiz.
Go to web.tiqbiz.com then register/log-in

Add us



Log-in
Open tiqbiz and register/log-in.



Search
Select the 'Search' icon and type in our name.
Select us from the results.



Add
Click the 'Add' icon beside the boxes that apply to you.



Return to search
Click the back arrow to return to search.



Home
Click the 'Home' icon to view.

Please email for technical support: support@tiqbiz.com

Visual Arts - Years 5, 6 & 7

Students from years 5,6 and 7 have been spending 2 lessons a week learning about the history and meanings of Mandalas. Students initially revisited the colour wheel and have had the opportunity to design their own mandala, with the older students taking on the role of a graphic artist or designer whilst the year 5's have the theme of their place in space.

These mandalas in a variety of mediums will be displayed in the library on Harmony day, which is Tuesday March 21st. We are inviting as many parents as possible to come and view them. They will be on display until the end of this term.

You can view more of the Mandala Magic process on our Facebook page.



Do you like to sing, dance or act?

Are you in Year 6/7? Want to try something new and challenging?

Everyone is welcome!

Then the Festival of Music **Performance Troupe** is for you!

Audition bookings open on Monday, February 13, 2017!

Audition bookings close on Wednesday, March 29, 2017.

Weekly rehearsals are held at 2 locations:

North - Enfield Primary on Tuesdays

South - Hamilton Secondary College on Wednesdays

Rehearsals are from 4.15 - 6.15 pm. There will also be a few Sunday workshops. Each troupe will be involved in 3 performances accompanying the massed choirs at the Entertainment Centre between the 11th and 17th September, 2017.

Ask your choir, drama or dance teacher or principal for more information. Check out our website: www.festivalofmusic.org.au or call the Festival Office on 8261 5438 for more information.

ARENA Percussionists

What is it

Arena Percussionists is the group of students that will play drums for the opening number of this year's Festival.

How to join?

Go to an audition. It's for all interested Year 5-7 students.

Where do rehearsals happen?

Every fortnight at Gilles Street Primary School - Wednesday afternoons from 4.30 - 6.00 pm

For more information contact:

Orchestra manager:

Email: orchestra.psmf786@schools.sa.edu.au

To get a copy of the application form GO TO

www.festivalofmusic.org.au

