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 year.

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.
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


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


**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.

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**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.
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.

__Visual Arts - Years 5, 6 & 7__

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**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](http://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

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To get a copy of the application form GO TO

[www.festivalofmusic.org.au](http://www.festivalofmusic.org.au)