Dear Parents and Caregivers

It was great to see so many people come along to last Friday’s Mother’s Day Breakfast. Thank you to all volunteers who played a part in organising and running this event and thank you to everyone who took time out of their morning to be involved.

I hope that all Gilles Street Mums had a great Mother’s Day!

**National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy – NAPLAN**

Year 3, 5 and 7 mainstream students have begun their NAPLAN tests this week. Gilles Street Primary School is one of the first Australian schools to conduct these tests online and I would like to thank Mr Tucker for the huge amount of preparation he has put in to set our school up for the online tests.

Gilles Street teachers have also spent time learning about the online testing in order for them to best support our students during the new testing process. The information gained from NAPLAN is useful for our school as it enables us to identify areas of strength and where we need to improve our teaching to support provision of the best possible learning opportunities for the children at our school.

I have been impressed with the sensible and calm approach Gilles Street students have brought to their NAPLAN tests and look forward to this continuing throughout the two week “NAPLAN window.”

**Extra-Curricular Activities**

The beginning of term two has seen Gilles Street students engaged in many worthwhile extra-curricular activities. These include tennis, the Tri-Skill’s gymnastics program, SAPSASA District Cross Country and a range of excursions including visits to the Central Markets and Old Adelaide Gaol.

These activities will continue throughout the term as year six and seven students head off to Aquatics next week, SAPSASA knockout Netball and Soccer matches later in the term and our school hockey and netball teams competing every week.

**Pupil Free Day**

Please remember next Friday 25th May is a Pupil Free Day. Staff will be using this day to continue work on the School Improvement Plan, review policy updates and focus on the work of their Professional Learning Communities.

If you require childcare on this day please contact Steven Kirk, 8227 1746, at the Gilles Street OSHC.
From the Principal continued

Communications Survey
This year we have been sending communications via a number of channels including FlexiBuzz, hard copy notes, Facebook and our school website www.gillesstps.sa.edu.au.

To assist us to communicate as well as possible we would like to learn which mode of communication you find most useful and the modes that you do not use. A survey has been developed to gather your feedback. This survey will be available from today until Thursday 31st of May and can be accessed at https://bit.ly/2L3xvoE or by scanning the QR code to the left.

We would really appreciate you taking the time to respond to the communication survey as this will support Gilles Street Primary School to connect effectively with you in regards to all school business and events.

Volunteer Morning Tea
Our school is lucky to have so many high quality volunteers who assist in a wide range of school activities. Volunteers really add value to Gilles Street students’ school experience. We would like to acknowledge this and thank our volunteers during Volunteer Week.

In order to do this Rachael Courtney is organising a Volunteer Thank You Morning Tea, in the staffroom, from 9am on Thursday 24th of May. We look forward to seeing many volunteers on Thursday 24th.

School Council Meeting
The next School Council meeting will be held in the library from 6pm on Monday 21st May.

If you have any questions regarding Gilles Street Primary please do not hesitate to contact us at school.

Kind regards,
Michael

National Young Leaders Day
Tuesday the 28th of March was National Young Leaders Day. Senior students were able to apply to go to the conference by writing a letter to Mr. Bawden. The people who went were Lyssie, Esther, Kaitlyn, Fatiha, Francesca and myself. We left at around 8.30 and got there at around 9.00.

At 9.15 session one started, the speaker was John Peters, someone who didn’t have the lower part of his body. My most important lesson from his speech was to treat people the way you want to be treated.

At 10.30 we had morning tea break, at the break some of us went to the silent disco. Then we put on headphones and danced.

Then at 11.10 we had session two, the first speech was by Jules Sebastian, a fashion designer and host on MTV. My most important lesson was to be myself. Afterwards in the same session, Matt Cosgrove came on stage. He is the author and illustrator of various books like the epic fail tale series. His important lesson was people are important.

At 12.45 we had a lunch break, I got the signature of Jules Sebastian.

At 1.25 we had session three, the speaker being Nathan Bazley former host of BTN and now a VR game designer. My most important lesson was, you need to be ambitious.

Arun de Silva – Year 7 SRC leader

School Disco
Please see the information to the left regarding the upcoming School Disco! Tickets will be $5 (available by pre-purchase only) from June 11th.

The June 29th disco will be run and supervised by the PaCE Committee.

Reception - Yr 3 disco 5:00 - 6:30pm
Yr 4 - 7 disco, 7:00 - 9:00pm

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On Monday the 26th of March, our class went to SA Water to learn about renewable resources.

When we arrived at the entrance, and met our guides. They told us that multiple buildings that had been taken down around Adelaide were re-cycled and used in the construction of the SA Water building! At the front there was a glass revolving door. Once we were in, they questioned us about what we thought the glass was for. Eventually, after a fair bit of guessing, someone asked “Is It for natural light?”

“Perfect!” replied the one of the guides, “We try to use as little energy as possible.

We went to an upstairs room with interesting things all around it. Some of us noticed the insulated ceiling and others noticed the multiple crates scattered around the room filled with odd looking objects.

“Today we will be looking at the different forms of sustainability, can anyone tell me what that means?” asked the guide.

The five main types of sustainability are; Environmental sustainability, social sustainability, water sustainability, financial sustainability and waste water sustainability.

SA water focuses on water and waste water sustainability. What do you think this is in the pipe?

Baby wipes or chip packets?

The instructor told us this is what happens to pipes when you stuff baby wipes down them. I was wondering who would stuff baby wipes down a pipe, but I guessed they had their reasons.

Our task was to plan sustainable cities in a group. I said our city should focus on IT and education, and that I would make the schools in the city. Black wanted to make a part of the city run on the powers of wizards (we all laughed at this). Arun decided he was going to build the housing, James made the electric and water pipes to connect everything and Tom worked on the waste water treatment plant.

The guides brought us landscapes to design our cities on, and we got to work. I put a few schools on an island, one “boat school” on a lake and up high, a “tree school”! Black, began making wizard school, which would generate energy. Arun began making the homes scattered around the island, but near schools though. Tom made the power plant while James connected all the power and water cables. Within no time at all, we were finished! Everyone else finished and we got to have a look at other cities. Some were pretty fantastic. After that, we headed down stairs and packed up, and back out the revolving door.

Everyone that came had a fantastic time, and I’d say it was one of my favourite excursions.

Charlie Hey

WOMAD Opening

On Friday the 9th of March a number of classes from Gilles Street were lucky enough to attend the opening of the World of Music, Arts and Dance (WOMAD) Festival.

There was a speech from the Minister for Arts and performances from some of the visiting artists. It was a great way to spend the day!
On May 10th we had about 20 students represent the school at the East Adelaide District Cross Country meet. The first hockey games for the year were played last Friday, the 11th of May and the debut of this year’s netball teams was the night before.

Scores for the Hockey and Netball teams were:
- Minkey A1 lost 0 - 6
- Minkey A2 lost 0 - 6
- Minkey B - Bye
- GSPS Yr 3/4 Dolphins lost 4 - 16
- GSPS Yr 3/4 Joeys lost 5-7
- GSPS Yr 5/6 Storm Puppies won 10 - 3
- GSPS Yr 5/6 Warriors - Bye
- GSPS Yr 7 Raptors won by forfeit

Wiping Out Waste

Over recent years here at GSPS, we have become more aware of our environmental responsibilities. Many classes have been involved in the Wipe Out Waste challenge and you may have noticed our blue, yellow and red bins for paper, recycling and landfill respectively.

In each newsletter we aim to include an easy to follow suggestion, to help minimize the impact we have on our planet and it’s resources.

See this issue’s tip to the right!

Wipe out Waste
www.wow.sa.gov.au

Pack food in reusable containers.
It’s estimated more than 9 million ziplock bags go to landfill from SA schools

EACH YEAR. Laid down, that’s enough to go from Adelaide to Ceduna and back!