From the Principal

Bill Hansberry spoke to staff and parents on Wednesday night giving us an insight into how we respond as parents to different situations and what kind of parenting strategies we resort to under pressure. Bill used the social window to explain and help us understand how we control and manage our children and provided some useful tools and insights. In highly stressful moments children’s ability to listen diminished greatly and they actually hear very little of what is said. Bill called this “parent deaf mode”.

He highlighted the need to develop rules that work for you and your family including regular family meetings, mission statements and family values in order to keep everyone safe, sociable and responsible. One important message I took from the meeting was in relation to consequences. Bill talked about consequences being necessary but not being about hurting or punishing children. In developing consequences certainty is far better than severity. In other words be prepared to follow through with your decisions.

Bill will be speaking again next term on resilience and I would encourage you to attend if you can.

Pupil Free Day – Australian Curriculum. Our next Pupil Free Day will be on Tuesday the 10th June following the Public Holiday on the 9th. We will be working with our Adelaide/Prospect Partnership where staff will be attending workshops covering different aspects of the Australian Curriculum. This year we are reporting on all published areas of the Australian Curriculum.

Mid-year reports will be sent home on Friday 13th of June with interviews being conducted in the following weeks.

On a final note, I would like to say how proud I was by the actions of staff and students in relation to the incident on Thursday morning. Everyone remained calm and acted responsibly in following the procedures that we have established. No one ever wants to go through an experience like this however the actions and responses in keeping everyone safe have been extremely reassuring. We thank you all for your support and remind you that if you would like to talk further or have any concerns please come and see us.

Deb O’Neill

Spanish Awards

Spanish
Room 6 Jett
Room 4 Kora, Laura
Room 11 Lauren
Room 12 Stella

Digital Leaders

If you are in Years 3-7 and interested in becoming a GSPS Digital it is not too late to submit an application. Scan the code for all of the information and get your submissions to Gyllian by Friday 30th May, “What’s your big idea to make GSPS a leading digital school for the 21st Century?”
Welcome to Vicky Bitzios

My name is Vicky Bitzios and I’d like to take this opportunity to introduce myself.

I have worked as a Classroom Teacher, School Counsellor, Assistant Principal and in 2010-2013 as TfEL Specialist Teacher and Research Officer in the TfEL Research Project. Throughout my career, it has been my absolute privilege to work alongside educators who are passionate about their work as leaders of learning.

This year, in my role as TfEL Pilot Leader I am working with staff, students and community at Gilles Street Primary School four days a week and one day a week as a member of the Pedagogy and Leadership team in DECD, Flinders St.

Gilles Street Primary School is one of nine Host Schools in the Local Partnerships TfEL PILOT across the state.

Our intention: The TfEL PILOT will use student voice and engagement to bring the principles in the Teaching for Effective Learning Framework to life. We will seek opportunities to strengthen student voice, stretch our thinking as a ‘shared language of learning’ and work on teaching practices that support our students to experience ‘intellectual stretch’ as powerful learners.

Going deeper, exploring and refining our practice is an important part of this Pilot.

I look forward to meeting you and chatting with you.

Cross Country

Congratulations to Hawi, James, Ari & Ankara (not pictured) who did an excellent job representing Gilles Street Primary School at the recent SAPSASA Cross Country Competitions in the East Parklands. Congratulations to Hawi on her ribbon.

Aussie Rules

The Year 2/3 Parkside/St Raphael’s/Gilles Street Team continues to do well with a round 2 score of 9.5 - 59 to Christian Brother’s College 6.2 - 38 and a 2 point win in Round 3 against Burnside Primary with final scores reading 10.7 - 67 to 9.11 - 65. Round 4 takes place tomorrow against St John’s Grammar School.

Sports News

Netball

On going to print we have completed three rounds of the 2014 Thunder Cup netball season, with scores from Rounds 1 and 2 as follows.

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On Wednesday the 14th of May, Room 18 and Room 19 went to the Adelaide Botanic Gardens to learn about Australian plants.

Here we are in the fern house.

Our whole class fit inside this hollow tree trunk.

This is a bottle tree.

We saw a mother duck with her ducklings.
OSHC

PUPIL FREE DAY

Tuesday 10th June 2014

Bookings open from Monday 19th May 2014

Operating Times:
  Open    - 7.45am
  Closed  - 6.00pm

($20.00 late pickup fee applies after 6.00pm)

Cost - $47.00 per child per day (excursion included)
CCB available to eligible Parent/Caregivers

After School Care will be available. Please pick up booking and excursion consent form from OSHC office.

PLEASE NOTE:
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.

Last day to book:

WEDNESDAY 4th June 2014

without EXCEPTION

PLEASE NOTE:

WE WILL HAVE A FUN DAY AT SCHOOL WITH

LUNCH AT FASTA PASTA AND A JUMPING CASTLE IN THE HALL

Wednesday, 21 May 2014