From the Principal

14th November 2014

Commonwealth Survey

Some of you may have received an email in relation to the School Survey for 2014. As you may be aware, Commonwealth funding agreements require DECD schools to report on the satisfaction of their three client groups – staff, students and parents by a survey completed each year.

The survey is a Federal Government requirement under the National Education Agreement and provides nationally consistent data on the satisfaction of the school community. This survey will provide information about your opinions of the quality of care and education at our school.

Surveys are to be completed online, if you do not have access to the internet please contact the school and we can arrange for the survey to be done at school during office hours. The opportunity to complete the survey will close on Sunday 30th of November. A random selection of parents have been emailed the link. If you did not get an email and would like to be involved please come and see Rod at the front office to obtain the access link.

We appreciate your participation and thank you in advance.

Deb O'Neill

2014 Newsletters

In 2014, the newsletter will only be available digitally via our webpage (scan the QR code) or via email by subscription. In the event you require a paper copy/ies please advise the classroom teacher of your eldest child ASAP. Thank you for supporting our efforts to reduce paper.

Coming Events:

• 20/11 – 26/11 Book Fair.
• 24/11 Tech rehearsal
• 25/11 Dress rehearsal
• 27/11 Whole School Performance 1.00 p.m. Royalty Theatre.
• 3/12 Sports presentation night
• 9/12 Year 7 graduation.

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FUN RUN

Congratulations to all of the wonderful students who participated in the FUN RUN a few weeks ago. Money is still coming in so its not too late to get sponsorship money or additional donations. So far we have raised $4500. All money raised will go towards our grounds development and refurbishment.

Duty of care.

Unfortunately we have having increasing numbers of students being in the yard before and after school unsupervised. Teachers are not on duty prior to 7.45am in the morning and you are not to leave your children alone in the yard. There is also an increasing number of children waiting in the office from 3.30pm until after 4.00pm. This is an emergency arrangement only and we would appreciate a phone call if you are held up for any reason. After school care is available if you can not make the agreed pick up time before 3.30pm.

We need you!

Can you spare a little time each month to help in the school grounds? Help is needed with light gardening duties such as weeding, sweeping and general upkeep of the outdoor space.

If you can help, please contact Emma on emma_anderson@y7mail.com

We would also appreciate your ideas on how we can further develop the grounds.

COME TO THE FAIR!

The annual Book Fair will be held in the Library from Thursday 20th to Wednesday 26th November. We will be open for sales before school each morning.

Why not take advantage of this ideal opportunity to do some early Christmas shopping, while at the same time supporting your child’s literacy. Proceeds from sales will purchase new books for the Library.
ANZAC CENTENARY LOCAL GRANTS PROGRAM

A Federally funded program was announced in 2012 by then Prime Minister Julia Gillard to support projects in each of the 150 Federal electorates commemorating the First World War. Pauline Thomas and Carol West were successful in their submission for the grant and Pauline has been researching our school’s war history which she will make public via a blog in the near future.

We have secured funding to:

- Have the school’s 1917 Honor Roll professionally cleaned and refurbished.
- To have another Honor Roll made to acknowledge the service of over 200 other former students who enlisted but are not acknowledged on the original roll.
- To refurbish and mend the school’s historic drum and Fife Band bass drum and the flag presented to the school over 100 years ago.
- To create and film a history trail of sites around the City of Adelaide of significance to the service of former teachers and students of Gilles Street who enlisted for World War I.

Research has shown that Gilles Street boys served in more than 20 different AIF Battalions, Pioneers, Machine Gun, Field Artillery and Cyclist Companies, Signals, Field Ambulance, Light Horse, Camel Corps, Navy and Flying Corps. More than 60 of them were killed in action including 4 who fell at Gallipoli.

Three Gilles Street men were mentioned in Despatches, two won the Meritorious Service Medal, two the Distinguished Conduct medal, three the Military Cross, fifteen the Military medal, one the Distinguished Flying Cross, one the Order of the British Empire and one the Victoria Cross. A remarkable record for a school in a poor area of Adelaide only established in 1899.

Three students on the original Honor Roll have not yet been positively identified. Any information about H.H.J. Brown, L Kelly, or J. J. Williams would be greatly appreciated.

We will be selecting a significant date during next year’s ANZAC Centenary year to officially acknowledge those old scholars and staff who served during WWI and to unveil the refurbished Honor Roll.

THE POWER OF CURIOUSITY

2014 ANNUAL CONCERT

DON’T MISS OUT

TICKETS GO ON SALE MONDAY 17TH NOVEMBER FROM THE FRONT OFFICE

$10.00 EACH.
**SRC Has Been on Its’ Soapbox**

As a part of the SRC’s popup activities this term, our own soapbox was ‘launched’ in our yard during recess time. It turned out to be very popular!

The purpose of standing on a box (or soapbox) speaking to an audience has been a very long tradition in many countries around the world. They take place in parks and public spaces in cities and towns. It gives people in society a chance to voice their ideas, points of view for change and creativity in the world. It represents ‘free speech.’

Opinions range from humorous, intellectual and innovative to radical, ridiculous and shocking.

Our students did not disappoint. Their discussion topic ‘What bugs you?’ stirred up lots of talk: the negative impact of litter in the yard, the idea of having a senior male toilet, not liking playtime at school, building a pool on school grounds, the problems of having an annoying brother, the impact of wasting food, the negativity of people, cooking classes at school, the problems of having a garden next to handball courts and dangerous areas in our yard.

We definitely have future debaters and leaders in our school community. SRC will build on this by promoting student voice in the school and beyond.

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**GROUNDSDS COMMITTEE**

The Grounds Committee met last Friday night with an interested and enthusiastic group of staff and parents. One of our first tasks is to identify people who may be able to help us with an overall school concept design and plan of action. We will be looking at all areas and spaces across the school, what they are used for and what potential uses they may have. We will be seeking your opinions and of course involving the students in the design process. Once this has been completed we hope to present it to the school community mid term one, 2015. From this we will need to prioritise and then develop a plan of action.

If you want to be on this group as an ongoing member or you have some ideas and skills that we could use for a short period of time, we would love to hear from you.

Our next meeting is Friday 21st November at 3.30pm in the school library or please feel free to contact Emma at

emma_anderson@y7mail.com
VACATION CARE

OPEN FOR BOOKINGS from

17th November 2014

Program and Enrolment forms are available from the OSHC office

Last day for booking is 3rd December 2014

(unless booked out prior to this date)

Completed enrolment forms with 2 weeks of fee payment included must be returned to the OSHC Director at the time of booking and no later than 3rd December 2014 WITHOUT EXCEPTION.

Bookings not finalised by the closing date will be cancelled

Dates for vacation care are:

15th - 19th December 2014

Closed - 22nd Dec 2014 – 2nd Jan 2015

5th – 23rd January 2015

Cost: $49.00 per day per child (excursions included)

Child Care Benefit is available to most parents. For more information, please see the Director (Mira).