



Gilles Street Primary School



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FRIDAY 16th December 2016
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Coming up...

Fri 16 Dec

END OF YEAR
Whole School
Assembly 9.15

EARLY DISMISSAL

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2017 SCHOOL YEAR COMMENCES -

MONDAY
JAN 30 2017

2017 Responding to Abuse & Neglect for Volunteers Training Dates

Wed 1st Feb 2pm - 3pm
Thu 2nd Feb 9am-10am
Tue 7th Feb 5pm - 6pm
Mon 20th Feb 6pm - 7pm

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From the Principal

As we approach the end of another year there are many people to thank and goodbyes to be said.

Firstly, I would like to farewell all of our wonderful year 7's and congratulate them on their achievements. We wish them all the best for their future and hope they look back on their experiences at Gilles Street with fond memories. A special mention goes to Cassidy Perkins who received the sports person of the year award for her achievement and contribution to sports at Gilles Street and Mark Neville Franklin who won the Pride of South Australia Award for contributions to the Environment.

We say a special goodbye to Mrs Cathy Bawden who will be retiring during 2017. Cathy has had a long career in education, teaching Junior Primary students for over 21 years with the last 11 of them at Gilles Street Primary School. We have been fortunate enough to maintain a very stable staff group for 2017 and welcome back many of our

contract teachers and School Support and Bilingual School Support Officers.

This week we thanked our volunteers with a morning tea and acknowledged two outstanding people who have given so much of their time to help and support staff and students at Gilles Street. Congratulations to this year's award recipients Denise Noack and Kath Duncan. Denise has supported the



Community Garden and Hockey as well as attending numerous excursions. Kath volunteers in the junior primary numerous times a week supporting students develop literacy

and numeracy skills.

The Parent and Community Engagement Committee was established for the first time this year and achieved a great deal. Our AGM and Family BBQ was a huge success as was the Cabaret Night and Arts raffle, all raising money for the school, but more importantly bringing our community together. The establishment of the Class Representatives is a new initiative this year and was very successful in bringing families together for shared events. We will continue to build on this next year.

Special thanks to the School Council for all of their hard work and to Jo De Silva and Anthony Keane for leading us as co-Chairs for the year.

I wish you all a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing you next year. For those who are leaving us I wish you all the best for your future.

Deb O'Neill

Rooms 5 & 6 Excursion

On Tuesday December 6th, Rooms 5 and 6 went on an excursion to Karrawirra Pari (River Torrens) and Tulya Wardli (Bonython Park). We heard from Taylor about how the traditional Kaurna people used the natural resources by the river for their living. At Pirltawardli (Possum Home) we saw where the first school was erected for the Kaurna people.



What we Love about Yoga



I love to go to yoga because we get to learn to be flexible and it is relaxing. I love our teacher, her name is Wendy, because she uses relaxing words. Elsey

I like the poses we do in yoga, like the eagle pose, and I like learning the name of the poses. I like yoga because we relax. I like walking there. Gerard

I like yoga because I re-

lax and I like the balancing positions. The tree pose is my favourite pose. I like my yoga teacher because she lets us relax. Tia

I love yoga because we get to learn flexibility and it is relaxing. Wendy is so nice. When I am stressed out it helps me calm down. Yoga is so fantastic it makes me happy. I want to do yoga every second of every day. When it is yoga day I get so excited. Maisy

I love yoga because we do handstands and cartwheels and flexible poses. My favourite pose is the 'chicken pose'. And if you stay for a long time you can sometimes get a candle or an eye pillow to keep forever to do yoga with. When you are too noisy Wendy hits a singing bowl and that means you need to stop, look and listen. Nalia

Information about yoga in 2017 will come out early in Term 1.

Year 7 Honour Roll - 2016

Congratulations to the following students for their application to learning and contribution to our school.

RACHAEL SANDERSON AWARD for Civics & Citizenship

Jingle

Johanna

STUDENT OF THE YEAR

ROOM 12 - Henry

ROOM13 - Elliott

ROOM 14 - Lily

GRADUATION WITH HONOURS

ROOM 12

Henry, Maya, Richie, Alik, Sean, Cassidy, Oscar, Sienna, Mark, Isaac, Binyam, Audrey

ROOM 13

Elliott, Johanna, Thespina, Leyla, Jingle

2016 Sportsperson of the Year
Cassidy

Room 11 at the Zoo

On December 5th, Val's year 5 class went on an excursion to the Adelaide Zoo. Saskia and Dakota's grandmas, Chris from OSHC and Val came along on our excursion. At the start, we went to an information session, where we learned about different animal adaptations. While we were at the session we got to touch some animals like a quokka, 2 stick insects and a corn snake. Next we went to look at all the animals including the lion, sun bear, goats, reptiles, frogs and nocturnal animals. At the end of our trip, we decided to go have a quick look at the pandas. Sadly, only Wang Wang there.



Volunteering in 2017?

All parents/caregivers are welcome to volunteer at our school. Parent/Caregiver volunteers can support the school in many different ways, including assisting with the learning, accompanying classes on excursions and/or assisting in the library.

The Department of Education requires that **all** volunteers receive the mandatory Responding to Neglect & Abuse Training for Volunteers in Education Settings. In some instances you may also be required to complete a DCSI Relevant History Screening. More information regarding volunteering will be sent out in Term 1, 2017. If you are interested in volunteering please see the scheduled RAN training dates for Term 1 and mark one in your diary.

All inquiries regarding volunteering at our school, DCSI Relevant History Screening and RAN training should be directed to Rachael Courtney, Assistant Principal Wellbeing & Inclusion.

Room 1 & 2 Information Reports

These are two examples of reports by Laura and Omar. Students from rooms 1 and 2 have been learning about how to document information of their Gilles Street Primary School research. They used a variety of resources from film to interviewing an ex 90 year old student!

Gilles Street Primary School Gilles Street Primary School is a public school in the middle of the city. The school has a very long line of history. Gilles Street Primary School goes from Reception to Year 7 and also has an IELC (Intensive English Learning Centre). Gilles Street Primary School has many programs and classes to attend.

Description Gilles Street Primary School has different buildings like building C which has the years Reception to year 4. It also has some IELC classes as well. There's another building in the school called Building B that has years going from Year 5 to year 7. There is one more building called building A which has IELC classes, the school office, the Principal's office and a Performing Arts room.

History Gilles Street Primary School was built in 1899 and opened in 1901 to the public. Back then if they did something silly or got in trouble their teacher would have a cane and spank them and it would depend on how bad the trouble was. The students in Gilles Street Primary School had a bakery near the school and every day some of them went to that bakery to get some lunch! At about 12:00pm they would be able to go home for lunch and even to the park without a teacher. At recess and lunch time, the girls and boys were split up, the boys would go on the eastern side and the girls would go on the western side.

Programs/classes Gilles Street Primary School has different types of programs children can do. They can learn musical instruments like piano, violin, drums, viola and guitar. Gilles Street Primary School also provides Senior Voices and a school choir. The school has over 15 classes like maths, spelling, writing/English, science, history, handwriting and more!

Conclusion Gilles Street Primary School is a very cool school that has kids from all over the world! The school has IELC and Mainstream children. The pupils at the school are about 4 to 13 years old and have a very friendly environment!

By Laura

Gilles Street Primary School

Introduction Gilles Street Primary School is a public school located in the middle of Adelaide on Gilles Street. This school is a medium sized school. It has lots of rich history as it opened in 1900.

Description Gilles Street Primary School has around 365 students. It has two buildings, one that includes: I.E.L.C classes and classes from year 5-7, while the other building includes classes from Reception to year 4. Gilles Street Primary is a safe school. The students study and play in harmony. Kind and helpful staff take care of children from all around the world.

History Gilles Street Primary has some rich history. In the olden days there were a lot of strict rules. One of those rules was that boys were not allowed on the girls' side and the girls were not allowed on the boys' side of the playground. The boys used to go to the South Terrace Glover Playground whenever they wanted, without teacher supervision! Back then girls had their own sports and so did the boys. Boys had cricket, footy and rugby. The girls had to only do one sport which was basketball. In the olden days they didn't have an electronic bell they had a manual bell and a bell monitor. Every morning the bell monitor rang the bell.

When the bell rang the students used to line up in single file and march up to their classes.

Programs Gilles Street Primary has a lot of programs such as: Second language program and music. One of the programs is called I.E.L.P which stands for Intensive English Learning Program. This program is setup for people from all over the world who have no English. The I.E.L.C program teaches them English.

They have a secondary language Program. The secondary language is Spanish taught by a teacher called Senorita Alicia. There are lots of other programs such as performing arts taught by Mr. A. Two of the main programs are I.E.L.C and Mainstream which is for people who have an exceptional amount of English.

Conclusion For further Information please head to our website: www.gillesstps.sa.edu.au . I think it's the perfect school to enrol your child in don't you?

By Omar