Term 4 Diary Dates

Thursday 30th November
School Performance

Friday 1st December
Whole-school Assembly
(Premier’s Reading Challenge)
Circle of Friends

Tuesday 12th December
Year 7 Graduation

Friday 15th December
End-of-Year Assembly
Last day of school
2:15 pm Finish

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From the Principal

Week 5 already! As promised Term 4 is moving quickly. We started the term with a bang with a sensational fundraiser organised by our Parent and Community Engagement Group. The ‘Let’s Get Quizzical Games Night proved, once again, that not only do we have talented children but our parents also do alright! If you are able to support the PaCE group with good ideas, time or donations for prizes in raffles please subscribe to the Flexibuzz box for PaCE.

Thanks to all the parents/guardians that support all of our fundraising efforts. This term the Student Voice group have raised funds for CanTeen through the sale of bandannas and we bought cakes to support Veronica in Room 1 and 2 (Year 4/5) to raise funds for Fauna Rescue.

The pupil free day was also a big day for staff. We used the day to further explore the links between learning spaces and pedagogy. It is evident that using the environment as the ‘third teacher’ is a powerful way to connect children to authentic learning experiences. The New Venture Institute was an inspiring venue and highlighted the ways in which spaces can be organised in a variety of flexible ways. It will be exciting to see what happens when the theory shifts to practice and becomes visible across the school.

If you haven’t seen our new friendship bench – it’s out in the yard. Thanks to the Year 7 group who initiated the project, sponsorship from Bendigo Bank, the students who won the design competition and Reanna (OSH) and John Elliot who put on the final touches.

If you haven’t purchased tickets for this year’s End of Year Performance ‘Time Warp’ – make sure to do it sooner rather than later. It generally sells out quickly and is a not to be missed event on the school calendar.

Stay tuned for other end of year events on Flexibuzz.

Finally, mainstream end of year reports and class placement information will be sent out on the Wednesday 13 December.

Gyllian Godfrey
PRIMARY MATHS ASSOCIATION (PMA) CHALLENGE SA

Congratulations to Charlie and Alex in Year 5 for being named State Winners in the Primary Maths Association Challenge (South Australia). As a reward, Charlie and Alex, along with other students selected from other schools, were invited to a special dinner to celebrate their success. Here is what the boys had to say about their experience:

Alex: In Maths, Charlie and I researched how Mathematics can be used in soccer. We had about a week to complete the research.

Charlie: At the dinner, first they introduced the Minister of Education. There was a large crowd of photographers and families. They began to call out runners-up and they told us to line up. When they called out the winners Alex and I were quite nervous. When the Minister called out our names, we walked on stage, collected our trophies (and a plaque), and had our photo taken. As we walked off, Alex and I were greeted by very proud parents! After that, there was a buffet and we ate a LOT of food!"

FESTIVAL OF MUSIC

Late last term the Festival of Music concert series ran in Week 8 at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre. Gilles Street was represented by nearly 50 students who participated in 4 of the 6 concerts in various ways including as part of the Choir, as assisting artist with Himawari Daiko and as part of the opening with the Festival of Music Arena Percussionists. Some students were involved in all 3 groups and performed at several concerts.

Thank you to Paulene Thomas who lead Himawari Daiko, and to Alicia Alfaro, Jackie Iodz, Del Atkinson, Steph Marcus and Catharine Campbell who supported the students when I was working at the Festival as one of the Orchestra Managers. Thanks must also be given to all the families who supported the students by getting them to and from rehearsals.

Michael Aquilina
Performing Arts Teacher
Some happy snaps of our students who participated as Arena Percussionists and Himawari Daiko performers at the Entertainment Centre.

**CODING/FORENSICS AND BUBBLE SHOW INCURSIONS!**

For the past few weeks, our students across all year levels have enjoyed participating in a range of science activities learning about coding, forensics and how bubbles work. Students across all year levels put on their science/technology thinking caps to explain how certain system work. One of the highlights from the Bubble Show was when some teachers were put inside a bubble! The students were truly amazed when they saw a whole person inside it!
Gilles Street Primary School Proudly Presents

Time Warp

Thursday 30th November
1:00pm at the Royalty Theatre
65 Angus Street, Adelaide

Tickets: $12 each
Cash through SSO Room Monday – Thursday.
Correct Money Preferred.
Card via Front Office.
Tickets Available until Sold Out