



Gilles Street Primary School

2015 Newsletters

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Coming up...

Thu Nov 26

End of Year Performance

Wednesday Dec 3

Sports Presentation Night

Tuesday Dec 8

Volunteers Morning Tea
Year 7 Graduation

Friday Dec 11

End of Term 4
Assembly 2.15 pm
3:15 Finish

November 13, 2015

From the Principal

Parent volunteers and the Volunteering Award

This year we will be awarding our inaugural *Minister for Education and Child Development Volunteering Award for Outstanding Service*. This initiative is open for all public schools and was announced by the previous Minister for Education and Child Development, the Hon Jennifer Rankine MP. The school council has discussed the criteria and would like to acknowledge a member of our community during the Volunteers Morning Tea in Week 9 of this term. The council has identified many volunteers in our school who have fulfilled the criteria of length of service and commitment to the school showing regular service. We thank all of our volunteers who provide invaluable support to our students and staff.

Council News

During the last council meeting the Honourable Rachael Sanderson, the State Member for Adelaide, attended and spoke about the new city high school and issues with zoning. She was very interested to hear the community views at the meeting. Generally people felt that as Adelaide High and possibly the new

city high school would be in our local partnership then Gilles Street should have some preferences in attending these high schools regardless of zone. Rachael encouraged our community to correspond with their local members on this issue.

We thank Rachael for her time in attending our meeting.

The school council has also been working with the Adelaide City Council to investigate ways we can improve the safety for our students around the school. The Adelaide City Council will be making changes to the traffic lights in order to make them more visible for motorists. They have also suggested we highlight the "kiss and drop" zone in front of the basketball courts. We are investigating signs to identify these areas. We would like to thank you for your support in adhering to the traffic and parking rules as a motorist but also as pedestrians. It is important that we all use the crossing, especially when we are with our children. Not only is it the safer option but it reinforces this behaviour for your

children.

ARTS RAFFLE

Fancy winning a family pass to Womadelaide? Or maybe tickets to the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra, Christmas Proms at the Adelaide Festival Centre, SA Museum's Opals Exhibition or the Fringe Festival? Look out for raffle ticket sellers in the school yard before and after school in week 7 and at the door before the school concert. Winning tickets will be drawn at the concert and funds raised will go towards school development. Don't miss out!

WANT TO BE MORE ACTIVE IN YOUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY?

This amazing arts raffle has been put together by the **NEW** Parent and Community Engagement Group (A sub-committee of School Council). This group has big plans to create many opportunities for parents and families to become more involved with the school community. Just as a start, a Parent Class Representatives Program and Volunteer Register will be implemented in 2016. Look out for details early in the New Year and start thinking about how you might be able to help out. **Continued pg2**

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From the Principal CONTINUED

Michael and Music

There is a survey in this newsletter developed by Michael Aquilina, our new Arts teacher as of next year, in relation to instrumental music at Gilles Street Primary School for 2016. Please take the time to follow the link and complete the survey. We are reviewing our current situation and would love to hear your views

Fun Run

I am so amazed by the enthusiasm and the amount of generous support and donations already collected by students at Gilles Street from the recent Fun Run. To date we have raised approximately \$4500.00 with some amazing amounts from individual students.

Deb O'Neill

The Arts at GSPS - 2016

Dear Families

My name is **Michael Aquilina** and I have been appointed as the new Arts Teacher at Gilles Street Primary School in 2016.

In 2016 I would like to build and strengthen the current Instrumental Music program that is currently running. I am looking to collect data from families in relation to their thoughts on instrumental music at Gilles Street.

The survey should take between 5 to 10 minutes to complete. To complete the survey please head to <https://www.esurveycreeator.com/s/2a86381>

I am looking forward to working with your children in 2016.



 **canteen**
national bandanna day



Thank you for supporting National Bandanna day. We have raised \$712 to support young people living with cancer.



THE GRAND SLAM

**GRAND SLAM TICKETS
ON SALE \$12**

MONDAY NOV 16

From the Front Office

Vacation Care December/January

Bookings are now open for Vacation Care. A full schedule of activities and booking forms are available from the OSHC office. Please see Mira ASAP for more information and/or visit <http://www.gillesstps.sa.edu.au/OSHC>.

Open - 7.45am **Closed** - 6.00pm

Cost - \$51.00 per child per day
(excursion/activities included)

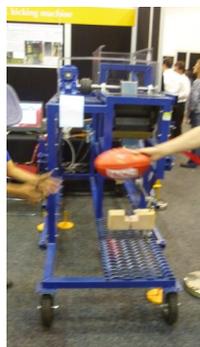
CCB available to eligible Parent/Caregivers

Room 11 Ingenuity Excursion

On Tuesday, 27th October, Room 11 students visited the Adelaide University Ingenuity 2015 exhibition. Students of engineering, mathematical and computer sciences showcased a variety of ingenious inventions and experimentations. Students were able to talk to these university students about their work introducing them to the different disciplines. Students were excited to see a wide range of different technology applications and the collaborative ways in which the university students worked together to achieve results. It was also great to hear the students talk about the challenges they faced and what did or didn't work during the year of their projects.

The AFL Kicking Machine

The AFL Kicking Machine kicks 65 meters! It can be used for training and practising your marking. It is also very cool. I think it will be useful in the future and footy clubs will buy it!



Dome House



Agro Robot



Exo skeleton



2016 Finance Information

The Watermarked Notice of the proposed M&S charges for 2016 were tabled at the School Council meeting held on Monday 2nd November. The proposed changes were discussed and the proposed changes approved. Thanks

BIZGATE

From 2016 the department will no longer be using Bizgate as a payment option. To replace Bizgate, we have established Direct Debit, which is a convenient option and makes school fees more manageable and budget friendly.

Forms for direct debiting will be sent home to families with your 2016 M&S invoices.

Tracey Aberle

Finance Manager

Junior Primary Dog & Cat Safety

First we learnt to ask the owner of the dog if you can pat the dog. Never touch an angry dog. Never touch or pat a dog with a yellow and red collar. Tell an adult if an angry dog runs up to you. Don't touch a scared dog.

Leila, Room 6



Remembrance Day

On Remembrance Day, students from Rooms 12, 13 and 14 attended the memorial service at West Terrace Cemetery.

A moving speech was given by Keith Payne, he was a soldier in the Vietnam War and he had won a Victoria Cross medal for bravery.

There were some soldiers there and students from other schools.

We stood for one minute's silence after the Last Post.

Lest We Forget

Written by room 14



I learned when a dog comes and has an owner with the dog, you need to ask them "may I please pat your dog?" I also learned that when an angry dog comes, you stop and look at the ground and be quiet as a mouse with hands by your sides and the dog will be happy.

Eyob, Room 6

Today Room 6 went to a dog lesson. We learned how to be safe from dogs. When a dog is angry his fur will pop out looking like spikes sometimes and the tail will move left to right very slowly. When a dog is happy its tail will move very fast. People put cats in a cage so they don't go hunting for animals.

Sammy, room 6



Parents/Caregivers of Primary School
students are warmly invited to an
INFORMATION EVENING

on our
IGNITE Program for Gifted Students
(including the ACER Assessment)

When: **Thursday 3 December 2015**

Time: **6:30pm**

Where: **Glenunga International High School**
in the Performing Arts Centre

To register your interest in attending this information evening please
follow the link <http://www.trybooking.com/JQ5B>

Assessment will be held on **Saturday 27 February 2016**
at **Glenunga International High School**



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JUNIOR CRICKET

Teams for under 10, 12 & 14 players

- * No experience required
- * No equipment required
- * We invite you to come and give it a try
- * 100% Junior dedicated Sports Club

Training ~ Tuesday Nights @ 4.30pm – 6pm @ Forbes Primary School Cricket Net

Matches ~ Sunday morning at local ground/schools (EJSC Home Grounds are Edwardstown Memorial Oval & Forbes PS)

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