Thursday 28th of March, 2019

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Thank you to all parents, caregivers and friends of Gilles Street Primary School who attended the official opening of our new school mural. The mural is the result of collaboration between students, teachers and artists with the finished product being something that all in our community can be very proud of and enjoy looking at every day – it has certainly brightened up our school yard!

Many people collaborated to make the mural idea a reality and thank you to all students, staff, parents and artists who contributed towards the final product.

School Crossing

Thank you to the many parents and caregivers who consistently use the road crossing at the front of Gilles Street Primary School in the intended way.

Your safe use of this pedestrian crossing supports the safety of you and your children and sets the right example for others who need to cross the road when arriving at or departing from our school.

Unfortunately, I am becoming increasingly concerned with the number of people who are not using this crossing in the intended way and crossing the road in non-designated crossing areas.

Gilles Street is a busy street and not all cars, trucks and buses are on the lookout for children and adults who need to cross the road. When children see other children and adults cross the road in areas away from the crossing they may think this is okay and follow others to cross the street in areas where car, bus and truck drivers are not expecting pedestrians to be.

Our street crossing is there for the specific purpose of keeping everyone safe when they cross the road.

Please refrain from walking through the staff carpark. This is a busy, congested area and people taking a short cut through this area are placing themselves and their children at unnecessary risk.

I am looking forward to seeing all in our school community using this crossing safely.

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

Students in years 3, 5 and 7 will take part in the annual NAPLAN testing from Monday 13th to Friday 17th of May. Week 3 Term 2.

Gilles Street students undertake these tests online, apart from Year 3 Writing, and Mr Tucker is currently working with year 3, 5 and 7 teachers to make sure our system is working efficiently and to ensure children are prepared for this process.

More information will be shared with you closer to the NAPLAN testing week; however, if you have any questions or concerns regarding NAPLAN please do not hesitate to contact us at school.

School Camps

Next week is a big week for Gilles Street Primary School camps. On Tuesday a group of 25 year 7 students will head to Canberra and...
on Wednesday year 3 and 4 students are heading to Glenhaven Park.
Both groups will return Friday. These camps promise to be a worthwhile learning experience for all students involved and I am sure they will have many exciting stories to share upon their return.
Mr Tucker is leading the year three and four camp and I will be part of the year 3/4 camp. Kristy Cannon, Assistant Principal Wellbeing and Inclusion, will be acting principal in my absence.

Important Dates
We are approaching the end of term one at an incredibly fast rate and this is the last newsletter for the term.
Please remember Friday 12th of April is the final day of term one and students will be dismissed at 2:15pm on that day.
School returns on Monday 29th of April and some important term two dates include the Mother’s Day Breakfast on Friday 10th May, NAPLAN Week 3, OSHC Advisory Committee 13th May, School Council 20th May and Pupil Free Day for Writing Professional Development on Friday 7th June.
Mainstream Student Reports will be sent home on Friday 21st of June followed by interviews during weeks nine and ten.
If you have any questions regarding Gilles Street Primary School please do not hesitate to contact us at school.
Have a great week!
Kind regards
Michael

Mural Opening
Wow! What a difference a few weeks makes! What feels like only a matter of days ago we had a drab blue wall on the western side of our court that cast gloom onto the yard.
Now we have an explosion of colour and creativity professionally painted by our guest artists, Mike, Shane and Jasmine!
This wonderful outcome would not have been possible without the work of Senorita Alicia and Val who drove it from our school end. As has been publicly acknowledged previously, financial support from the Adelaide City Council and The Adelaide Fringe also contributed enormously to the success of the project.
Please take the time to look at the piece and spot as many of the cultural representations as you can that are included!

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In glorious autumn sunshine it was a fantastic day last Tuesday, the 19th of March as we ‘cut the ribbon’ to officially open the new artwork.
Thankyou to all the parents, carers and family members who came to mark this special occasion. Thanks must also go to Michael A and Pauline Thomas who had the taiko drumming group ready for a performance so early in the year!

Zooper Dooper Fundraiser
At recess-time on the day of the opening, we had a Zooper Dooper sale.
We raised $364.50 which will go towards our Year 7 Graduation celebration.
Thankyou to Mrs McMahon for arranging the purchase of the Zooper Doopers.
By the Fundraising Leadership Group
On the 5th of March, 11 of our fastest Gilles Street students packed their swimmers and were involved in the East Adelaide District SAPSASA Swimming Day. We were up against it as there were many schools involved in the meet much larger than ours.

All of our students represented the school well (both in the pool and out) and I was so proud of everyone’s effort.

In particular I’d like to make a special mention to Isabella Sloan from Room 11, who won her heat for the 12 year olds 50m Butterfly and came 3rd overall!

Congratulations to all of our participants for the day!

George Thring - Physical Education Teacher
Community News

Adelaide Junior Bulldogs Football Club

Join the best community sports hub in Adelaide. Registrations for boys & girls aged 7-11 are now open.

Training has started, from 5.15-6.15pm on Thursdays with subsidised hot meals available afterwards!

Sunday games start at the beginning of May.

Auskick (ages 4-6) registrations from June 3

For more details and registration page, please visit http://bit.ly/ALSC-Juniors

Please contact Matt Bradley on 0430 230 840 for any coaching queries or Kathryn Clark for club related matters

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