OFF THE WALL PARTY
- 20th SEPTEMBER

As a means of acknowledging the wonderful mural that has been such a prominent feature of our school for just over 10 years now, we will be holding a celebration on the 20th September 2013. The wall and mural will be demolished during the next school holidays and will be landscaped as a green space. The Off-The Wall party will include a BBQ, run by the Rotary Club of Adelaide East, cake, raffles and a performance by our Taiko Drummers. It will be a wonderful way to acknowledge the beautiful art work and our artist, Christine Lawrence. The BBQ will begin at 5.00pm with the official ceremony beginning at 5.45pm. There will also be an opportunity for you to have your say on how the space may be used in the future via our concept boards. If you have any ideas please bring them along. If you are able to help with raffle donations please drop them at the front reception or give them to your child’s teacher. Any dinner vouchers, new items or gift vouchers would be greatly appreciated.

Sports Day
We hope the fine weather will extend into the next few weeks in preparation for our annual Sports Day on Thursday 12th September. It looks like being a wonderful day again and preparations are well underway. I believe there are also a few new team chants which the children will be learning. We have organised for coffee on the day and the programme can be found on Page 2.

School Closure Day
Friday the 13th September is our school closure day for a day of local significance. We, like many schools across Adelaide, choose this day while the Royal Adelaide Show is in progress. The school will be closed for the day however Out of School Hours Care will be operating at this stage. Please see Mira to book your place. If we do not have enough children booked we may not be able to offer this service. Last day to book is Friday 6th September.

Hats
We are a Sun Smart school and hats are required to be worn from 1st September until 30th April. If children do not have hats they are required to sit in the shade. Hats are available from the front office for $12.

Good luck Miss Amy
Best wishes to Amy and her partner Finn on the impending arrival of their new baby. Amy will be on maternity leave as of this week and we wish her all the best. Amy will be replaced by Janet Leadbeater for the remainder of the year. Janet has worked at Giles Street previously and has already spent a considerable amount of time in the classroom getting to know the children.

Rotary Club of Adelaide East - Federal Election
Gilles Street Primary school will be a polling booth for the September 7th Federal Election. Adelaide East Rotary Club will be holding a Sausage Sizzle. All monies raised will be donated to the club’s international project supporting the community of a Balinese Primary School. If you vote in Adelaide we would appreciate your support on the day.
SPORTS DAY 2013

Sports Day is Thursday 12th of September, which is the day before our Royal Show, School Closure Day. Attached is a copy of the timetable for the day. Weather permitting, we will have lunch in the Glover Playground, which will not make it possible for students to have a lunch order on the day.

During the day, feel free to support and encourage your child/children as they go from event to event. The focus of our Sports Day is participation, teamwork and having fun and we encourage you to foster these attributes in your children.

As with last year, we will have the Coffee Van onsite for the day.

As the organised part of the day is likely to finish before our regular dismissal of 3.15, there is the opportunity for you to take your child/ren with you early. Your child’s class teacher will have an early sign out sheet, please make sure that you inform them and complete this form so we are aware of which students we are responsible for at all times.

In the event of inclement weather you will be notified as soon as possible.

Thanks from the Sports Committee

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**Travelling Around W.A. - by Ebony**

Ebony and her family have travelled around Western Australia to places like Broome, One Arm Point, Cape Leveque, Fitzroy Crossing, Wundjana Gorge, Gekie Gorge, Tunnel Creek and the Bungle Bungles... just to name a few.

The Aboriginal culture and Dreaming is very spiritual and beautiful. The breathtaking rock formations, flora and fauna are exquisite.

Ebony's tribal groups are Kokatha, Mirrning, Jaru and Nyoonar (Ballardong). Ebony has travelled since she was a baby with her poppy, nanna and mum. She has been taught about her culture from a very young age.

The privilege she has throughout her life as far as travelling to such remote areas, is something that many dream of doing.

Whilst living in Fitzroy Crossing, Ebony got to experience the remote outback lifestyle and to see all its beauties and wonders.

Ebony, her sisters, Aunty Stella and mum love to go down to Little Bridge and go swimming. There is always a current rushing but at the same time it is so much fun in the flowing water.

In the mighty Fitzroy River there is clay, sinking sand and also a huge current. Ebony loves to float on her back but when she opens her eyes she can end up five metres away from her aunty and two sisters.

Ebony and her family would also love going to Old Bridge, where it is known to have crocodiles. These crocodiles are freshies not salties, although when the mighty Fitzroy River is flowing, you need to be careful in case some salties flow in with the running water.

Ebony's dreaming is the whale dreaming, which is in the Great Australian Bight.

*Ebony would like to thank her mother for editing her report before publication.*

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**Netball Reports**

On Thursday 1st August, GSPS Jets played St Dominic's Dodgers. The scores were Jets 18 to the Dodgers 19. It was a very good game. We would like to thank Jasmine J., Aaliyah, Jasmine M. & Chelsea Crabtree for filling in. By Ebony

Gilles Street Blue Ice Netball Team also played St Dominic's Diamonds. We lost 19 - 4 though everyone played really well. By Tigerlily.

On the 8th of August, the GSPS Jets played against the SAC Screaming Squirrels. We lost by 3 goals. The scores were 16 – 13. We showed lots of resilience and courage, even though we lost. I think that GSPS Jets are showing a great improvement from the start of the season. Thank you to Shorrell, Stella and Aaliyah for filling in for the team. Without your help we would have done much worse.

By Nalini

The Gilles Street Blue Ice Netball Team played SAC Diamonds. We won 11 – 8. By Stella.

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**JP SRC Pyjama Day**

The JP SRC hosted another successful Pyjama Day. Thanks to the older SRC students who helped out with breakfast.

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**Book Week Concert**

On Friday Week 5, we celebrated the joys of books and reading at our special Book Week concert. We were entertained by wonderful films, songs and performances. The parade of costumes highlighted the creativity of children and families in making book characters come alive.

The winners of the book promotion competition were: Junior Primary - Niamh T. And James N.D.; Primary – Jessica S.W. and Lila O. Congratulations! Our second-hand book sale raised $133 for the year 7 graduation. Many thanks to all who helped to make Book Week special.

Alison Hicks - Teacher Librarian
OSHC

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

Friday 13th August 2013

Bookings Now OPEN

Operating Times: Open - 7.45am  Closed - 6.00pm

($20.00 late pickup fee applies after 6.00pm)

Cost - $47.00 per child per day (Fasta Pasta Lunch and Jumping Castle)

CCB available to eligible Parent/Caregivers

After School Care will be available. Please pick up booking and excursion consent form from OSHC office.

PLEASE NOTE:

Bookings will be final at the time the booking form is returned to the Service.

No cancellation will be accepted after the booking form is received and Parents/ Caregivers will be charged regardless of attendance.

Last day to book:  Wednesday 4th SEPTEMBER - WITHOUT EXCEPTION