



Gilles Street Primary School Newsletter

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Coming up...

Wed Feb 11

Acquaintance Night

Fri Feb 13

Week 3 Whole School
Assembly - Hosted by Rooms
18 & 19

Sun Feb 22

Bunnings Mile End BBQ
Fundraiser

Mon Mar 2

School Council AGM

From the principal

Hello and welcome back to the 2015 school year. It has been wonderful to see so many smiling faces, in particular our 70 new students, including 37 mainstream reception students starting school for the first time. We also welcome Carrie Beecher teaching Junior Primary in the IELC and Alicia Alfaro who will be teaching Spanish Mainstream three days a week and Year 6/7 on Thursdays with Mr Muxlow.

The term ahead looks wonderful beginning with our **Acquaintance Night** on Wednesday 11th of February. This year we are combining the Acquaintance Night with a Multi-Cultural Family Picnic. This will include a classroom visit between 5.00 pm and 6.00pm followed by a shared picnic at the Glover Playground in the South Parklands from 6.00-7.30pm. Class visits will be staggered to allow most families to visit more than one classroom if required. It will also give people an opportunity to mingle in an informal setting with staff

and other parents from your child's class.

We ask that you bring a plate of food to your child's classroom to share after the class visits. Please label the food if 'Vegetarian' or 'Halal'. Remember that we are a 'Nut Aware School' so please avoid using nut products in the cooking or **clearly label** those foods which may contain nuts. There are no reheating facilities at the playground.

Swimming will begin in week 6 and continues into week 7. You will be informed of your child's times in the coming weeks. The Unley pool has a 'No Photo Policy' therefore no photos will be allowed to be taken at the pool. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

If you are thinking of being on **School Council** then please see a current member or one of the staff. We need your support and it is a fantastic opportunity to be involved in school life. A flier for the **Annual General Meeting** held on 2nd March will be coming out soon and we would love to see you there.

We have been given the opportunity to host a fund-

raiser at the **Bunnings BBQ at Mile End** on Sunday 22nd of February. This is a popular site and a great fundraiser. All money raised will go towards our grounds development. If you would like to help, please contact deb.oneill702@schools.sa.edu.au with times in which you are able to assist. I will develop a roster and contact all who have volunteered.

Our **grounds development** continues with the site next door expected to be completed by the end of February with the installation of a rebound surface basketball / netball and handball courts. Once this is completed we will begin planning for the rest of the site development. There is a very active committee that has begun working on ideas and we will employ a consultant to assist us. There is an ideas board near the front office rear door for any suggestions you may have. Please feel free to add your comments.

We look forward to a very exciting year ahead.

Deb O'Neill, Principal

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Gilles Street On Line

At Gilles Street Primary School we believe that connecting with families is an important part of our work and very empowering for student learning.

We have many ways to keep you in touch with what is happening at school.

We believe in looking after our environment and so to reduce paper waste this newsletter is digitally published fortnightly and can be downloaded from our website. A reminder is posted via Facebook and Twitter when it is available for download.

You may also choose to subscribe to our Gilles Street News in Brief - this sends out the key information you need each fortnight straight to your

inbox.

Posts to Facebook and tweets to Twitter are also updated at regular intervals. 'Like' or 'Follow' us for updates, make sure to 'Get notifications' in your settings.

Important dates are published in the 'What's happening?' section of our home page too.

Class Galleries and class blogs will be some of the ways in which class teachers communicate about what is happening in individual classes. These areas/sites will be password protected. Please do not share class passwords beyond your immediate family.

Please take the time to read consent forms regarding the



Caption describing picture or graphic.

use of images of your children through social media.

We are very careful as to how we post information including images of students with consents in place in order to protect their privacy. This is in line with the DECD policies and guidelines regarding social media.

Gyllian Godfrey
Innovation and Learning
Coordinator

External Review

As part of our continuous school improvement we will be involved in an External School Review with a review panel. The purpose of external school reviews is to support schools to raise achievement, sustain high performance and provide quality assurance to build public confidence in government schools. All government schools will be externally reviewed over the next four year period.

The focus of the review is to evaluate schools' performance - **How well does the school improve achievement, growth, challenge, engagement and equity?**

The External School Review will be held at our school on 23rd and 24th of February

The review panel consists of a review officer and a trained review principal.

We will find out the aspects of the school's performance which have been validated through the review processes as well as any improvements on which we need to focus. During the external school review, some students, parents, governing council members and staff will be asked to provide information to the review panel in a number of ways. These include:

- individual interviews
- focus group discussions (with students or staff or parents)
- meetings (usually governing council, staff meeting)
- observations of student learning

We appreciate your support and time in helping us with this external school review process. **Please complete the reply slip below and return to the front office by February 13th if you DO NOT WANT your child to participate.**

If you would like more information please contact Deb O'Neill on 82235184.

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EXTERNAL SCHOOL REVIEW PROCESS

NAME: _____ Child's Name: _____

I **do not** want my child in room to be involved in the external school review discussions.

Signed _____

Car Parking

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Each year the Adelaide City Council (ACC) writes to schools to reiterate their concerns regarding the number of drivers who park illegally in the vicinity of schools in the City and North Adelaide and the safety issues that this causes. This is not a new issue and the main problems occur at school start and finish times. The council provides this information to support drivers around schools. Unfortunately it is often parents of children attending the schools that put their own children at risk. We would like to be proactive and prevent any major incident rather than having to react after the event. The ACC is very clear that vehicles parked illegally

will be expiated. Both the Adelaide City Council Parking & Information Officers and the Eastern Adelaide Police recognise the importance of this issue and will monitor the situation and deal with breaches accordingly. Parents are our children's greatest role models so please be mindful of your own behaviour around our school, whether in relation to where you park or the respect shown to Officers trying to ensure pedestrian safety.



Parking Zones around the school are put in place to ensure pedestrian safety. Children are in particular danger near schools because:

- *Their small size makes it hard for drivers to see them between traffic, parked cars, stobie poles and other obstacles.*
- *They are easily distracted and may not be aware of traffic.*
- *They may suddenly run onto the road - e.g. to meet a parent.*

Some road rules you particularly need to be aware of are:

- *You must **not** stop in a **NO STOPPING** Zone, even for a few seconds to pick up your child.*
- *You **may** stop in a **NO PARKING ZONE** for a few seconds to pick up a child who is waiting near by. You must **not** park or leave the vehicle.*
- *You must **not** double park, or stop in the line of traffic, to pick up or drop off a child.*
- *You must **not** stop in a bicycle lane.*
- *You must **not** stop within 20 metres before a crossing or 10 metres after a crossing.*
- *You must **not** stop within 10 metres of an intersection or junction without traffic lights.*

If you have any enquiries regarding this information please contact Adelaide City Council on 8203 7203.

Image: <http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/c/c8/Parking.in.rome.ar.jpg>

GSPS VALUES

Throughout 2015 we will be actively promoting and modeling our school values in classes.

The first of these core values are **respect and diversity**. "We believe that through learning from each other and by studying a global curriculum children develop awareness and understanding of cultures which leads to a deeper appreciation of the richness of humanity." During the first half of Term 1, classes will be exploring concepts of RESPECT and what that looks like, sounds like and feels like as a part of our learning community here at school. We would love your support to continue these discussions at home.



PLEASE HELP! VOLUNTEER TO BE A MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL COUNCIL in 2015.

We need enthusiastic and dedicated members of our school community to be part of our dynamic council.

Find out what's going on.

Be involved in educational decision making.

Get to know the staff and community.

AGM will be held on Monday March 2nd.

Please put this date in your diaries.

2015 Welcome at the Imagination Station

What a fantastic welcome to the 2015 school year we had on Tuesday. 2014 SRC representatives welcomed students, parents and staff at the Imagination Station. Everyone who came through the gates was invited to share their ideas on what school could be like.



Community Notices

Child & Adolescent Sleep Clinic

**child & adolescent
sleep clinic**



**Does your child have
a sleep problem?**

Does your child:

- refuse to go to bed at night
- have trouble falling asleep
- wake up and cannot get back to sleep
- have trouble waking up or getting out of bed in the morning
- often sleep in their parents' bed or bedroom or need a parent present to help them fall asleep
- miss school or feel fatigued throughout the school day

The child & adolescent sleep clinic in the School of Psychology at Flinders University provides treatment for children & adolescents of all ages.

For more information please call 8201 7587 or email casc.enquiries@flinders.edu.au

 Find us on Facebook
www.facebook.com/cascsleep

SA School Dental Service

All babies, children and young people under 18 years are welcome to attend the School Dental Service. **Dental care is FREE for most children.**

SA Dental Service participates in the *Child Dental Benefits Schedule*. A small fee may apply for children who are not eligible for the *Child Dental Benefits Schedule*.

All dental care provided is FREE for preschool children.

To locate your local School Dental Clinic, or for more information about the *Child Dental Benefits Schedule*, please visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au



Unley High School Open Evening

**2015
OPEN EVENING**

6:00pm-8:00pm

**Tuesday
March
3**

Special Entry Rowing Program
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