From the Principal

What to say when children say they're bored these holidays

School holidays are here and although it is a great thing to take the school day pressure off it can also be a time where we, as parents, feel we need to entertain and provide challenging and exciting events for our children! Well, advice from Madhavi Nawana Parker is that we don’t have to and we shouldn’t.

Madhavi presented a training session last week for staff followed by a parent information session on the topic of positive psychology and positive discipline. This approach employs a guidance approach rather than one of punishment. I must say it was one of the best sessions I have attended around behaviour development and positive discipline. Staff and parents came out of these sessions with many really useful strategies and common sense ways of responding to student behaviour. Madhavi Nawana Parker is a psychologist specialising as a Behavioural Consultant, providing support for families and schools specialising in those living with Autism and Asperger Syndrome. Her role involves developing and facilitating social skills programs throughout Adelaide as well as advising schools and other organisations of appropriate ways to encourage the social and emotional development of children. This year we have employed her services to assist us in developing positive ways of supporting our students with their social emotional development under the Kids Matter framework. For many of us her approach involves a way of reframing and refocussing the way we speak and respond in situations when dealing with positive and negative behaviours.

The response was so great from parents who attended that we intend to run another session in the near future. Stay tuned.

So what should you say when your child tells you they are bored these holidays? Respond with “yes I have noticed that you look a bit bored. I am sure you will come up with an idea soon!”

Old Rembrandt Site

We have some exciting news in relation to the old buildings next door. Over the July School Holidays it is the intention that the buildings will be demolished and the land cleared. There are no definite long term plans for the site once this happens, so in the short term turf will be laid so that we will be able to utilise open space hopefully before the end of the year.

Due to the condition of the building and the asbestos that is present, the school site will be closed during this time. Mira and the OSHC team will be organising alternative arrangements for students who use Vacation Care.

On the down side of this, it means that the mural will also be demolished. The school council is eager to hear your thoughts on how we can mark this occasion with a celebration (perhaps a demolition party?)

Please contact a member of the council or see me with any ideas.

End of Term

I would like to wish you all a very happy and safe holiday and look forward to seeing you next term. Remember that Monday 29th April is a Pupil free day with term 2 starting for student on the 30th April.

Regards Deb
Room 12 Science & Design and Technology

By Te Arawhai & Anna

Working in groups of 3 we designed, made and created a model using lights.

The 3 main design constraints were to include a series or parallel circuit, 5 different materials and 5 joining techniques. Also, our pencilled designs had to be drawn, coloured and symbols labelled in our design and tech books.

After the design was checked, we constructed the models, dividing the work equally. Our class worked well in groups and communicated effectively while learning about circuits.

The Story Thieves Stole Our Hearts

‘Every living thing must have a shadow and every shadow must have a living thing’ - The White Bat

The Story Thieves performance created by Windmill Theatre was an innovative installation at the Festival Centre. Writer Julianne O’Brien wrote the comprehensive script of The Story Thieves.

The production featured frozen parents, telepathic twins, a spooky journey through a bat cave and a murky, stinking swamp. Students thought the many messages of this production could be:

- Be careful what you wish for
- Every shadow must have a living thing
- Every living thing must have a story
- Every living thing should have a home

Groups of 4 people at a time moved through the mystical installation designed by Casey Van Sebille, to experience being in an amazing adventure. The audience would go through the installation as either Fortune, Fable, the Night orphans, or Billie and Jackie the Day twins.

The director of this amazing installation was Rosemary Meyers, as well as the students from the Mimili Anangu School and Woodville High, who helped to design and build the set. Room 11 was part of the process of creating the production and helped with the feedback.

The sound designer, Andrew Howard recorded the voice of Fable with one of the boys from Woodville High. Overall, a spooky atmosphere was created and recorded on the soundtrack on the computer. Listening to the sound of the voiceover on headphones and iPod shuffles, the audience participation was definitely the best part.

Mrs Zogopolous’s class agreed that The Story Thieves was an amazing, atmospheric and adventurous tale for all the young theatregoers.

-Eli, Hawi, Wihanga and Helena
I'm pleased to announce that in Term 2 this year Mrs. Zogopolous's year 5 students will be taking part in an exciting project “Faces of Adelaide”, organized by Phil Allan, public officer of Afrikarts and funded by the Adelaide City Council.

Our aim is to create a visual representation of the history, culture and social fabric of Hutt Street and surrounding areas over the last 80 years, through the stories of the people who have lived, worked and socialized there.

Students of Gilles Street PS and Adelaide City Arts will work with artist Jean Marc Agbogba to create masks that reflect these stories.

Jean Marc is a dancer and mask maker from the Ivory Coast and has formed the 

Sun of Africa music/ drumming/dance group.

We will have 6 half day sessions from 10:30 –1:20 on Mondays starting in week 2 term 2, 6th May.

The launch of the stories and masks will be at the Nexus Cabaret (Lion Arts Centre) incorporating a movement piece on Thursday 27th June at 5pm. On Monday 25th of March, Phil took us on a very interesting walking tour of the Hutt Street precinct introducing us to the history, architecture and stories of the area.

Christine Lawrence
Visual Arts teacher
Thank you to the Gilles Street Community for your support in our bake sale.
We are glad to say that we have raised $479, $179 more than our goal.
The money we have raised will be going towards the year 7 graduation.
THANK YOU!
YEAR 7s!

Room 12
Nalini
Amira
Luca
Room 14
Sukhwinder - Learning
Zahra - Persistence

We are looking for any Year 3’s who would like to join our Minkey Hockey team to practice on Wednesdays and play on Fridays after school in the South Parklands. Lots of Fun! Please ask your teacher for further information. Practice starts Week 1, Term 2 and games start Week 2, Term 2.