Dear parents and caregivers,

Students and staff are working together to put the finishing touches on the famous Gilles Street Primary School End of Year Performance.

It has been fantastic to see classes working hard with Mr A during Performing Arts lessons and with their class teachers at other times, to practice their items. I am sure that this hard work will lead to another outstanding performance at the Royalty Theatre next Thursday 28th November.

Tickets are selling fast and we are expecting a full house for what will be a great event.

Staff and students are looking forward to seeing you there.

Welcome 2020 Reception Students

We are expecting forty reception students to start at Gilles Street in 2020 and yesterday, Wednesday 20th of November, we welcomed these children and their parents to Gilles Street.

Our transitioning reception students worked with Miss Evana and Miss Rachael during the first part of the day while parents met in the library and then took part in a school tour.

These children will continue their transition process over the next two weeks and we are looking forward to them officially starting school on Tuesday 28th January 2020.

School Improvement Plan Review and Friday 22nd November Pupil Free Day

Please remember that tomorrow is a Pupil Free Day. Staff will use this day to review our three year School Improvement Plan and discuss how we can continue to sharpen our focus on Reading, Writing and Mathematics improvement in 2020.

Gilles Street Primary School’s 2019 to 2021 School Improvement Plan Goals are:

1. Increase student achievement in Reading; reception to year two.
2. Increase student higher achievement band achievement in Writing.
3. Increase student higher band achievement in Mathematics.

There are many layers of Actions, Timelines, Roles & Responsibilities, Resources and Success Criteria that lie beneath these goals and support us to continually shift our current teaching and learning practice to a higher level.

Following this review and planning process an updated version of the School Improvement Plan will be available on our school website.
School Council discussed a range of topics including the council’s decision to increase the Materials and Services Charge in 2020, initial approval of the School Dress Code, support for the building of a Well Being and Inclusion office in Building C and the intention to begin the school yard upgrade once suitable quotes have been received.

The final meeting of the School Council School Uniform Subcommittee will be held this week and following this the School Dress Code will be sent to the school community for a three month consultation period.

Details of how you can provide feedback during the consultation period will be made available when the Dress Code is distributed.

Our School Council has also been successful in lobbying the Department for Education to begin upgrading our school buildings. We are expecting work to begin on Building 1 very soon and the approval to tender process is underway for Building 3.

The final School Council meeting for 2019 will be held on Monday 2nd of December.

2020 Class Placement

The Personnel Advisory Committee is hoping to have the 2020 class structure finalised very soon.

At this stage we have not been advised of teachers who will be filling contract vacancies and this is a very important part of the class structure process.

When this is finalised I will send a message to all families to let them know what this structure is and who will be teaching each class.

Following this teachers will be working together to allocate students into classes. This is not a fast process and every effort will be made to place your child into the class that best supports their learning and wellbeing.

If you have any information you believe needs to be considered for your child’s 2020 class placement please send us an email to dl.0120.info@schools.sa.edu.au with the subject 2020 Class Placement.

2020 class placements will be sent to families with end of year student reports on Friday of week nine.

If you know that your child will not be attending Gilles Street PS in 2020 please let us know as this may enable us to offer enrolment to a family who has their child on our waiting list.

If you have any questions or suggestions regarding Gilles Street Primary school please do not hesitate to give me a buzz or send me an email.

Have a great week!

Kind regards

Michael Bawden

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**Materials & Services Fees**

There has been an increase in the proposed GSPS Materials & Services charges from 2019 to 2020.

You have previously received a letter from David Conroy, Chair of the School Council, polling the school community regarding the increase in the legally recoverable portion of the Materials and Services Fees. A copy of the letter and voting slip is located on the school website at [www.gillesstps.sa.edu.au/Whole-School-Publications](http://www.gillesstps.sa.edu.au/Whole-School-Publications) under the 2019 School Council Information tab.

Please return the tear off slip to the Front Office by the close of the poll, Tuesday 26th of November.
Remembrance Day is a very important day for all of the countries that fought in WWI. It is not a day of celebration, nor a day of happiness. It is a day of solemn remembrance of what has happened. It is a day that remembers the eleventh of November 1918. When survivors look around and remember the battles won, the battles lost, and are amazed that they survived.


These are what we remember and why we should never forget.

The guest speaker modern day veteran Major Alex Heidenrick was asked the question, “Is War worth it?”. His reply spoke of the importance of Remembrance Day.

Even after years of thinking about his service he still cannot find a definite answer. The question itself has a lot of sides to it. To a veteran, there are many things in war that seem worth it but many others that contradict them. The shaming and injuries are clearly negative but the benefits of knowing they not only defended their country, but their friends and family may outweigh them. Today the Major thinks the fighting is more for political ideas than for land and power.

The excursion to West Terrace Cemetery for Remembrance Day was definitely worth it. Not only did it educate us, but also let us pay our respects to soldiers that sacrificed themselves for us. We would recommend going next year as well.

Thanks to Bella and Niamh who presented the collage tributes on behalf of our school community.

By the students of Room 13
‘Tis the Season! - Community News

Carols in the Square.

THURSDAY 5 DECEMBER 2019
5.30pm - 9.00pm

Whitmore Square
FREE EVENT

For further information
Please contact us on
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ADELAIDE VICTORY FC
SEASON 2020
Under 14 JPL Boys
Limited positions are available in our
Under 14 JPL Boys team &
Under 9 & Under 11 Mini Roo teams
for Season 2020

Free Kids Craft
Paper Christmas Tree Workshop

Using recycled materials and paper learn how to make a gorgeous
flower covered Christmas tree with craft extraordinaire Kajal.
All materials are supplied. Suitable for all ages. Children must be accompanied
by a parent or guardian.

Saturday 14 December 10:30 am to 12:00 pm
Hutt Street Library

Bookings preferred via bfc@cityofadelaide.com.au

IGNITE Program for Gifted and Talented Students

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

INFORMATION EVENING
to better understand opportunities offered by our
program and the ACER Assessment process

When: Wednesday 11 December 2019
Time: 6.30pm
Where: Glenunga International High School
in the Performing Arts Centre

To register your interest in attending please follow the link
https://www.trybooking.com/570594

Assessment for entry to the 2021 IGNITE Program will be held on
Saturday 27 February 2020 at Glenunga International High School