Dear parents and caregivers

Thank you to all families who attended Friday’s Sports day. We were blessed with near perfect weather and students responded by enthusiastically engaging in the day’s events. It was fantastic to have so many parents / caregivers and grandparents in attendance to support Gilles Street Primary School children throughout the day.

Thank you to PaCE for running a terrific BBQ, to the people who cut the oranges for recess, to Mr Tucker for his organisation and, most importantly, to Gilles Street Students for the way you conducted yourselves.

Community Expo

Wowee! How good was Wednesday’s Community Expo?

Thank you to Meagan Hart and her team of energetic volunteers for organising the expo and thank you to everyone who took part.

It was brilliant to see so many people in attendance and mingling with the 30 service providers. I hope that this event has led to people in our school community learning more about the services available in our area and that connections made at the expo will strengthen your engagement with our school and local community.

We are looking to make this event even bigger and better next year so if you have any suggestions please send these to Meagan.

NAPLAN

Student NAPLAN Reports, for year three, five and seven children, have just arrived and will be sent to parents / caregivers next week.

Class teachers have only just gained access to these documents and will be working through them to identify learning areas where students are doing well and where they need support to improve.

These reports are a record of achievement at a point in time – as that point in time was early in term two many students will have progressed well beyond the achievement that is represented in these reports.

If you have any questions regarding your child’s NAPLAN report please make a time to
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meet your child’s teacher.

Whole school NAPLAN results will be analysed by the Gilles Street staff. These results will give us an indication of our school’s teaching and learning strengths and where we need to improve. They also help us identify the professional development we need to implement to ensure teachers at Gilles Street can design learning program that meet students’ learning needs.

School Uniform

It is great to see a growing number students wearing school uniform. Our school does not have a uniform policy; however, there are many benefits that come from wearing school uniform. These include developing a sense of school identity, safety in all situations through easy identification, simple choice of clothes to wear to school each day and reduction of competitiveness in regard to wearing fashion labels.

If children are not wearing school uniform it is important that they wear clothing that is primary school appropriate; does not display inappropriate messages, is not a singlet or midriff top and is not dominated by fashion labels.

Appropriate school hats need to be worn in terms one, three and four, in line with our Skin Protection Policy. These hats need to be broad brimmed, bucket hat or legionnaires style – baseball caps and visors do not provide appropriate sun protection in line with the Sun Protection policy.

It is also important to send you child to school in footwear that is safe and supports their full engagement in the curriculum. Ugg boots and high heeled shoes are not ideal school footwear options.

If you wish to purchase school uniform for your child please see Rod and if you are looking for second hand uniform our supply of clean, preloved school uniform items are available for a gold coin donation.

End of Term

Term three is quickly coming to a close. Please remember next Friday is the last day of term and school will finish one hour earlier, at 2:15pm, on this day.

Term four promises to be another term full of learning and extracurricular activities. Mr Tucker is currently compiling and calendar of term four events and this will be sent to you before the end of term three.

I hope all families have a safe and enjoyable holidays.

Kind regards

Michael Bawden

Gilles Street Primary School Comedy Night

Friday 2nd of November

Hosted by our own hilarious school mum Boo Dwyer, fresh from Edinburgh Fringe 2018 and featuring:

- The witty and skilled Tom Gleeson, star of Hard Quiz and The Weekly with Charlie Pickering
- Micky D, professional comedian extraordinaire and all round excellent school Dad
- More still to be announced!

Enjoy a fantastic night of comedy, socialising, auctions & raffles.

Bring your own supper to share with friends. Bar facilities available (no BYO).

Ticketing purchasing information will follow. $25 a ticket or secure a table of 10 for $240

Brought to you by The Parent and Community Engagement Committee.
On Wednesday the 12th of September over 30 local service providers came to Gilles Street and set up in the Hall for the afternoon. They were on hand to inform families of the manner that they can assist in areas including health, education, and a range of ways that families can engage with the community at large.

While this was going on in the hall there were many activities and performances out in the yard for students to engage with.

Children were able to watch our instrumental musicians and the Taiko group. They played large scale board games, practiced their baseball pitching and met local police officers.

There were a number of people involved in the set up of this day, but it would not have been possible for it to go ahead without the ideas, drive and organisation of Meagan Hart. Well done Meagan!

It was a wonderful afternoon to be a member of the Gilles Street Community!

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**SRC at the EXPO**

What were the SRC reps doing under the 124.7m² of shade of the River She-Oak at last Wednesday’s EXPO? Having fun!

We had a constant queue for henna. Lyla started off painting, but we needed reinforcements!

We would like to thank our beautiful parents Aliona, Nazi and Kajal who saved the day, by generously giving their time to perform the most beautiful, intricate henna designs. Children have been proudly showing them off!

Also a BIG thankyou to Mohammed who organised the soapbox, with a constant queue of people wanting to give their opinions about a range of topics. Also thankyou Swizel and Campbell who helped to pack up.

Our cucumber sandwiches, chai and chillout zone were a big hit too!

Thankyou, from the SRC
**Sports Corner**

**Netball**
- GSPS Dolphins lost 9 - 13
- GSPS Joeys won 13 - 9
- GSPS Thunderwolves played the GSPS Warriors who won 16 - 9
- GSPS Raptors lost 22 - 26
- GSPS Sapphires won 37 - 3

**Hockey**
- Last week was the final week of the hockey season
- Minkey A1 drew 4 - 4
- Minkey A2 won 3 - 2
- Minkey B had a final round bye.

**PaCE Thankyou**
The PaCE Committee would like to say an enormous thank you to IGA City East, Norwood Foodland, Bruce’s Meat, SA Produce Market and Romeo’s Foodland for their generous donations and sponsorship of the PaCE Sports Day BBQ. Approximately $1,600 was raised to go towards STEM resources for the school.

**Walyu Yarta Community Garden 2018 Raffle**
All proceeds from this raffle go towards the running of Waylo Yerta Community Garden in the South Parklands. The raffle will be drawn at the Garden Open Day, 12 - 4pm, Sunday 23rd September.

**Sports Day 2018**

Receptions to Year 7 participated in Sports Day on Friday 14th September. Each class started the day with different activities. Every year on Sports Day there is much anticipation over who will win, the Year 7’s in particular were all hoping their team would win because they wanted their last primary school sports day to be victorious.

After our recess break each class continued with 4 more activities, the pressure was high as teams were rapidly collecting points with students checking the leader board every 5 minutes! Then, everyone’s favourite activity, the Tug-of-War commenced just before lunch. Each team had 10 representatives fighting for their place to be the winner of the 2018 event. Light and Gilles faced off in the finals, with Gilles being the champion.

After lunch all teams competed in the most intense event of the day, the Whole School Relay. All the captains were hyping their team members up for their chance of victory. The stakes were high as the race was coming to an end, all teams trying to claim their place as the winner of the 2018 Sports Day. But it ended up being Gilles who won the relay.

After a long wait in the warm weather, the sprints were split up into year level and gender to make sure it was a fair race. Even though the sprints didn’t contribute to our number of points, everyone still wanted to join in since it was a fun activity to finish off sports day with. At the end of the day after every event had finished, Mr. Tucker revealed the team results. Fingers were crossed and eyes were closed as each individual person was hoping their team would be triumphant. Mr. Tucker said that the winner was Gilles, with Light coming second, Kaurna coming third, and Adelaide coming fourth.

Every team did a good job, and though the teams other than Gilles didn’t win, everyone still tried their hardest, and played a good game.

By Dakota & James - Gilles House Captains