



innovative pilot school



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School Closure - Friday 9th September OSHC available

EARLY CLOSURE
FRIDAY 30th September 2016
2.15

Coming up...

Primary Gymnastics
Mondays Term 3

BOOK WEEK
Mon 22nd - Fri 26th Aug
BOOK WEEK Launch Mon
22nd August 9.00

NAPLAN Online
Readiness TRIAL 22-26 Aug

Fri Aug 26
BOOK WEEK
Whole School
Assembly 9.15

Thu Sep 8
SPORTS DAY

Fri Sep 9
SCHOOL CLOSURE
School closed - OSHC available

Mon Sep 12
School Council
Meeting

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15th August 2016

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From the Principal

At the beginning of the term we were able to farewell Mira Lisichin after over 33 years working and volunteering at Gilles Street Primary School and OSHC. We had a lovely party and Mira was excited by all of the students and parents, past and present, that came to celebrate her retirement. A big thank you to all of the parents and staff that helped pull the evening together and a special mention to **Zainab Hasan** who made the wonderful cake.

We welcome Steve Kirk who has taken over as Director. We are sure he will bring new skills to the position.

We are also welcoming Rachael Courtney, Assistant Principal, Wellbeing and Inclusion. Rachael has won the position for the next 5 years and will also bring many new skills to the school.

NAPLAN

The individual student NAPLAN test reports will be sent shortly for those years 3, 5 and 7 students who sat the test at our school in May. The reports provide a snapshot of student achievement and forms one part of our assessment and reporting

process. The initial results are very pleasing with improvements in most areas and a large number of children who have previously sat the test showing improvements at a high level between years 3 and 5 and 5 and 7. Staff will be available to discuss your child's test results with you if you wish. In the next two weeks we will also be trialling the NAPLAN online for implementation in 2017. This test is to examine the effectiveness of our IT infrastructure and bandwidth capacity and no school or student results will be provided. Information on the trial can be found on our school website <http://www.gillesstps.sa.edu.au>

Later this term we will be conducting the **PAT tests in Reading Comprehension, Numeracy, and Science**. These tests will give us more data in order to measure areas of growth and areas we need to further develop from an individual student level up to whole school analysis. We have also been collecting a large amount of perception data from students using the

Teaching for Effective

Learning Compass which is an online tool that allows students to give feedback about their learning to their teachers and to the school as a whole. All of this data is put together to develop a rich picture of each child's learning at Gilles Street.

2017 School Year

We will shortly begin the process of developing our class structure for the 2017 school year. It is important that we know which students will be continuing with us. If your child will not be with us in 2017 please send an email or note to the school advising us of their departure. This assists us in determining our class configurations and also if we can open up spaces for others on the waiting list. Class placements will begin in term 4 and I will be asking for parent requests closer to this time.

Sports Day

Our Sports Day is fast approaching and has been the topic of much conversation amongst the students. Our

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house captains have taken on a greater role this year with organising and developing team events and games. They have organised this year's Health Hustle and are currently running sessions for the students teaching them the moves. Please put Thursday, September 8th in your diaries as it is always a fun day (weather permitting).

2016 National Support Staff Week

Thank you to all of our SSOs, BSSOs and ACEOs for contributing to the learning and administrative support in our school. You all have a very important role to play and we couldn't do it without you!

Deb O'Neill

NO STANDING/NO PARKING

Please abide by the No Parking area adjacent to the school. The parking inspectors will be visiting in the near future.



You must not park your vehicle in an area where a 'No Parking' sign applies, unless:

- you are dropping off or picking up passengers or goods
- you do not leave the vehicle unattended - that is, move more than three metres away and
- you complete the dropping off or picking up as soon as possible - in any case, within two minutes.

Please note: a No Standing sign has the same meaning as a No Stopping sign.

Welcome to Rachael Courtney



Hello everyone

My name is Rachael Courtney and I am really excited to be at Gilles Street Primary School in the new role of Assistant Principal - Wellbeing and Inclusion. I have predominantly worked in schools in the southern suburbs of Adelaide in various leadership roles with a focus on student and staff wellbeing. I have very much enjoyed my first week and a half of getting to know the staff, students, parents and community. I look forward to meeting you if I haven't already, so please come up and say hello.

CABARET VARIETY NIGHT

An evening of fun, frivolity, comedy and awesome music!

Licensed bar, auction, games and more...

Dress up and bring a basket supper and your coins! (no BYO please)

Featuring the talents of professional singers and performers from our school parents! Plus surprise guest MC...

Tickets on sale very soon – watch for a flyer home next week.

Get a group together, or meet some parents from your child's class...

Come and support your school's major FUN-draiser for the year!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS FOR PRIZES ETC – if you can help, or put us in touch with someone who can, please contact Emma emma_anderson@y7mail.com or Catherine catnatcam@gmail.com - and we also welcome any volunteers to help with organising!

Where I'm From Poetry

Year 5, 6 and 7 classes are currently writing poetry during their literacy blocks. Here are some examples of the "Where I'm From..." poems demonstrating use of metaphor.

Where I'm From

I am from coloured pencils from typo and Bic

I am from big cities and the construction sites

From the green hills and the smell of apples.

I'm from the peaceful and loneliness of my room.

I am from the trees and water from wavy leaves and colourful flowers.

I'm from the authors and illustrations and clean paper.

From father, Paul, and mother, Loretta, and Caelan, a brother.

I am from the big books and aching hands from drawing.

I'm from taco shells and chilli sauce and tall bottles of frozen water.

Freya, Room 13



THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 8

The Sports Day Program and events schedule will come home in the coming weeks.

LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK WEEK

Book Week this year celebrates "Australia! Story Country". We are launching Book Week on Monday 22nd August at 10.45am with a **whole school song and dance**

written and choreographed by Michael Aquilina. Friday will see our annual **Book Week assembly and costume parade**. We look forward to seeing you there. There will also be a **Second Hand Book and Stationery sale** in the mornings before school and at lunch. Items will be priced between 20c and \$5. Donations of children's books appreciated.

I am From

I am from the red and yellow footballs from Sherrin.

I am from the small, old mining town, dusty and dirty.

It sounded like the soft whoosh of wind.

I am from the evenly mowed grass, green with white paint.

I am from the Aussie football tradition and kicking the ball from Barrie and Liz and Mim.

I am from the core of mud and rain.

From bedtime stories and lullabies.

I'm from Jesus and God.

I'm from the ever-growing city of Adelaide in Australia, sausages and steak on the barby.

From the blue eyes of Liz and brown eyes of Barrie.

This is where I'm from.





FATHER'S DAY STALL

When: Wednesday August 31, Thursday September 1, Friday September 2

Time: 10:45 – 11:00am Or 1:15 to 1:30pm

Where: Rooms 12, 13 and 14 **Prices:** range from \$2 -\$10

Hope to see you there! All money raised goes to Graduation and Big Day Out!

PUPIL FREE DAY
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 9TH
O.S.H.C. WILL BE OPEN 7:45 – 6:15.

Bouncy Castle/Fasta Pasta



BOOKINGS **OPEN** MON 22nd AUGUST 2016

BOOKINGS **CLOSE** WED 31st AUGUST 2016

Booking and Permission Slip on

<http://www.gillesstps.sa.edu.au/OSHC> or see Steve in the OSHC Office

Full Fee: \$53.00 — Child Care Benefit will be deducted for eligible families.

Opening Hours: O.S.H.C. will be open 7:45-6:15.

Activities: Bouncy castle, Fasta Pasta lunch, cooking, games & craft.

Lunch: The service will be visiting Fasta Pasta. Please also provide some snacks if required.

Breakfast/Afternoon tea: O.S.H.C. will serve afternoon tea snack at 3:45.

Electronic Devices: Children may bring electronic devices on this day.

Bookings: A maximum of 30 children will be accepted.

Fees: All bookings must be paid prior to attendance. All bookings will be charged. (Exception: with medical certificate.)

Year 7 High School Information Packs

These are coming home on Friday 19th August. Please make sure to read through the information carefully and note the important dates listed for enrolment & transition days.

Keep your kids smiling

At the School Dental Service, dental care is FREE for all babies, children not yet at school and most children to age 17.

The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider.

Call us now for an appointment!

Your local clinic is: Prospect School Dental Clinic
Phone: 8269 4579

