From the principal

Introducing our School Council members

I would like to extend a special thank you to our new council members who were voted into their roles towards the end of Term 1. I am delighted to announce that Jo De Silva and Anthony Keane have been re-elected as joint chairpersons. We have a number of new members who will be introduced via our newsletter over the coming edition.

One of the roles of the council is to seek ideas and feedback from the wider school community. This can be done formally through letters to the Chairs or informally via your class representatives or council members. Council meets twice a term generally in weeks 4 and 8.

Garden works

I know it has been a very long journey and we have battled contamination, floods, rain and gale force winds but I am pleased to announce that the garden areas at the front of the school are open for business. I hope you have had a chance to walk along the creek bed or sit and admire the greenery and imagine what it will become. The native Australian plants and trees will soon develop into a beautiful shaded area for the school and community to enjoy. The natural environment play space will provide another alternative for students in the yard. Thanks to LCS Landscapes for their problem solving and perseverance during the project. It will be a space to enjoy for years to come.

Sentral Parent Portal

Information regarding the Parent Portal for Sentral have been sent home. If you do not receive one it should arrive in the post in the coming days. It will mostly be families new to the school that will have to register with either family/student access keys depending on your particular family circumstances. If you already have access you can login at https://sentral.gillesstps.sa.edu.au/portal/login. Parent-Teacher Interview bookings will open in Week 7 of Term 2. We intend to expand the use of the portal over the year and use it as additional forms of communication and contact.

Please feel free to contact us with any feedback or issues you may have with the portal.

Social Ventures Australia

Our school was fortunate enough to be selected by the Department of Education and Child Development to host interstate visitors during the recent Social Ventures Australia Thought Leadership Gathering that was held in Adelaide. Staff and students from our school attended the 2 day conference which included a “Zoo Snooze”. This was followed by the visitors attending our school for a day to see some of the exceptional work that we are involved in.

The SVA Bright Spots Schools Connection supports exceptional school leaders in disadvantaged schools to improve the outcomes of their students. ……Continued on Page 2
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Veronica Derwentiana Update

Congratulations to Room 4 for their great work and collaboration involving the saving of the endangered Veronica Derwentiana. The plant commonly known as the Mount Lofty Speedwell was recently planted by our students at the Botanical Gardens to commemorate World Environment Day. To read more visit https://www.facebook.com/AdelaideBotanicGarden/ Well done to Angela and her students for continuing the great work.

Deb O'Neill

Sports Updates

Hockey/Soccer

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I can announce that Elliot Collins and Matthew Barrett have been selected to play in the East Adelaide District SAPSASA Boys Representative Hockey team. Only 14 boys were selected across the whole district, so it is an excellent effort by both boys. Elliot has the rare achievement of being picked for the team for the second successive year! We are certain they will represent our school and district with pride and a positive attitude!

Congratulations must similarly go to Cassidy Perkins who, for the second year in a row has been selected in the East Adelaide District Girls Representative Soccer Team. Cassidy has a real love for all sports, but particularly soccer – this is demonstrated by the fact that she has played in our boys knockout team for the last 2 years as well! Well Done Cass!!

The East Adelaide District SAPSASA Boys Soccer team also has also selected Daniel Manno with Domenico Quagliata narrowly missing out on the goalkeeper position.

On Wednesday the 1st of June, a group of our Year 6/7 students played a Soccer match in the SAPSASA Knockout Soccer Tournament. In the same competition last year, with mostly Year 6 students, we were outplayed and comprehensively beaten by an older and more experienced team. Due to a prior commitment, I wasn’t able to attend the match, however from the reports that I received, it is amazing what a difference a year makes, with our students being that year older & a more experienced team. From what Mr Muxlow told me all the players put in a great effort. A special mention must go to Binyam, Domenico and Mark who each scored a goal in our 3-0 win.

We now go on into the next round where we will play the winners of the match between East Torrens and Thorndon Park Primary Schools.

Netball

On Thursday the 2nd of June the Year 6/7 Netballers played against a very polished team from St Raphael’s School of Parkside. The match was played at home which meant that our home court should have given us an advantage. However, it was apparent at quarter time when the score was 1-13 that this was going to be a learning experience, for our mostly Year 6 group of girls. I was really impressed with the manner in which our girls battled out the entire match, even when it became obvious that we were going to be soundly beaten. The level of enthusiasm, encouragement and respect for each other, the game and our opposition was brilliant to see and a real encouragement that the girls were playing for all the right reasons! Even though we ended up losing 45-6 the girls finished the game with the same positive attitude as they started. A special mention must go to Alyssa Thanakamonnun who shot 4 of our 6 goals.

Netball - ThunderCup

Our 3 netball teams have been playing with mixed results. The Year 3/4 team, which for many is their first time playing the game are demonstrating great spatial awareness and ball skills. The Year 5/6 team are performing well and are a cohesive unit. The Year 6/7s are having mixed results but as they are developing their skills they are demonstrating excellent sportsmanship. Our coaches, Kate, Moni, Gabby and Rosa are very proud of how far they have all come. We are still welcoming any Year 3/4 girls interested in playing for the Term 3 competition.

For fixtures and results download the Results Vault App from your ios or android app store.

http://resultsvaultapp.interactsport.com/#download
**World Environment Day**

Rooms 4, 7, 11 & 14 all visited the Botanic Gardens for World Environment Day.

We went to the Botanic Gardens for Environment Day. At the reptile station the Cleland Park staff told us all about reptiles and showed us some goods made out of the reptile skin. We saw a crocodile’s skin and a turtle shell that a man killed, but it is illegal to kill these animals. We saw a python snake called Olive and two lizards and it was so cool.

Edison, Room 11

**Frank’s Lab on Legs**

Every year we are fortunate to have Frank come in for his Lab on Legs Science learning. Students participate in small groups with hands-on scientific inquiry in a lab-like environment. This group were exploring Liquids and Gases.

**PaCE Update**

The Parent and Community Engagement Committee needs your help!

Do you have a little time or skills to help in organising school community events? Could you contribute an hour or two to help at an event? We need you! Up coming events include the Election Day Fundraising Sausage Sizzle - We are looking for volunteers to flip sausages and serve on the day in two hour shifts. The School Cabaret and Variety night - We need help in planning and organising in the lead up to this major fundraiser.

Please email Victoria Bailiht.victoria@gmail.com or Emma emma_anderson@y7mail.com

**Adventure Time at Adventure Rooms**

On the May 17 Pupil Free Day our support staff experienced the Team-building fun of the Adventure Rooms. Lucky for us they were able to escape in 60 minutes!

**School Council Office Bearers**

Co-chairs: Jo De Silva & Anthony Keane
Vice-Chair: Ramesh Raja Segaran
Treasurer: Michael Gates
Council Secretary: Sarah Marshall
Correspondence Secretary: Tiffany De Sousa Machado
PACE Parent Rep: Victoria Brown
**HOUSE POINTS UPDATE:**

- **GILLES** - 79 points,
- **KAURNA** - 93 points,
- **LIGHT** - 99 points and
- **ADELAIDE** - 104 points