From the Principal

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Dimi and Abbie, our social work students, have just finished collecting their survey results and they found that 10% of students stated that they never, or almost never, get enough sleep and 21% of students stated that they sometimes don’t get enough sleep. Students aged between 5-12 need 10-12 hours of sleep per night. Getting a goodnight’s sleep means that when they come to school they are able to memorise, learn and pay more attention to their lessons.

**Here are five tips that will ensure our students are getting a good night’s sleep**

- Establish a bedtime routine - so they know what to expect and have time to wind down
- Remove all TVs, computers and mobile devices from their bedroom - the light stimulation alone will make it harder for them to settle down.
- Avoid caffeinated foods and drinks after 3pm - caffeine is a stimulant which is likely to keep young bodies awake.
- Make sure they fall asleep in their bed - snoozing off on the couch or in front of the TV can affect their routine and make them less likely to want to sleep alone.
- Have a wind-down period yourself - show kids that a bedtime routine is important for the whole family.

*Information sourced from Associate Professor Harriet Hiscock, paediatrician and sleep researcher*

**Dimi and Abbie will be hosting a seminar about sleep with a guest speaker on Wednesday the 12th of November, flyers will be sent home in the coming week.**

**CSIRO**

Forensic Frenzy was going wild at Gilles Street with the CSIRO leading students through a hands on workshop session. Students investigated evidence found at a mock crime scene and then developed strategies to solve the mystery of who committed the crime. Some mini court cases may follow as some of the evidence was not conclusive. Thanks so much to the CSIRO scientists who have developed this wonderful experience for our students.

The course links to the Australian Curriculum Learning areas of Science and English for our Upper Primary students.
‘The Day of the Dead’ Learning

Students from all classes are learning about the Mexican celebration, *El Día de los Muertos* (the Day of the Dead) this term. The Mainstream classes are learning about it in Spanish class with Jane Glasson and the IELC classes with Helen Grant in Media/Arts. Students have learned about this festival for years in Spanish class but continue asking for it, as it is such a colourful and interesting aspect of Hispanic culture.

Although the name ‘The Day of the Dead’ may sound strange and scary, it is actually a joyful time for Mexican families to remember and celebrate the lives of loved ones who have died. We are learning about the festival alongside relevant Spanish vocabulary and craft-related activities involving skulls, marigolds, skeletons and other related symbols. Children are given the option to share stories of loved ones or pets who have died and if they wish, can bring in a photo or picture of them to add to the ‘offering’ or altar that we are making. A bit like the picture below. Please rest assured that much care is taken in ensuring that the theme is presented in an age-appropriate and non-theistic manner. However, it is natural to wonder about these things so you may find that your child asks questions at home.

The Day of the Dead is usually celebrated on the 1st and 2nd of November however this year at Gilles Street PS we are going to show off our crafts and learning at the Week 5 Assembly on Friday the 14th of November. If you have any further comment or queries, don’t hesitate to contact me on jane.glasson561@schools.sa.edu.au

Community Garden SEEDS Project and Native Bee Hotel!

Have you visited the Community Garden in the South Parklands? Angela Plew and her class have worked very hard to keep it weed free and stocked with edible plants. They are assisted by a community group. The three mosaic butterflies look fantastic. Year 2/3’s made them with the residents from St. Luke’s

A recent addition to the garden is a native bee hotel, which year 5’s made recently during a visit to Upper Sturt’s Landcare Group. Thank you John Elliott for installing it in the garden.

Angela’s 2/3’s and Val’s year 5’s are part of the SEEDS project, which is helping to revegetate South Australian endangered plants.

The classes have seedlings of Veronica Derwentiana SSP Homalodonta, which they are growing until they are strong enough to plant at Horsnell Gully Conservation Park.
OSHC

PUPIL FREE DAY

Thursday 13th November 2014

Bookings open

Operating Times:

Open - 7.45am

Closed - 6.00pm

($20.00 late pickup fee applies after 6.00pm)

Cost - $49.00 per child per day (excursion included)

CCB available to eligible Parent/Caregivers

After School Care will be available.

Please pick up a booking and excursion consent form from the OSHC office.

PLEASE NOTE:

Bookings will be final at the time the booking form is returned to the Service. No cancellation will be accepted after the booking form is received and Parents/Caregivers will be charged regardless of attendance.

Last day to book:

Monday 3rd November 2014

WITHOUT EXCEPTION

WE WILL HAVE A FUN DAY AT SCHOOL WITH

LUNCH AT FASTA PASTA AND A JUMPING CASTLE IN THE HALL

Tuesday, 28 October 2014