From the Principal

Grandparents day.

Last week the students from rooms 6, 7 and 8 held a very special morning tea for their grandparents and special friends. There were wonderful home baked treats including some special Belgium waffles and gorgeous scones. The grandparents shared memories of their past experiences at school and the children were enthralled on how things had changed. Thank you to all of our special guests for attending.

Annual Report

The Annual Report for 2013 has been displayed on the school website. This report provides details of the school's priorities and progress across 2013 as well as highlights of the year. The Site Learning Plan will soon be posted on the website.

Site next door.

I understand that it is incredibly frustrating that the site next door appears to be dormant for so long. Unfortunately we have run into some difficulties with earth removal and are working with the regulatory authorities to ensure that the earth is removed safely and quickly. Once this happens the contractors are ready to begin the restoration of the site. I apologise for the delay and can assure you that we are working hard to get the area up and useable as quickly as possible.

Fundraising group.

The fundraising group is planning some events for the year and we would really like your input into what we can spend the funds on. Sarah Marshall has created a Survey Monkey link to collect thoughts. Currently we have had very little response and I would encourage you to follow the link or QR Code in this newsletter and please take the time to fill out the responses.

Leader’s conference

3rd and 4th March

Leaders from all over the State attended the Collective Action Conference at the Convention Centre. Tony Harrison our Chief Executive Officer opened the conference along with Jayne Johnston our new Chief Education Officer.

The focus of the conference was on Leadership, Culture and authentic accountability. Guest speakers Guy Claxton – Emeritus Professor of Learning Sciences – Centre for Real World Learning – University of Winchester and Professor Martin Westwell – Strategic Professor Science of Learning - Education for 21st century Flinders University gave key notes on 21st Century education and the imperatives for change.

Much of the conference was around the changing face of our department under the new partnership model. There will be two more leaders days scheduled for the remainder of the year.

Miniball Draw

1st April BYE
8th April 3:50 pm Court 2 v TorrensTilie Tornadoes
A new children’s dental benefits schedule for 2 – 17 year olds started in January 2014. It is called the Child Dental Benefits Schedule.

The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider and welcomes babies, children and young people under 18 years of age.

Dental care is FREE for most children and the School Dental Service will bulk-bill Medicare. Children who do not qualify for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule can still attend – a small fee may apply for each course of general dental care provided.

There are no waiting times at the School Dental Service. To keep your children’s teeth and gums healthy we encourage them to attend the School Dental Service.

To locate your local School Dental Clinic, and for more information about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au

Our Excursion To SA water

During week 7, Room14 went to SA Water because we were learning about water. Before, we went to SA Water we checked our family water use. We found we used the most water in the bathroom.

First, we met Simon, David and Cathy at SA Water. Then David made fake poo with baked beans, chocolate cake and banana, it was disgusting, then we learnt what happens to our waste water. Next, we did interesting experiments. Our favourite one was the test when we had to smell six different bottles and guess the smell. One was disgusting it was rotten cabbage. Also did you know that the SA Water building was made from recycled concrete and glass?

Then we walked back to school. We wrote a letter to David, Simone and Cathy. We had an awesome time and we recommend other classes should go!!! By Chanwoo and Ahyeon

Secondary School Open Days

A number of our local secondary schools are hosting open days/nights over the coming months. If you are interested please view the information on the links below or contact the schools below directly.
Grandparents Day

Grandparents Day was in the library. It was last Tuesday. We walked over to our school library. Lots of Grandparents came. My grandparent came and her name is Carol. I went to her group first. There were three groups. I felt happy.

Niamh, Room 6

The class went to the library. We went to the library on Tuesday. We had scones. We had to sit on the ground. The grandparents sat on the chairs. I had so much fun I could burst. It was very fun.

Ridha, Room 6

Zuri, Room 6

Grand Trash & Treasure in the Library

During Book Week in Term Two, Mrs Hicks would like to organise some activities that may include performances, a visiting author or even an illustrator. To help reduce the cost of these the library will be holding a Trash & Treasure Bazaar during the last week of this Term. Alison would love any donations to make the sale a success, so now might be a good time to clean out those unwanted, preloved toys, books and other children's items!

Positive Parenting Seminars

The ‘Effective Living Centre’ is a not for profit organisation, with a vision to contribute positively to the whole community. It is open and available to people of any social, political or religious group. It is based at the Christ Church Uniting, Wayville, 26 King William Rd, Wayville.

They have a range of workshops aimed at giving parents the skills to raise their children in a positive and supportive manner. Most of the seminars cost $15 per adult, $10 Concession or $20 per couple.

See www.effectiveliving.org for more details.

GSPS School Council Fundraising Committee Survey

We need your input on how to spend funds!!!

We would love to get as many parent responses as possible to help us focus our efforts on what you think is most important. Just click on the link to take the online survey.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NNMJBHF
## Gilles Street Primary School Vacation Care Program

**April 2014**

**Venue:** Recreation Centre
Gilles Street Primary School
91 Gilles Street, Adelaide SA 5000

**Phone:** 8227 1746

**Opening Hours:** 8 AM – 6 PM

**Cost:** $47.00 per day per child
(Inclusions included)

For more information, contact OSHC Director

Children must be signed in and out of the Vacation Care program by the Parent/Caregivers each day that they are attending. Please make sure to look at the top of the “Sign out Book” for the day that your children are actually attending (eg Mon, Tue, Wed, Thurs, Fri)

**Child Care Benefit is Available to Most Families**

**Bookings are Essential**

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Don’t forget Lunch, Morning & Afternoon tea every day!

(All food and drink must be provided by the parents)

Please be at the Centre by 9.00am on all excursion days (we cannot wait for children arriving late)

This program is subject to change and we encourage any learning and fun opportunity

Last day for booking: 2nd April 2014 without exception

All bookings are final after the closing date and no cancellations will be accepted.

Bookings not paid for and confirmed by the closing date will be cancelled