From the Principal

Harmony day 21st March 2014 A reminder that Harmony day is fast approaching. Get out the orange and be prepared for a peaceful and exciting day where we reflect on our world, local and global, and how we can make it a better place.

Swimming Week was again a wonderful success. The weather was perfect and enabled all groups to get the most out of the experience. Thank you to all of our parent helpers for assisting in the organisation. We do however have a large amount of lost property near the rear door of the office. Please take the time to look through it and reclaim any lost items.

First impression reports were sent home last week and provide an opportunity for you to see how your child is settling into the new-year and year levels. Please see your child’s teacher in the first instance if you have anything you would like to follow-up.

Pupil Free Day The focus for our Pupil Free Day on Tuesday was mathematics and the Australian Curriculum. Mike Chartres was our guest speaker and provided us with lots of opportunities to reflect and examine our current practice. The work with Mike will continue throughout the year as our Mathematician in Residence along with our other primary partnership sites

Part of our Annual Reporting Process requires us to survey the community. The Parent Opinion Survey was conducted in November with 31 responses. There were very positive responses in relation to the overall learning programmes at the school and the general management. The percentages below are where parents have indicated that they agree or strongly agree with the statements.

Parents felt that students knew what was expected of them (90%) and that the school was well managed (87%) and provided a safe and secure environment for their children (87%). Parents felt welcome (90%) and comfortable with (87%) and listened to (87%) by staff at the school and felt that the school treated all cultures fairly (90%).

In relation to the teaching and learning programme parents felt that teachers at this school wanted their child to learn (80%) and that their child received quality teaching and learning (80%). The areas where parents felt less satisfied were in relation to the school having higher expectations of students (67%) and that the learning programmes were not rigorous enough (69%). They also felt that they did not have enough input into the educational programmes offered at the school (45%) and they were not as involved in the decision making processes (63%).

There were very positive responses which indicated we need to increase the ways we involve and seek opinions from parents and caregivers about the educational programmes at the school.

The survey link within the newsletter (Page 3) has been created by the fundraising group and is a positive step in finding the opinions of parents and caregivers across the school. We intend to use this method of seeking wider voices in the future for a range of initiatives within the school.

There will also be opportunities for you to contribute to the smaller working parties as the year progresses. Please take the time to fill out this survey.
Parking Zones around Schools

Parking Zones around the school are put in place to ensure pedestrian safety. Children are in particular danger near schools because:
• Their small size makes it hard for drivers to see them between traffic, parked cars, stobie poles and other obstacles.
• They are easily distracted and may not be aware of traffic.
• They may suddenly run onto the road - eg to meet a parent.
Some road rules you particularly need to be aware of are:
• You must not stop in a NO STOPPING Zone, even for a few seconds to pick up your child.
• You may stop in a NO PARKING ZONE for a few seconds to pick up a child who is waiting nearby. You must not park or leave the vehicle.
• You must not double park, or stop in the line of traffic, to pick up or drop off a child.
• You must not stop in a bicycle lane.
• You must not stop within 20 metres before a crossing or 10 metres after a crossing.
• You must not stop within 10 metres of an intersection or junction without traffic lights.

If you have any enquiries regarding this information please contact Adelaide City Council on 8203 7203. Adelaide City Council Parking and Information Officers and the Eastern Adelaide Police are aware of these issues and will monitor the situation and deal with breaches accordingly to ensure children’s safety, and expiations will be issued to any vehicles contravening these rules. Please be mindful of your own behaviour around schools, whether in relation to where you park or the respect shown to Officers trying to ensure pedestrian safety – you are our children’s greatest role model.

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.

Urrbrae Agricultural High School 18th March 2014
http://www.urrbraehs.sa.edu.au/entry/uahs_entry.htm

Underdale High School 31st March 2014
http://www.underdale.sa.edu.au/

Norwood Morialta High School 1st April 2014

Adelaide High School www.adelaidehs.sa.edu.au 2nd April 2014

Mitcham Girls High School 12th May 2014

Glenunga International High School To be confirmed

For Sale

$50
1 - Second-hand table tennis table (table only - no bats or nets provided). On wheels for easy storage. Needs to be collected from the school (a time on a weekend can be arranged). Money goes back into the school Sports Program.
Contact - Speak to Rod at the front desk or phone on 82235184.
GSPS School Council Fundraising Committee Survey

We need your input on how to spend funds!! We would love to get as many parents responses as possible to help us focus our efforts on what you think is most important. Just click on the link to take to the online survey.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NNMJBHF

Kindles in the Library

The library has increased the variety of reading experiences through purchasing 6 colour Kindles. They are loaded with a range of books and are available for reading before school and at lunchtimes. Alison Hicks - Teacher librarian

Parent Information Session

“Ten ways to help your kids after parental separation (starting when you leave this building!”

When? Thursday 13th March 5.45-7pm in room 3 of Sturt Street School,

What? A parent information session on how to support children through the difficult emotions of family separation.

Who? Jamie Lee from Relationships Australia SA. Jamie is a counselling psychologist who is very experienced in guiding children and families through this difficult time.

Why? Despite short term stress after parental separation, most kids show resilience in the long term and adjust well to moving between homes. There are a few practical steps parents can take to get to resilience quicker.

This will be a great opportunity for you to ask questions and share strategies so please feel welcome to join us.

If you would like to attend please book with Kat Ochan on 0417142556, 82216093, Katrina.ochan@sa.gov.au

If you require crèche (child care) facilities, you MUST book by 5pm Tuesday 11th March.
## 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  
(Excursions included)  
For more information OSHC Director  
CHILD CARE BENEFIT IS AVAILABLE TO MOST FAMILIES  
**BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL**

### MONDAY 14 – April – 14
**RECREATION CENTRE**  
School Day

### TUESDAY 15 – April – 14
**MOVIE**  
“Lego Movie” PG

### WEDNESDAY 16 – April – 14
**FOUR OAKS FARM**  
**MUST WEAR LONG TROUSERS AND CLOSED IN FOOTWEAR**

### THURSDAY 17 – April – 14
**MARION LEISURE & FITNESS CENTRE**  
Gym Jamming/Roller Skating

### FRIDAY 18 – April – 14
**RECREATION CENTRE**  
School Day

### MONDAY 21 – April – 14
**RECREATION CENTRE**  
School Day

### TUESDAY 22 – April – 14
**MOVIE**  
“Muppets Most Wanted” G

### WEDNESDAY 23 – April – 14
**RECREATION CENTRE**  
School Day

### THURSDAY 24 – April – 14
**RECREATION CENTRE**  
School Day

**Art/Craft/Technology, Cooking, Computers, Sport & Games, Electronic Games etc.**

**Depart:** Gilles Street 9:00am  
**Return:** Gilles Street 1:00pm  
**Transport:** Private Bus

**Depart:** Gilles Street 9:30am  
**Return:** Gilles Street 4:00pm  
**Transport:** Private Bus

**Depart:** Gilles Street 9:30am  
**Return:** Gilles Street 3:30pm  
**Transport:** Private Bus

**Depot:** Gilles Street 9:00am  
**Return:** Gilles Street 1:30pm  
**Transport:** Private Bus

**THIS PROGRAM IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND WE ENCOURAGE ANY LEARNING AND FUN OPPORTUNITY**

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)

**LAST DAY FOR BOOKING: 2nd April 2014 WITHOUT EXCEPTION**  
(unless booked out prior to this date).  
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

Wednesday, 12 March 2014