Dear Parents and Caregivers

Thank you to all parents, caregivers, grandparents and friends who came along to our Book Week Assembly and Parade on Monday.

It was fantastic to see so many children dressed up as their favourite book character and it was clear that all involved really appreciated the chance to show off their costume to the large crowd in attendance.

Thank you also to Claudia who organised this event and to all other Gilles Street staff who assisted in the organisation.

Student Wellbeing and Engagement

As teachers and school leaders we are constantly collecting data on students. Much of this data focuses on learning achievement, however, we highly value the opportunity to collect data on the vitally important area of Wellbeing and Engagement.

Each year the Department for Education collects Wellbeing and Engagement data for year 4 to 7 students. Students respond to a number of questions to identify whether they feel they have high, medium or low wellbeing.

This year’s results and comparison with previous years’ results have recently been distributed to schools and I am pleased to see Gilles Street student responses heading in the right direction in a number of key areas.

Examples of this, in the area of Emotional Wellbeing, are Happiness, where there is a growth of high level wellbeing from 47% in 2016 to 71% in 2019 and Optimism from 22% in 2016 to 59% in 2019. Gilles Street students showed improvement in 6 of the 7 reported areas of Emotional Wellbeing. The area that did not show improvement from 2016 to 2019 is Satisfaction with Life – this area dropped from 54% to 52% in the four year period; however, it also showed an 8% improvement from 2018 to 2019 and is 11% higher than Australian Average.

Gilles Street students reported significantly higher levels of wellbeing than same aged students across South Australia and Australia, in every surveyed aspect of Emotional Wellbeing.

In the area of Engagement with School our students reported improvement in key areas of Important Adult at School (plus 14%), School Climate (plus 16%), Peer Belonging (plus 11%) and Emotional Engagement with Teachers (plus 9%) from 2016 to 2019.

This data provides school leaders and teachers with the opportunity to review all key areas of student wellbeing at our school to ensure we maintain an informed focus on student wellbeing and address areas of concern.

Swimming and Water Safety

Last week Gilles Street year 6 and 7 students attended their week of water safety and swimming lessons at Thebarton Indoor Pool.

Water safety and swimming are fun fitness and leisure activities while also being extremely important life skills.

The Department for Education Swimming and Water Safety Program is an excellent program and I am was so pleased to hear from the instructors about how positively Gilles Street students engaged in this program throughout their week at Thebarton.
From the Principal Continued...

Next week reception to year 5 students head to Thebarton for their week of Swimming and Water Safety and I am sure this group of students will also make the most of this learning opportunity.

Teacher Observation

During the first five weeks of this term school leaders have been observing teachers teach. These observations have been followed with feedback to support our pursuit of School Improvement Plan goals and constant improvement of teaching and learning at our school.

This term’s observations have concentrated on literacy and the observation criteria has focused on:

- Identify Learning Intentions (can students tell you the purpose of this lesson?)
- Provide Success Criteria (do students know the criteria for quality work?)
- Strategic Questioning (to engineer effective discussions)
- Feedback (task rather than ego - that moves learners forward)

All members of the leadership team have been really impressed with the lessons they have been observing and we are looking forward to term four observations that will focus on numeracy.

School Council

The next School Council meeting will be Monday 9th of September at 6pm in the library.

During this meeting School Council will be having a detailed look at the first Nature Play plan for the proposed upgrade of the school yard, discuss progress of the School Uniform Subcommittee, give feedback on a Student Mobile Phone Policy and cover the usual topics of finance, student learning, PaCE and OSHC.

School Council is also looking forward to welcoming the Member for Adelaide, Rachel Sanderson, to this meeting.

Upcoming Events

Gilles Street students have a busy last month of term coming up. Two exciting events are our school sports day on Friday 20th of September and the Festival of Music that involves many Gilles Street students performing across four nights at the Festival Theatre.

Thank you Mr Thring for all of the effort you are putting in to prepare students for Sports Day and to Mr A for your continued work with students to have them ready to perform brilliantly at the Festival of Music.

School Closure Day

Please remember tomorrow, Friday 30th of August, is a School Closure Day for the Royal Adelaide Show.

If you have any questions or suggestions about Gilles Street Primary School please give me a buzz or make a time to come in for a chat.

Kind regards

Michael

SA Museum Learning Space Opening

On Wednesday (week 4) room 12 students attend the launch of the new learning space in SA Museum. The Minister of Education John Gardner was there along with Uncle Mickey, who welcomed us with a smoking opening ceremony. Harrison and Nicola helped rub the sticks together to make a fire. Members of the museum board were also present.

After the opening we worked in the Learning Space, investigating the properties of meteorites and tektites. Finally we investigated the mass of meteorites and the craters that have been discovered on our planet.

By Olivia and Swizel
Market Day was on Monday week 4 when the year 6/7s raised money for the year 7 graduation. We had a choice to sell a product or a service. We had lessons every day to learn how to make our businesses successful. On the day we had a wide variety of goods, the school community was invited to attend. We wrote a letter to our parents to ask for a $10 loan or donation for our ingredients so we could get our product/service ready by Market Day. As we had a wide variety some stalls sold more than other stalls. At the end we made up to $2700, we will now use the money for the year 7 graduation and the year 6/7 party.

Hiep And Matthew

The year 6/7s held a school market to raise money for year 7 graduation. Students went all out for their stores with outfits banners and signs. All the money will go towards year 7 graduation. Students worked hard every day for 3 weeks. First we had to write a letter home to our parents asking for either a donation or loan of $10. Then we started working on cost verse profit. We did all the purchasing out of school in our own time.

The stalls included cupcakes, slime, churros, chocolates, biscuits, sweet treats, spin the wheel, balloon pop, chocolate mice, fairy floss, henna, cards, video games, smoothies, second hand toys, spiders, donuts, key rings, jelly in a cup, snow cones, hot dogs, ice cream, juice, popcorn, Scrunchies, and milkshakes.

Congratulations to all the students and their parents who were involved you did a brilliant job. All the students worked incredibly hard for 3 weeks. They raised a rough total of $2700. We would like to thank all the parents who donated or loaned money.

By Niamh and Ted
Netball Results

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Community News - Adelaide Junior Bulldogs Cricket Team

Would your child like to play for the inaugural Adelaide Junior Bulldogs Under 10 Cricket Team?

The Adelaide Junior Bulldogs - in association with the Adelaide Lutheran Cricket Club - are looking to field their first Junior Cricket Team in the 2019 - 20 Season.

We need 7 players per team (if we have enough interest we will field more than one team).

**Games:** Either Friday night 5-7pm or Sunday 9-11am (to be determined)

**Uniforms:** White or cream coloured shirts with a collar; White or cream coloured trousers or shorts with white socks and cricket shoes. Caps or hats and sunscreen.

**Costs:** Still to be determined, but will be kept to a minimum. The club will look at what equipment we can provide.

Please register your interest by email. **Registering interest is not creating an obligation to play**, just that you would like further information.

Please respond via email to Kathryn Clark, the Adelaide Junior Bulldogs President - adelaidejuniorbulldogs@gmail.com