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Gilles Street Primary School

**EARLY DISMISSAL
FRIDAY 8th July 2.15**

Pupil Free Day - Monday 25 July

OSHC available - bookings close
20th July

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Coming up...

Fri July 8

Whole School
Assembly 9.15

Fri July 8

**Last Day Term 2 -
early dismissal 2.15**

Mon Jul 25

PUPIL FREE DAY

School closed -
OSHC available

Tue July 26

Term 3 begins

Mon Aug 1

Year 3-7 Gymnastics

6th July 2016

Issue 7

From the principal



As we near Mira's impending retirement, we would like to take this opportunity to recognise her contribution to our school community.

Mira Lisichin has been the driving force behind the Gilles Street Primary School after hours and vacation care program. She has been an advocate for the needs of children, particularly those living in the inner city of Adelaide and has cared for the students at Gilles Street for over 33 ½ years,

dedicating many hours to their care and development. Mira always puts the needs of the children first and her philosophy for the centre has been to make the experience as much like home as possible for those children whose parents work.

A long and special association with Gilles Street Primary School began when Mira's eldest son Denis enrolled in February 1976, followed by

her daughter Natalie in 1978. When Denis began school Mira had little English and with no support available in the community felt alienated. Mira was quickly supported by the school and was encouraged to begin volunteering and helping out on excursions and attended parents and friends meetings. She worked hard to develop her English skills and became more and more a part of the school community, spearheading the Fundraising Committee and later as a parent on the School Council, where she still serves today as a community member, volunteering many hours at the school.

Mira quickly became an advocate for children and often fought for services for them in the Central Business District which at that time had very little amenities and services for children.

Mira was one of the original founders and volunteers in the After School Care Program after she and the principal, Max Green, noticed children with nowhere to go after school as their parents

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were working. They established one of the first after school care programs in the State in 1981, with Mira becoming director in 1983. She obtained grants from the Adelaide City Council and donations from organisations to provide social justice places in the morning care and after school care.

In 2006 Mira was awarded the prestigious Triple A Award for acknowledgement, achievement and advocacy for Out of Hours School Care from OSHC association in recognition of her dedication and commitment to the care of children and her ability to build and manage an outstanding care facility.

Mira is such an important part of the school community caring for the children of Adelaide for over 33 ½ years. She is a Gilles Street treasure and is an outstanding community member and Australian, overcoming her own adversity and dedicating her life to the needs of her extended Gilles Street family. Although Mira claims that what she does is not special, the community know how special she truly is. She will be very sadly missed by the school community, however we wish her well in her retirement and hope she will visit us often.

We will be holding a special retirement party for Mira on Friday 29th July 5.00pm-6.00pm in the undercroft near OSHC. Please RSVP on 82235184 by Wednesday 27th July. Please drop in and say goodbye.

We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our new director, Steven Kirk, who will be commencing on July 25th.

We wish everyone a safe holiday period and look forward to seeing you all on TUESDAY, 26th July.

House Points at Gilles Street Primary

General Statement

The staff and senior students of Gilles Street Primary School want to create a program that moulds/develops students to be persistent, resilient and to provide opportunities to develop leadership skills. We want to give students the opportunity to develop confidence and become responsible citizens whilst developing a sense of community through the house system at our school.

Awarding Points

Teachers award house points for sporting achievements, including:

- House Captains showing leadership and organisational skills
- SAPSASA Representatives
- Participation in sporting events, etc.

Teachers may award house points at their discretion to students who have worked hard to achieve an outcome or personal challenge showing persistence and resilience, such as:

- Finishing work to a high standard
- Improvement in a subject area
- Improved or reaching an academic, social or other goal, etc.

Teachers may also award house points to students who regularly and consistently perform community service and actions activities, such as:

- Buddies
- SRC Reps and helper
- School monitors –flags, bins, library etc.
- Acts of kindness
- Run clubs and sporting activities e.g. craft club, lunch time cricket, etc.

House points are awarded via an individualised card system given to the student by teachers. One card = one house point. The student should then deposit the card in the appropriate house box stored in a central location or in the transformed posters with plastic sleeves. Twice a term house points would be counted and the results shared at assembly by House Leaders.

*House points are not limited to the above examples. Once house points are given they cannot be taken away.

*The House point system is a personal achievement and challenge programme

HOUSE POINTS ARE UPDATED AT EACH ASSEMBLY

Festival of Music

This year, our school will be taking part in the Primary Schools Music Festival in September.

Gilles Street will have students performing on 2 nights of the Festival concert series. Our Taiko performers from Himawari Daiko have been chosen to be an Assisting Artist for Concert 4 on Friday night, the 16th September. Our Senior Voices will also be on stage as part of the large Festival Choir for Concert 9 on Tuesday night the 20th September.

I would also like to acknowledge and congratulate both Saskia and Kaitlyn (Room 11) who both auditioned for solos. Unfortunately they were not successful this year in getting a solo but were given some great feedback and encouraged to audition again next year.

If you would like to come along to one of the concerts where our students will be performing, you can purchase tickets through the school for \$33 (inc. GST) from **Week 10 Term 2**. These tickets will be on sale up to 2 weeks before the concert dates. QKR is the school's preferred payment method.

Tickets can also be purchased through BASS for \$36 plus a \$6.95 booking fee (inc. GST).

Mr Aquilina

Jon Madin Marimba Experience

Jon visited our school on Wednesday 22nd of June.

Four classes learned how to play a number of wacky instruments, practised, rehearsed and performed for the whole school. Congratulations to the children and teachers in Rooms 4, 11, 12, 13, & 14 who put on a spectacular show.



Kiss and Drop Zone



New signage has arrived. Please be aware that this is a drop off and pick up zone only. Parents are expected to stay with their car at all times. If you do organise to meet your children this is the designated zone. Thanks for your cooperation.

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! Can you help in planning and organising in the lead up to the school Cabaret and Variety night? This is our major fundraiser. - Please email Victoria Bailht.victoria@gmail.com or Emma emma_anderson@y7mail.com

Sun Safety



Our Sun Safe Policy is currently under review as we look to align it to new recommendations from the Cancer Council. We will be recommending hats are worn from the beginning of Term 3 when the UV is 3 or over. Please ensure your child has a hat with them from the beginning of next term.



School Holiday Hockey Fun

Forestville Hockey Club is a thriving, family oriented hockey club located at Fairfax Ave, Millswood (Goodwood Oval complex).

Come and try hockey, or improve your skills, by joining in our half day of holiday hockey fun on Wednesday 13th July from 9 am to 12 pm. The session will incorporate hockey skills development with specialist coaches, combined with loads of fun games and activities. All coaches are current Premier League squad members with coaching accreditation.

The hockey session will cater for children in Reception to Year 7, (or Minkey to Under 14 hockey grades). New club players are always welcome, no experience required. So come along and give hockey a try.

Bring water bottle, shin pads and mouthguard (or you can purchase these at the club at cost, but please arrive a little earlier to organise this before we start). If you don't have a stick you can borrow one from the club to have a try.

Cost is \$30 per player with 10% discount for registered hockey club players. Cost includes healthy snacks for morning tea. (Please advise if your child has any specific dietary requirements.) Fees are payable on the day, but please register your interest and numbers attending by email to juniors@fhc.com.au or call Tracey on

0418 834 512.

TV CASTING OPPORTUNITY NEW DOCUMENTARY SERIES



We're looking for kids who are currently in grade 6 and starting high school in 2017

From childhood to adolescence, moving from primary school to high school is a time of significant change.

It can be a time full of fun, excitement and new experiences, but can also be challenging and scary for some kids.

This new documentary series will tell the real story of the transition from primary school to high school told by the students who are going through it.

APPLICATIONS: <https://goo.gl/Vd0KYR> or email casting@princess.net.au



FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOP presented by **ON THE FLY SCRIPTLESS THEATRE - Drama and Improvisation Theatre!**

- Is there a performer inside you, dying to get out?
- Are you an actor looking to develop your improvisation skills?
- Or do you just want to improve your public speaking skills or feel more comfortable when put on the spot?

Who: All ages (parent consent required if under 18)

When: Saturday July 16, 2 - 4 pm

Where: Box Factory Community Centre, 59 Regent St South, Adelaide

Bring: water bottle and wear comfortable clothes

RSVP: ontheflyimpro@gmail.com ph: 8203 7749