Thursday 16th of May, 2019

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Thank you to everyone who joined us for last Friday’s Mother’s Day Breakfast. It was fantastic to see our school yard buzzing as our community recognised and celebrated our amazing Gilles Street Mums.

A massive THANK YOU to PaCE for organising this breakfast and to all volunteers who played a part in organising and running this event.

I hope that all Gilles Street Mums had a great Mother’s Day!

National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy – NAPLAN

Year 3, 5 and 7 mainstream students have begun their NAPLAN tests this week. Gilles Street Primary School is conducting these tests online and this year’s process will be supported by our greatly improved ICT resources and upgraded Wi-Fi system.

I would like to thank Mr Tucker for the huge amount of preparation he has put in to set our school up for the online NAPLAN tests.

The information gained from NAPLAN is useful for our school as it enables us to identify areas of strength and where we need to improve our teaching to support us to provide the best possible learning opportunities for the children at our school.

Gilles Street students have impressed me with the calm, sensible approach they have brought to their NAPLAN tests; including the times when the ACARA NAPLAN online system did not work at the expected level.

NAPLAN results will be available to our school and parents in the second half of term three.

Teaching and Learning News

Literacy is an extremely important aspect of teaching and learning at Gilles street PS. Throughout first term teachers have worked hard to continually improve their teaching practice with a focus on writing and spelling.

In order to support teachers shift their pedagogy to an even higher level we now have Meagan Hart working on Tuesdays in the role of Literacy Coordinator. Meagan will support teachers through professional development, mentoring, school visits and following up resources to ensure students are exposed to the best possible learning opportunities.

Aboriginal Education is another very important area of learning at our school. Mr Thring, who teaches Physical Education Tuesday to Friday, will now also be employed in the Aboriginal Education Teacher role on Mondays. In this role Mr Thring will support our Aboriginal students in many aspects of their schooling including through co-design of effective learning and assessment practices to improve literacy and numeracy achievement.

Extra-Curricular Activities

The beginning of term two has seen Gilles Street students engaged in many worthwhile extra-curricular activities including a range of excursions, Festival of Music preparations, Hockey, Netball, SAPSASA Cross Country and SAPSASA Athletics.

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Thank you to teachers, SSOs and parent volunteers who make it possible to provide these opportunities for Gilles Street students.

Pupil Free Day

Please remember Friday 7th June is a Pupil Free Day. Staff will be using this day to focus on improved understanding of teaching, learning and assessment of writing in the morning and will then work on improved understanding of ICT professional development and teaching tools in the afternoon.

If you require childcare on this day please contact Steven Kirk, 8227 1746, at the Gilles Street OSHC.

Volunteer Morning Tea – Week 10

Our school is lucky to have so many high quality volunteers who assist in a wide range of school activities. Volunteers really add value to Gilles Street students’ school experience.

We would like to acknowledge this and thank our volunteers for all of their hard work and next week is Volunteer Week.

School Services Officer (SSO) Week

This week, 13 - 17 May 2019 is National - School Services Officers (SSOs) Week. It is the week we recognise the important role that SSOs play in educating Australia’s children and young people.

Here at Gilles Street we recognise the crucial role our SSO’s play in providing a complete learning experience for so many of our children.

If you see one of our SSO’s around the yard this week, make sure you thank them for the work they do!

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In order to recognise all of the great work our volunteers do for us Kristy Cannon is organising a Volunteer Thank You Morning Tea, in the library, following our school assembly on Friday 5th of July - Week 10.

We look forward to seeing many volunteers on Friday 5th of July.

School Council Meeting

The next School Council meeting will be held in the library from 6pm on Monday 20th May.

Materials & Services Fees

The 2019 Material & Services Fees are now overdue. Please make arrangements with Dil in the Finance Office to finalise these as soon as possible.

If you have any questions regarding Gilles Street Primary please do not hesitate to contact us at school.

Kind regards

Michael
It has been a busy start to the term for our Gilles Street Primary athletes with both the SAPSASA Cross Country and SAPSASA Athletics taking place in back to back weeks.

District Cross Country

The Cross Country was on Friday Week 1 and we took 7 students along to test their aerobic capacity. It was a shock for some of our students of actually how far 3kms was but all tried their best and finished the race which was pleasing to see.

District Athletics Carnival

The East Adelaide District Athletics Day was held last Friday Week 2. GSPS students showed considerable interest in this and lunchtime trials were held to see which students were chosen to represent the school.

Again, effort was evident and students who participated thoroughly enjoyed the day. Mariette was a standout coming third in her shot put event, and Brendan finished second in his heat for the 100m sprint, narrowly missing out on the final.

George Thring - Physical Education Teacher

PaCE News

Bunnings BBQ

A HUGE thanks to all the GSPS community for supporting the Bunnings BBQ, either by turning sausages at the BBQ, or donating baked goods

We raised over $2,600!

Mother’s Day Pancake Morning

Another thanks to all the Dads and kids who got up early and flipped pancakes last Friday morning. It was a great community event.

As per popular demand please find the pancake recipe below!

Basic recipe makes approx. 9 pancakes

- 2 cups of self raising flour
- 2 eggs
- 2 cups of milk
- ½ teaspoon bi carb
- 1 teaspoon vanilla essence

Method:

Whisk eggs, milk & vanilla in bowl. Sift in flour & bi carb. Mix. Let sit for 5-10 minutes.

Nude Food is food without excess packaging. This reduces the amount that needs to go in bins to be sent to landfill.

Durable, reusable containers are a great way to bring food, as they may last from pre-school through to high school and beyond, providing long term cost savings and environmental benefits.

Can you spot the nude food in these lunchboxes?

Join us each week for 'Nude-Food Wednesdays!'
Glenhaven Park Camp
On Wednesday the 4th of April, year 3 & 4 students went to camp at Glenhaven Park. We got there at lunch time and set the cabins up. After that we had free time and then we split into our groups and did our first activity. Some people did Raft Building, Low Ropes or Tower Challenge.
After dinner (and dessert!!) we had a quiz night. Well done to ‘Team Watermelons’ who were the winners by 2 points!
On Thursday morning after breakfast we continued our activities, with Archery, Giant Swing and High Ropes being among the favourites.
We had a fantastic disco on Thursday night!
On Friday we completed our last activity before packing up and cleaning the campsite. Right at the end of camp we found out that Cabin 3 won the prize for the cleanest cabin right through the camp!
We would like to say a big thankyou to all the workers, cleaners, chefs, teachers and especially Craig Harrison for volunteering and helping to make the camp such a big success!!
Siara and Mali

Musical Congratulations
Congratulations to Sowon in Room 13 for successfully auditioning as a member of the Blue Troupe for this year’s Festival of Music.
Sowon was one of 60 students chosen out of 200 to participate in the dance troupe for this years Festival series in September.
Well done also to all of the other Gilles Street students who also auditioned.
There are more auditions coming up for the Festival including: Guest Artists, Hosts, soloists and a special percussion group over the next few weeks.
Good luck to all Gilles Street students who are auditioning!