Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I hope all families have managed to keep warm and healthy during the recent cold wet weather.

Students have begun term three positively and all students have been engaged in a wide range of worthwhile classroom learning and extracurricular activities.

**Cyber Safe Me**

Recently I have visited classes taking part in the Cyber Safe Me program. The engagement of all students has been clearly noticeable and I have been pleased to see the purposeful approach students have taken to learning about keeping themselves safe when learning and communicating online.

Thank you to all parents and caregivers who joined us on Wednesday night for the Cyber Safe Me Parent / Caregiver edition. I hope that this evening provided useful information for all families in attendance.

Meetings with the Department for Education continue tomorrow and we will update you on this process when implementation plans are finalised.

**Parent / Caregiver Survey**

Mr Tucker has registered Gilles Street Primary School for the online Department for Education Parent and Caregiver Survey.

This is your chance to let us know how you feel about our school, what is working well and what needs to be improved.

Please see Mr Tucker’s link to this survey and we appreciate everyone’s effort to give us feedback about our school.

**Student Wellbeing Survey**

Gilles Street students will also be providing feedback via the Department for Education Student Wellbeing Survey.

Students from year four to seven will be responding to this online survey throughout the next two weeks and this information, like Parent and Caregiver Survey in-
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formation, will enable us to develop a clearer picture of how our school is travelling and what we need to do to continue to improve.

Pupil Free Day
The next Pupil Free Day is Monday 20th of August. During the first half of this day, IELP teachers will work on English as an Alternative Language or Dialogue professional development while mainstream teachers will connect with colleagues from all Adelaide - Prospect Partnership schools on the continuing Learning Design and Moderation process.

In the second half of the day all Gilles Street Primary School teachers will work together, and in committees, to progress focus areas of our School Improvement Plan.

Current committees are focussing on Wellbeing, Literacy and Numeracy with the purpose of developing exemplary practice and consistency in Wellbeing, Literacy and Numeracy Teaching and Learning across our school.

If you require childcare on Monday 20th August, please contact Steve at the Gilles Street OSHC.

School Council
The next School Council meeting will be held in the library from 6pm Monday 13th August.

This is a Special Resolution Meeting where School Council members will be voting on suggested changes to the current School Council Constitution.

The Special Resolution includes more positions for elected parents / caregivers, council members and an IELP staff representative in addition to the current whole staff representative.

Only School Council members can cast a vote in this process and I will inform you of the outcome in the week six newsletter.

Front Office Screen and Electronic Sign In
By now, some of you will have noticed the new screen in the front office.

This screen will continually display photos of Gilles Street children involved in learning and extracurricular activities. It will soon include a ticker tape news service across the bottom of the screen as another way to inform school families of upcoming events and important school dates.

The long awaited electronic volunteer and visitor sign in facility will be installed very soon. Our Facilities Manger informs me that all required parts are now in Adelaide and we are hoping for this to be up and running by the end of week four.

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

Parent / Caregiver Survey
As Michael mentioned in his column, Gilles Street has registered with the ‘School Survey’ Website. This allow us to collect the thoughts and opinions of the parents and caregivers in our school community.

This information is valuable to us and we appreciate the time that people take to pass on their perceptions of our work. Please go to the website or scan the QR code to take part in the survey.

https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/gsp2018

Wipeout Waste Tip

Food with its own packaging can be cheaper, healthier, and any scraps can be composted!

Nude Food = Zero Waste.
In late March two of our students, Natsumi and Taro travelled to Japan. They were very lucky to see the cherry blossom in bloom, rode on the Shinkansen to go skiing, and visited the Hiroshima Peace Park. They climbed Kintoki Mountain, went to Aqua Park, and visited the Panasonic Centre, Disney Sea and Disneyland. During their time in Japan Natsumi and Taro had many educational adventures including visiting the Cup Noodle Museum, the Bug Museum, and a railway museum. They were fortunate to be in Japan in June when a Kid’s festival is celebrated and visited Kodomonkuni (Children’s Land). In between their adventures, Natsumi and Taro also attended school in Tokyo. This was quite an adventure in itself! Natsumi and Taro found school in Japan to be quite different to coming to school at G.S.P.S each day. Some of the differences included the time they attended school, and the multi-storey building with its special reinforcement to keep it safe in an earthquake. Announcements were made over the school speaker system by the Principal and older students and the language spoken was always Japanese. The students each take their ‘outside’ shoes off and put them in the class shoe lockers and put their ‘inside’ shoes on for wearing in the school.

Each day, lunch was made in a school kitchen by staff and served by the students in the classroom. Everyone was served the same healthy meal but once everyone was seated, students could return some of the meal if they thought it was too big. Two students then tell the class what was being served. The class would give thanks to everyone who contributed to the meal. Once everyone had eaten, one student would tell the class some information about the food they have eaten such as the health benefits. The students also cleaned the classrooms and other indoor areas!

Gill, Natsumi’s teacher at G.S.P.S., was thrilled to be travelling to Japan for a family wedding in the last week of Term 2. Gill’s adventures included travelling on the Shinkansen (Bullet Train), visiting Aomori, eating delicious Japanese culinary delights, and driving a gokart around the streets of Tokyo while dressed as Yoshi!

Gill’s visit happened to coincide with Natsumi’s family trip. Gill and Natsumi’s family kept in touch while they were away and arranged for Gill to visit and have a tour of the school. Gill saw the three levels of playgrounds, school swimming pool and gymnasium, the general classrooms and the specialist subject classrooms such as Science, Home Economics (cooking) and Music. Gill was lucky enough to watch Natsumi participate in an English lesson, where Natsumi excelled! Each playground level had a different purpose and were scheduled for only certain year levels to use. The day Gill visited the ground floor was being used for the running track, play and swimming pool (in the warmer months they have their swimming lessons here and the pool has a hard cover for colder months so that it can be used as a hard surface and played on). The second level play area was for special sports equipment. Imagine riding unicycles and pogo sticks at school! The top level playing area was used as sports and running around. The gymnasium was also used in break times for running around and playing.

Taro is very happy to be back learning at G.S.P.S., Natsumi hopes to experience school in both Australia and Japan during her schooling years and Gill would love to travel again.
Classes will soon be beginning their preparations for one of our biggest days of the year - *Sports Day*! This year, Sports Day will take place on Friday the 14th of September. There will be coffee and tea, muffins, cakes and sausages available for purchase on the day! Stay tuned for more information!

Scores for the Hockey and Netball teams were:
- All Hockey teams were washed out in the first week of term.
- **Netball**
  - GSPS Yr 3/4 Dolphins - Bye
  - GSPS Yr 3/4 Joeys won 10 - 2
  - GSPS Yr 5/6 Storm Puppies won 14 - 4
  - GSPS Yr 5/6 Warriors lost 4 - 16
  - GSPS Yr 7 Raptors won 21 - 1

**House Captains 2018**

Our house captains are important leaders and role models for other students in the school. We look to them to provide an example in the way to enjoy and approach school life as a whole.

House captains were voted on last week after assembly. Candidates from each house were given the opportunity to prepare a talk to the rest of their house drawing attention to their positive qualities and why they thought they would make a good house captain. Each student between Yr 2 - 7 was then able to cast a vote for a male and female captain and vice-captain.

It is a pleasure to announce the following students as house captain in 2018.

Captains (middle) - Kayla & Pol
Vice-captains - Rachael & Jad

Captains (back) - Yana & Helen
Vice-captains (front) - Lyla & Nina

Captains (back) - Dakota & James
Vice-captains - Alfie & Issey

Captains (middle) - Francesca & Edison
Vice-captains - Mia & Angas