



Gilles Street Primary School

2014 Newsletters

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Coming Events:

12 September 2014

- **Thursday 18th September —Gilles Street's Got Talent!**
- **Friday 26th September—last day of Term 3. End of Term Assembly 2.15pm**
- **Monday 13th October– Term 4 starts.**
- **Dates to put in your diary for Term 4.**
- **24/10 –Fun Run**
- **27/11 Whole School Performance**

From the Principal

Sports Day

What a great day. Another fantastic Sports Day where we were blessed with the weather, beautiful children who displayed excellent behaviour showing they were good sports regardless of the results and wonderful parents, family members and friends to support them. A big thankyou to Mark Tucker and his helpers who organised and set up the event and to the House Captains who worked so hard with their team chants and health hustles.



Light were the winners this year in the closest results we have had in some time and their team name will be added to the trophy which is undergoing a refurbishment.

This year we will be asking for what you thought of Sports Day, so are asking for your feedback . Please follow this

link to a Padlet site and write your ideas.

Staff and students have also been asked for their feedback . Padlet address padlet.com/markjamestucker/sportsday

NAPLAN

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLaN) test results have arrived home for all year 3, 5 and 7 students who sat the test in May. The tests represent a snapshot of student achievement in literacy and numeracy and offer a state and national comparison. In the event you have any questions or concerns please see your child's teacher as an initial point of contact.

Class placement exercise

We will shortly be beginning our staffing and placement exercise for the 2015 year. For this purpose it is important that we know if any of our students will be leaving and not attending our school in 2015. We have a number of students on the Waiting List and would like to confirm numbers as soon as possible.

Pupil Free Day for Term 4

We will be holding our final Pupil Free Day on Thursday 13th of November. Staff will be attending a conference with Professor Guy Claxton who is a world renowned educationalist specialising in the topics of creativity, intuition and education. Guy's work underpins much of our learning over the last few years particularly Teaching for Effective Learning and developing powerful learners. O.S.H.C will be open on that day and details will be available early next term.

Deb O'Neill

PRELOVED BOOK SALE

Are you wondering what the children can do during the next school holidays?

Why not buy and read a book someone else has loved?

When? Week 10
Where? The Library
Alison Hicks
Teacher Librarian



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Year 2 Art Repeat designs



Bella



Elysia



Niamh



Xavier

Botanical designs

Students in Janet's year 2 class have completed beautiful repeat designs based on observational drawings of plants. We studied designs from England, China and India before creating our motifs. These were traced to create a symmetrical repeat design. Students chose harmonious colours and worked with coloured pencil. The final works have been photocopied 4 times to create these repeat design.

Christine Lawrence Visual Arts

BOOKWEEK REFLECTIONS

Week 6 was Book Week and a great opportunity to promote books by encouraging students to dress up as their favourite characters from their favourite books and parade around the school grounds! There were pirates and princesses, wizards and witches, TV and movie characters, even oompa- loompas!

Mrs Hicks, our school librarian, loves to encourage us to read as much as we can in our spare time. She also invited a storyteller, Helen Lawry, who is one of the parents of our students to read us the 'Golden Valley' a medieval Sicilian story about three princes whose father owned a kingdom with a Golden Valley. One of the princes decided he wanted to stay, so he begged his father to build a house in the beautiful valley. But then, at midnight a monster destroyed the house and he returned shamefaced to his father and brothers... The storyteller used some musical instruments to add to the tension and the mystery the story was creating.

An Australian author, called Justin D'Ath (the apostrophe stands for 'e') was invited to tell us about his books and early life. He was very amusing and entertaining as he had written many books. He inspired us to write our own stories and promote the career of an author.

Book Week was excellent and was a joy to celebrate. Descriptive books, like those by Roald Dahl, take you places you've never been before. Books let you unwind and lose yourself in time and the best ones are 'unputdownable!'



Sports Day was another wonderful day with **Light** winning the overall day. The weather was kind to us and we had a record crowd of supporters. Well done to all of the teams and to all of the good sports. Thanks to the Sports Committee for organising another fantastic event.

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SPORTS DAY 2014



East Adelaide District Athletics Day

On Tuesday 2nd of September, Gilles Street Primary School sent a team of approximately 20 students with the very capable Mr Nick Muxlow to Santos Stadium for the East Adelaide District Athletics Carnival. It was a great day and the reports I have received show that our competitors conducted themselves with sportsmanship and enthusiasm! All students who attended represented our school in exactly the manner we would hope for and expect.

A list of the outstanding efforts by those students who won a ribbon on the day are summarised below.

Hawi A won the 11 yr Girls 100 Metres (14.78 seconds), 200 Metres (30.14 seconds) & Long Jump (4.05 metres). Hawi is to be congratulated for the wonderfully modest way she conducted herself in winning these events in her age group for the second year in a row!

Nina S won the 12 yr Girls Discus (18.01 metres) this is the third year in succession that Nina has won her age group in this event!

Ben S surprised even himself from lane 8 in the final by coming second in the Boys 12 yr 100 Metres in a time of 14.64 seconds.

Devandra R performed fantastically well in coming second in the Boys 12 yr 200 Metres in 31.14 seconds

Daniel M came third in the Boys 11 yr Shot Put with a distance of 7.45 metres in his first time competing at an event like this!.

Hawi and Nina will now compete in these events at the State Metro Finals Day representing the District, while Ben will be part of the 4 x 100m relay team on the same day!



Found property

We have a large amount of lost property that is collecting near the front office. There are many items including school uniform, hats, coats and a variety of lunch boxes and containers. Please take the time to have a look next time you are in the school. Items that have no name or have not been reclaimed by the end of the term will be sent to charity stores.

Lost property

We don't normally do this but there has been a very special collection of Pokémon cards that have gone missing from the school a few weeks ago. They were in plastic sheets in a blue folder. If found could you please return it to the office. They are very, very special to one of our new students.

Gilles Street Primary School Quiz Night was a resounding success.

Our first Quiz Night in a number of years was a wonderful night filled with fun, laughter and of course general knowledge and expertise! All teams performed well on the night and the overall money raised was over \$3000.

Tables were decorated with much flair, with the Reception parents winning with their red and white spots and hearts designs and the Black Pirates winning the quiz.

Many (many) thanks to the Fundraising Committee for their hard work and the parents and businesses who donated prizes and Silent Auction items.

All money raised will go towards the grounds development.