



Gilles Street Primary School

2015 Newsletters

In 2015 the newsletter will only be available digitally via our webpage (scan the QR code) or via email by subscription. In the event you require a paper copy/ies please advise the classroom teacher of your eldest child ASAP. Thank you for supporting our efforts to reduce paper.



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Coming up...

Fri Mar 13

Whole School Assembly
hosted by Room 11
9:15am in the Hall

Fri Mar 20

Harmony Day
Bebras Challenge

Fri Mar 27

Whole School Assembly -
hosted by Room 6, 9:15am
in the hall.

Circle of Friends 10:00
am in the Library

Fri Apr 3 - Mon Apr 6

EASTER Weekend - No School

Fri Apr 10

Final day of Term 1 - End
of Term Assembly 2:00pm
in the hall.

TERM 2 BEGINS

Monday 27th April

March 13, 2015

From the Principal

On March 2nd the Annual General Meeting was held and our new council was elected.

The 2014 Annual Report was presented and highlighted the achievements for 2014 as well as the areas that we needed to continue to develop and improve. The 2015 site priorities and site plans were also presented and the overview of our grounds development project was discussed. I would like to welcome our newly appointed council members Victoria Brown, Katherine Campbell and Max (Anthony) Haitana. They will join our existing members Anthony Keane, Jo De Silva, Vicki Kourlis, Sarah Marshall, Sudhir Mishra, Corey Piper, Adrienne Astley Dixon, Mira Lisichin, as well as staff representatives Cathy Bawden, Carol West and Deb O'Neill.

I would like to acknowledge our exiting council members in particular Kath Vannan and Andrew Crocker, who have served our community for 8 years, both working tirelessly for the school community particularly with

the Department and Adelaide City Council to gain and develop the play space that will soon be completed and ready to use as our new sports surface.

The next council meeting will be on the 23rd of March when office bearers will be elected.

The council has the responsibility to consult with the community and to represent all families in developing a partnership with the school to develop policies, provide advice to the principal and to assist in the setting of whole school improvements and directions. Your council members are always willing to listen to your ideas and to bring these to the council. They act in good faith and weigh up the needs of the entire community. Please see one of your council members if you wish to raise something and of course thank them for being your representative in improving our school.

The Grounds Committee is another group where staff and parents are working hard to develop a whole

school concept for our grounds development. We have employed a consultant to develop an overall plan and have sought feedback from staff, parents, community and of course the students. We will present some of our ideas for feedback once the initial plans have been completed.

We are implementing a new Learner Management System where we will soon be able to email and possibly SMS parents with important information or requests. It is vital that we have your up to date email addresses and phone numbers. Earlier this term we sent home a print out of the current information we have on our ED-SAS System. Please check this carefully and return to the front office. Any time you change your contact details we would appreciate this information being relayed as soon as possible. We hope this will continue to improve our lines of communication with the community.

I will be on leave next week so please direct enquiries to Carol, Ginny or Rod.

Deb O'Neill

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Bring your Own Device Portal

This month saw us introduce our Bring Your Own Device portal in partnership with IP Partners. The portal offers an optional yet convenient option for parents/caregivers wanting to purchase a quality computing device for their child. Devices are built to education level specifications (often more powerful than the same retail model) and come with a 3 year warranty (vs a retail 1 year option) and a one day on-site service for any issues that arise. Insurance and cases can also be added in at the checkout.

This BYOD program aligns to our school vision: that

learning thrives in environments where learners are empowered and powered up through quality teaching and learning programs and accessing tools for 21st century learning.

Students with their own devices puts personalised tools in the hands of learners for anytime-anywhere learning. Online access to information is readily available with personal devices supporting students to move from learning as an individual to working in collaborative networks.

For more information on the portal and a flyer please visit our Innovation and Learning webpage or download the flyer from here

<http://ldrv.ms/1GIK0vp>

The portal can be accessed from

<http://gsps.ippartners.com.au>



THE PIRATES
PROSPECT DISTRICT
CRICKET CLUB
TALENT
IDENTIFICATION
SESSION

If you are aged 10 to 15 (as of 1 September 2015) and think you have what it takes to play Grade Cricket, why not come along to our Talent ID Session and try out? PDCC will be conducting a Talent Identification Session in preparation for season 2015/16 on;

Wednesday the 18th of March commencing at 6.00pm. The session will be held at the Prospect District Cricket Club nets (rear of Prospect Oval behind the score board)

Please register your attendance, age group and DOB, or if you have any queries, by contacting Matthew Clark, PDCC Junior Coordinator email: pdcc.juniors@gmail.com

Scholastic Book Clubs:

Are you in the LOOP?

Scholastic Book Club catalogues are distributed each month to classes. You will have noticed the changes to the catalogues from last year. This year there is one catalogue covering a range of 2 year levels, catering for different reading ages.

To make ordering your books easier, Scholastic has also introduced LOOP. Are you in the LOOP?

LOOP is the NEW Linked Online Ordering and Payment platform for parents.

All LOOP orders come directly to school and books

get distributed with the other orders. Once ordering dates are closed you can also choose to have orders delivered straight to you. This is particularly handy if you are purchasing gifts.

There is no need for parents to fill out any forms or receipt numbers - nothing needs to come to school, with all payments going directly to Scholastic and earning our school Scholastic Rewards points for more resources.

More information can be found at <http://www.scholastic.com.au/loopinfo>

Library Space



Things have moved around in the library since 2014. A new reading space has been created by rearranging some of our shelving to create a more open feel. Students can now find a quiet, comfortable space to browse and read the books they have chosen. Student and teacher feedback has, so far, been very positive regarding the new reading well. The library is open before school, from 8:30am and after school until 3:30pm if you would like to come in with your child/children. For more information on our library services, visit our webpage

<http://www.gillesstps.sa.edu.au/Library>



Introducing
SCHOLASTIC
Book Clubs LOOP
for Parents



ANZAC CENTENARY



In 2014 Pauline Thomas and Carol West were successful in their submission for an Anzac Centenary Local Grant. Research on our school's war history



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ICAS 2015

This year we continue to participate in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). Tests are available in the following learning areas:

- Digital Technologies (Years 3-7) - 19 May
- English (Years 2-7) - 28 July
- Maths (Years 2-7) - 11 August
- Spelling (Years 3-7) - 16 June
- Science (Years 2-7) - 2 June

The school and Parents/caregivers are provided with a comprehensive report on their child's performance. All students receive an Achievement Certificate.

More information on what is covered in the tests is available from

<http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au>

If you wish your child to participate please download the consent form (link below), indicate which tests to be sat and pay sitting fees to the front office.

All consents and payments are due by **WEDNESDAY 1st April 2015.**

CONSENT FORM <http://1drv.ms/1AYwUzj>



has continued and is now being presented on the Gilles Street Remembers Blog .

<http://gillesstremembers.blogspot.com.au/>

Funding has also been secured to refurbish and add to a number of items held by the school, including Honor Rolls, drum and flag. A film will also be created.

Information regarding progress and a date set for honouring our old scholars who served and the unveiling of the refurbished Honor Roll will be publicised throughout the year. In the meantime follow the blog.

Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge

This coming fortnight students will be participating in the Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge.

What is Computational Thinking? Computational thinking (CT) involves a set of problem-solving skills and techniques that software engineers use to write programs that underlie the computer applications you use such as search, email, and maps. Here are specific techniques.

- **Decomposition:** Breaking a task or problem into steps or parts.
- **Pattern Recognition:** Make predictions and models to test.
- **Pattern Generalization and Abstraction:** Discover the laws, or principles that cause these patterns.
- **Algorithm Design:** Develop the instructions to solve similar problems and repeat the process.

Students will be given a series of word problems where they will have to use logic and a variety of the techniques listed above to solve the presented problems., either in teams or as individuals. The year level challenges align to the new Australian Curriculum: Digital Technology curriculum.

Bebras is an international initiative based in the Netherlands and in Australia is funded by the Australian Government as represented by the Department of Communications and administered by National ICT Australia to promote careers in Digital Technology.

The Norwood Morialta High School

Open Night-Middle Campus

Tuesday 31 March, 5.30pm until 7.30pm

- Tours
- Demonstrations
- Displays

The Norwood Morialta High School invites all prospective parents to join us on a tour of the middle campus on Morialta Road West, Rostrevor and learn more about the programs offered at our vibrant school. Please come directly to the central courtyard for the commencement of your tour.



To book an audition parents need to fill in the online booking form at the following address: <http://www.festivalofmusic.org.au/troupe.html>

ONLINE BOOKING DUE DATE: Wednesday 25th March 2015

For more information please call the Festival of Music Office on 8261 5438 (9.00am to 4.00pm) or check the website www.festivalofmusic.org.au

GILLES STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL VACATION CARE PROGRAM

April 2015

VENUE: RECREATION CENTRE
Gilles Street Primary School
91 Gilles Street, Adelaide SA 5000

8227 1746

OPENING HOURS 8 AM – 6 PM

COST: \$49.00 per day per child
(Excursions included)

For more information contact OSHC Director

CHILD CARE BENEFIT IS AVAILABLE TO MOST FAMILIES
BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL



Children must be signed in and out of the Vacation Care program by the Parent /Caregivers each day that they are attending. Please make sure to look at the top of the "Sign out Book" for the day that your child/ren are actually attending (eg Mon, Tue, Wed, Thurs, Fri)

MONDAY 13-April - 15	TUESDAY 14-April - 15	WEDNESDAY 15-April - 15	THURSDAY 16-April - 15	FRIDAY 17-April - 15
<p>RECREATION CENTRE School Day</p>  <p>Art/Craft/Technology, Cooking, Computers, Sport Games, Electronic Games etc</p>	<p>MOVIE "The Book of Life" PG</p>  <p>Depart: To be Advised Return: To be Advised Transport: Private Bus</p>	<p>FOUR OAKS FARM</p>  <p>MUST WEAR LONG TROUSERS AND CLOSED IN FOOTWEAR</p> <p>Depart: Gilles Street 9.30am Return: Gilles Street 4.00pm Transport: Private Bus</p>	<p>WHEELIE KIDS</p>  <p>Gilles Street School from 9.30am – 11.30am</p>	<p>RECREATION CENTRE School Day</p>  <p>Art/Craft/Technology, Cooking, Computers, Sport Games, Electronic Games etc</p>
MONDAY 20-April - 15	TUESDAY 21-April - 15	WEDNESDAY 22-April - 15	THURSDAY 23-April - 15	FRIDAY 24-April - 15
<p>RECREATION CENTRE School Day</p>  <p>Art/Craft/Technology, Cooking, Computers, Sport Games, Electronic Games etc</p>	<p>MARRA DREAMING Aboriginal arts, crafts and basket weaving</p>  <p>Gilles Street School from 10.00am – 12.00pm</p>	<p>SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MARITIME MUSEUM AND ARCHIE BADENOCH PORT RIVER CRUISE</p>  <p>Depart: Gilles Street 9.30am Return: Gilles Street 2.00pm Transport: Private Bus</p>	<p>CLELAND CONSERVATION & WILDLIFE PARK</p>  <p>Depart: Gilles Street 9.30am Return: Gilles Street 3.30pm Transport: Private Bus</p>	<p>RECREATION CENTRE School Day</p>  <p>Art/Craft/Technology, Cooking, Computers, Sport Games, Electronic Games etc</p>



Don't forget Lunch, Morning & Afternoon tea every day!

(All food and drink must be provided by the parents)



PLEASE BE AT THE CENTRE BY 9.00AM ON ALL EXCURSION DAYS

(we cannot wait for children arriving late).

THIS PROGRAM IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND WE ENCOURAGE ANY LEARNING AND FUN OPPORTUNITY

LAST DAY FOR BOOKING: 31st March 2015 WITHOUT EXCEPTION

(unless booked out prior to this date).

All bookings are final after the closing date and no cancellations will be accepted.

Bookings not paid for and confirmed by the closing date will be cancelled