From the Principal

Coming to the end of another term it is hard to believe how much we actually fit into 11 weeks. It has been a very busy but rewarding term. This year’s see the first intake of the same day start with all of our receptions born before the 1st May starting in January. All have settled well and working beautifully upstairs with Rachael Tennant. Our new school council under the leadership of Chairperson Kath Vannan has met and begin planning for the 2014 year. We are investigating the Bring your own device initiative and also have conducted a survey of the community in relation to fundraising priorities. We will be calling for volunteers soon to help out with fundraising opportunities.

Australian Curriculum

This year we are planning assessing and reporting on all published aspects of the Australian Curriculum. Some of these are still in draft form and may be subject to minor changes. We have had one day closure in May this term focussing on our numeracy priority and had Mike Chartres from the Primary Mathematics Association present training and development for our learning in the school focus area Mathematics.

TFEL Pilot Site

We have also been selected to be a Teaching for Effective Learning (TFEL) Partnership Pilot site 2014- 2016 in partnership with the Pedagogy and Leadership Team and Teaching and Learning Services. We welcome Vicky Bitzios to our staff who will be working in partnership with and across the other sites in our partnership us for the next 3 years. Vicky and I have already conducted a student survey on perceptions in Mathematics and what makes learning powerful for them. This information will be used to plan our learning across the next year.

We hope you have a wonderful holiday and get a chance to spend relaxing time over the Easter break with your families and friends.

From the Principal

Deb O’Neill

11th of April 2014

Gilles Street Primary School

2014 Newsletters

From Week 3, 2014, 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.

From the Principal

Coming Events:

- Term 2 begins
  Mon 28 April
- Whole School Assembly
  Friday 9th May
- ‘Parent Workshop’
  ‘When to Say yes and How to say no”—Bill Hansberry
  Wednesday 21st May
- Whole School Assembly
  Friday 23rd May
- School Council Meeting
  Monday 26th May
- Queen’s Birthday
  Public Holiday
  Monday 9th June
- Pupil Free Day
  Tuesday 10th June
- OSHC available

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Gilles Street Primary School Wins Inaugural Multicultural Cricket Cup Day!!!

News report by Devendra

On Wednesday 2nd April at Adelaide University Oval was the Inaugural Multicultural Cricket Cup Day between Gilles Street Primary School and Ingle Farm Primary School.

The team the Blue Warriors had six players. They were Kartik from India, Chanwoo from Korea, Siddique from India, Akbar from Pakistan, Devendra from India and Binyan from Ethiopia. All players are now playing in Adelaide.

The Blue Warriors had a successful day for their first games together. They won 3 matches but they lost one match against the Afghani Boys. The final game was very close. During the day the best batters for the Blue Warriors were Devendra and Kartik.

The Blue Warriors then played against the Afghani Boys in the finals. The Blue Warriors made 80 runs and the Afghani boys target was 81 runs. When the Blue Warriors fielded the first bowler was Chanwoo, he took 3 wickets. The best wicket keeper for the day was Siddique. In the final match the Blue Warriors won by a close 7 runs.

Cricket SA were very happy with the day. The organiser Amy said “The cricket players from Gilles Street and Ingle Farm show great skills and are good sports.” The next cup will be in 2015.

Guest Speaker

Teams in action

GSPS School Council Fundraising Committee Survey

We need your input on how to spend funds!!!

We would love to get as many parent responses as possible to help us focus our efforts on what you think is most important. Type in the address or scan the QR code to be taken to the link.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NNMJBHF

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NAPLAN Tests.

“The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an annual event for schools since 2008. On Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th May, students will take the 2014 NAPLAN tests.

NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australia children. It also provides valuable information that allows schools and governments to better target effort and support to help all students achieve their potential and acquire the basic skills to help them build successful and happy lives.

All students are expected to participate in the tests. Students with disability may qualify for reasonable adjustments that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom. Some students with very specific circumstances, including newly arrived students as is the case for our Intensive English language Programme students, are exempted from participating in the tests.

For information about participation in NAPLAN, you can go to: http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support.html or scan the QR code below.

NAPLAN tests fundamental skills rather than specific content, and as such is not a test for which students can study or drill. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day and not to worry about results.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year, usually early September. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child’s results to discuss progress with teachers. More information is available at www.nap.edu.au

Harmony Day

Harmony Day on 21 March is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world.

By participating in Harmony Day activities, we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and enrich it.

Orange is the official colour of Harmony Day, and at Gilles Street this year we wrote harmonious messages on orange ribbons. Later we had a whole school picnic at the Park, with orange iceblocks.

The ‘Dream Thief won’t Disappoint!

By Leyla, Thespina, Lily, and Ashfa
(based on notes compiled from class feedback)

Do you dream at night? Well, if you do or you don’t, the Dream Thief is a show for you. A well organised, original production by Adelaide High School students will have you at the edge of your seat. It is an adventurous, fantasy, action-packed show that won’t disappoint!

The script relied heavily on dialogue and for some audience members it was too complicated to understand, but it was clever and challenged the audience to their limits. The 6 main characters Quilly, her toy “Button”, Boo, Olar, Rags and Reeva took the audience on a thrilling adventure into their wildest dreams, before delivering us back into a safe, warm reality!

The audience ranged from some who didn’t understand the storyline to those who could predict the next scene.

The Adelaide High School students pulled off an impressive show with well used props, excellent costumes and sets. The soundtrack was composed by a talented 17 year old student with dramatic, emotional music that will stay in our heads. The technical crew did an excellent job with the lighting and ensured the audience focused on the action, especially the eerie hospital scene which was quite unsettling. But overall it was a stellar performance by the drama students.
Secondary School Open Days
A number of our local secondary schools are hosting open days/authorities over the coming months. If you are interested please view the information on the links below or contact the schools below directly.

Unley High School  
**Sunday 18th May 2014, 2-4 pm**  
http://www.uhs.sa.edu.au/2012/05/21/greek-spring-dance/

Mitcham Girls High School  
**12th May 2014**  

Glenunga International High School  
**Open Day for 2014 - May 23 2014 from 11.30am - 1.05pm.**  
**Ignite & IB Information Evening - May 22 from 6.15pm - 7.45pm.**

All participants will need to register by Wednesday 21 May 2014 for Information Night or Open Day.  
Email: eleni.dalkos@gihs.sa.edu.au  
Non registered people will be unable to be accommodated on the day.  

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**We would like to invite prospective families to attend**

**Principal’s Tour**  
**Wednesday, 7 May 2014**  
9:00am-10:30am  
Bookings essential. Register at sonya.parkin@uhs.sa.edu.au  
101 Kitchener Stowel  
Northby SA  
P: 82714500  
Email: info@uhs.sa.edu.au  
Website: www.uhs.sa.edu.au

**Open Day**  
**Sunday, 18 May 2014**  
2:00pm-4:00pm  
Principal’s Address: 2:45pm  
Tours - 2pm, 2:15pm, 2:30pm and 3pm

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**Glenunga International High School**  
Information Night: Thu 22 May 2014  
6:15 for 6:30pm start till 7:45pm  
Tour School in Action: 6.15 - 7.05pm  
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Tour School in Action: 12:05 - 1:05pm.