OFF THE WALL PARTY
FRIDAY 20th SEPTEMBER

As a means of acknowledging the wonderful mural that has been such a prominent feature of our school, for just over 10 years now, we will be holding a celebration on the 20th September 2013. The mural/wall/building will be demolished during the next school holidays and replaced, initially, with a landscaped green space.

The Off-The Wall party will include a BBQ - run by Rotary Club of Adelaide East, cake, raffles and a performance by our Taiko Drummers. It will be a wonderful way to acknowledge the wonderful artwork and Christine Lawrence our artist.

There will also be an opportunity for you to have your say on how the space may be used in the future via our concept boards. If you have any ideas please bring them along.

If you are able to help with donations or help on the evening please fill out the form on the attached flyer.

Building Resilience

Another successful evening was held earlier in the term by Madhavi Nawana Parker who spoke to the staff and then parent group on building resilience in children. Her ideas and suggestions are really practical and help us as parents and educators respond to students and children in an empathetic and empowering way. Carol will be providing some fact sheets on these ideas in the near future. Check out the latest Kids Matter newsletter at http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary/

Upcoming Parent Workshop
Parents/Caregivers may be interested in the upcoming Stephen Graham workshop on Thursday August 22nd “Helping your child to become a balanced reader”. Stephen has worked with staff across the Eastern Region including staff at Gilles Street. These are free workshops and will be held at the Felixstow Conference Room, Briar Road, Felixstow from 9.30 – 11.30a.m and then again in the afternoon from 4.00 - 6.00pm. Parents are asked to contact Shirley Quinn at the Eastern Regional Office to make bookings. 83668800

SA Teaching Awards
Congratulations to our year 6/7 teacher Deb McMahon who has been nominated as a finalist in the SA Teaching awards for 2013. Deb is an outstanding educator and we wish her all the best for the upcoming announcement.

Staffing News
In staffing news, Amy Dohnt (Room 5) will begin Accoun- trement Leave from Week 7. We are happy to welcome Janet Leadbeater as her replacement for the remainder of 2013. Janet has been a member of the Gilles Street Primary School staff in years previous.

From the Principal

August 16th 2013

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School Fees
M&S Fees are due in full, unless you have made a payment arrangement or have submitted an application for School Card. Your accounts can be paid with cash, credit card, cheque, Bizgate or bank transfer. We would also appreciate payment of any outstanding excursions and extra-curricular activities (such as sport, taiko, violin etc). If you have any questions, please contact me

Thanks - Tracey Aberlé
Finance Manager

Payment Times
The finance office is open every day; however please use the following times as a guide to pay your accounts
Mon-Fri 8.30am-9.15am and 3pm-3.30pm

Room 14 Science Week
From the Library

ICAS
Assembly Awards

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Room 14 Science Week Excursion

On Tuesday, our class went to the SA Museum for Science Week. Julian’s mum, Zolangie, and Renzo’s mum, Liz, came to help Miss Mary look after us.

First we left school and caught the tram to Adelaide Railway Station. Then we walked to the Museum. On the road we saw a place which has a tower and inside it were many names of people who died in the wars. We took some photos and walked through to the Museum.

We finished our recess and we entered the museum. We met a funny person called Michael. He told us about dinosaurs. Then we met a person who was very good at drawing. We did ink drawings. After that it was lunch time.

After lunch we went to the Waterhouse Exhibition and saw many art pieces, they were so expensive. I liked the one which is of a mountain with snow on it. But it was very expensive. Then we went to see some mummies and some diamonds and agate.

Even though I have been to the Museum before, the Waterhouse Exhibition is very good and worth seeing.

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From the Library

Herman & Rosie

On Thursday 1st August, classes from Reception to year 3 enjoyed a wonderful performance of the picture book, *Herman & Rosie*, short-listed for the Australian children’s book awards this year. Set in New York City, it is a story about friendship and following your dreams. The show included drama, song, puppetry, music, comedy and audience participation. To quote students, it was: “fabulous”, “fantastic”, and “funny”.

During Book Week (week 5) the Library and year 7 students will hold a second-hand book sale to help raise money for Graduation Night. Donations will be gratefully received - books can be brought to the Library any school day.

Book Week will culminate with a special concert on Friday 23rd August. We will celebrate the theme “Read across the Universe” and the book awards with plays, films and songs. Children are encouraged to dress up for the occasion – considering there are books about everything, the scope is endless!

In the library use your QR Code Scanner App to access student book reviews of short listed books.

Alison Hicks
Teacher librarian
ICAS

During the year students at GSPS have an opportunity to participate in the ICAS tests offered by the University of New South Wales. “The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) are independent skills-based assessments with a competition element. Commonly referred to as the UNSW tests, ICAS is unique, being the most comprehensive generally available suite of academic assessments and school tests for primary and secondary school students.” In 2013 a number of students from Year 3 - 8 have participated in the Computer Skills, Science, English and this week Mathematics tests.

Over one million student entries are accepted from over 6,300 schools in Australia and New Zealand annually. In addition, students from over 20 countries including Hong Kong, India, Malaysia, Singapore, South Africa and the USA participate in ICAS each year.

Information, costs and dates for the ICAS tests come out in Term 1 each year.

So far this year we’d like to congratulate the following students on their achievements in the Computer Skills and Science Tests. Results for English and Mathematics are yet to be returned to the school.

**Computer Skills**
- Participation - Leyla (Room 19)
- Credit - Ryan (Room 19), Wihanga (Room 11)

**Science**
- Participation - Ryan, Leyla, Sofya (Room 19)
- Credit - Wihanga (Room 11)
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Book and host your party prior to 30th September and receive 15% over the entire party (including catering)

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OSHC
SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
Friday 13th September 2013

Bookings Now OPEN - EXCURSION/AT SCHOOL ACTIVITY TBA

Operating Times: Open - 7.45am  Closed - 6.00pm
($20.00 late pickup fee applies after 6.00pm)

Cost - $47.00 per child per day (excursion included – To Be Advised)

CCB available to eligible Parent/Caregivers

After School Care will be available. Please pick up booking and excursion consent form from OSHC office.

PLEASE NOTE:

Bookings will be final at the time the booking form is returned to the Service.

No cancellation will be accepted after the booking form is received and Parents/Caregivers will be charged regardless of attendance.

Last day to book: WEDNESDAY 4th September - WITHOUT EXCEPTION