

Gilles Plains Children's Centre for Early Childhood Development and Parenting





Children's Centre News

Director: Allyson Goodale

Hello Everyone,



Theatre Excursion Tuesday 13th March



Can You Hear Colour?

Colour is our first aesthetic choice, often our first favourite thing.

What if your paint box sang to you?

To some, the key of C major is red, to
others definitely white.

Theatre, by its mischievous nature, allows us to defy the rules of reality and transport our characters and audiences into the realm of possibility. Can You Hear Colour? Is a Patch Theatre premiere for children.

It is a kaleidoscopic opera that promises to delight and enthrall.

This excursion will be part of our regular Tuesday. After lunch we will travel to the AC Arts Theatre in Light Square, for a 1pm performance, on a chartered bus (Farnhams) and return in time for the usual pick up time of 3.00

We have subsidized this excursion (we will cover \$7.50 per child) and ask for a contribution of \$10 per child to cover the cost of the ticket and bus travel.

Please complete the permission form and return with payment to a staff member.





Robyn McLean Principal

Allyson Goodale Head of Early Years

Chan Welfare
Head of Primary Years

Roy Webb Head of Secondary Years

Amy Geue

Coordinator of the Centre for Hearing Impaired (CHI)

Danielle Smith *Business Manager, B-12*

Diary Dates

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| • | 5th Mar | Photo catch-up day |
| • | 6th Mar | Preschool Acquaintanc Night |
| • | 12th Mar | Public Holiday Adelaide Cup |
| • | 13th Mar | Pupil Free Day R-12 |
| • | 13th Mar | Preschool Theatre Excursion |
| • | 25th Mar | Avenues College Open Day - McKay Avenue |
| • | 29th Mar | Pupil Free Day |

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

COLLEGE PHOTOS

This week we have had the opportunity to celebrate our new uniforms in the very first photos for Avenues College. The students conducted themselves beautifully; and their cooperation was remarked upon as the photographers finished for the day. A follow-up day will be held on Monday, March 5th. Between now and then orders can made online and envelopes can be returned on this day also. All students here on Thursday have had their photos taken.

ATTENDANCE

Photos have led to more good news! This week attendance in the Primary Years' has been above 95% for three days and above 90% for the remaining two days. The DECD benchmark for attendance is 96% so we are on our way to reaching this. Thank you to the families who are supporting this, making after-school appointments and bringing children for half days if needed. We look forward to many PERFECT ATTENDANCE celebrations this year!

VOLUNTEERS AND THE POWER OF READING

I would like to warmly welcome the volunteers who have started, your contributions and presence at school are truly appreciated by us and the children love having their parents and caregivers around on occasions during the week. It sends a wonderful message about the value of school and the importance of the partnership between us. We would welcome more volunteers, particularly to read stories to our younger children and to hear the children as they learn to read. Consistent exposure to stories and conversation has an enormous impact on language and vocabulary development. Exposure to these things can actually lead to as much as an additional 50 million words heard before children are 5. Given that amazing research, if you're unable to help at school, please read lots and lots of stories at home. Imagine the difference this could make by the time your child is 10 years old! If you would like to volunteer, please talk with Lisa or me.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The Premier's Reading Challenge has started once again. It is our goal that every child will complete this in 2018. For our younger students, books that have been read to them can also be listed. Please see your child's teacher or ask Lisa at Reception for a form and any additional information you may need. Enjoy!

Kind regards

Chan Welfare Head of Primary Years Avenues College Phone: 8261 3339 Around the School



VISUAL ARTS

The year 4/5 class have created these colourful collages, which were inspired by the artists Matisse and Kandinsky.





Around the Community



\$324.70

Government of South Australia

November 30, 2017

The Principal Windsor Gardens B-12 School McKay Avenue WINDSOR GARDENS SA 5087

Dear Sir/Madam

On behalf of the Cystic Fibrosis community, we would like to thank you most sincerely for holding a Crazy Hair day and donating the proceeds to our

Cystic Fibrosis is the most common life threatening genetic condition affecting Australian children and your contribution will assist us in maintaining and extending our existing services to the CF community.

activities and community support and therefore value your contribution

Once again thank you. Please find your receipt printed below.

Yours sincerely,

Julia Langrehr Executive Officer

Cystic Fibrosis SA Inc. Receipt No: 30325

30/11/2017

Windsor Gardens B-12 School DONATION

ALL DONATIONS OVER \$2.00 ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE (ABN: 32 285 368 919)



Disability Policy and Programs Parent Forum

Parents or carers of a child or young person with a disability are invited to attend the first Parent Forum for 2018 hosted by the Department for Education and Child Development.

- Hear about the services, policies and support available for children/students with a disability regardless of their setting

 Have a say, be listened to and be engaged in conversations to help inform policy
- Share your ideas with others and be informed about initiatives and new directions
- Visit the Special Education Resource Unit and see the range of resources available for borrowing to support your child or student.

Wednesday 21 March 2018

Special Education Resource Unit & Fulham Gardens Primary School Performing Arts & Media Centre

72A Marlborough Street Henley Beach SA 5022

9:30 am – 10:00 am Tea and coffee 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Parent Forum

Please book your seat by registering and notify us of any dietary requirements. Email your RSVP to the Special Education Resource Unit <u>Julie.cakebread68@schools.sa.edu.au</u> by Friday 16 March 2018. Phone (08) 8235 2871.







For the benefit of all participants we request no babies and young child

Helping parents be their best

