



Governor Philip King Public School

'Our school exists for children'

Week 7 Term 4
22 November 2011

From the Principal...

2012 Environmental Calendar - Last Wednesday I had the pleasure of attending an awards ceremony at Calmsley Hill Farm. Two students from our school were recognised for their outstanding artwork. Nicholas Cavanaugh from 3SM received a highly commended award for his environmental artwork. Angelique Cavanaugh from 5/6SU has had her artwork titled 'Nature's Beauty' published in the Western Sydney Environment Calendar 2012. Both pieces of work were excellent and Nicholas and Angelique should be very proud of their achievements. Congratulations!

Community Languages K-6 Short Film Competition - Congratulations to our students who were involved in creating entries for this competition. The judges were very impressed with the time, energy and enthusiasm of the students. I am very pleased to announce that Governor Philip King Public School produced one of the two winning films. Our entry was titled 'Pranked' and was entered in the Vietnamese category. Congratulations to the students and Ms Vu for this outstanding entry.

25th Anniversary Celebrations - This week we will be celebrating the 25th anniversary of Governor Philip King Public School being opened. Ms Halabe has been extremely busy preparing a variety of activities to mark this special event. Tomorrow, students are being asked to bring in silver coin donations to help us fill our '25' outline. This money will then be used to purchase something to commemorate our anniversary. On Thursday we will be holding two special assemblies (9.30am grades 3-6 and 12.10pm Kindergarten to year 2). These assemblies will include previous Governor Philip King principals who will reflect on their time at our school. The pre-ordered sausage sizzle will also take place on Thursday. Parents can purchase a sausage on a roll on the day.

Teacher Professional Learning - Yesterday I went along with our Kindergarten team to a professional learning day with a focus on Early Stage One. I was very proud as I listened to Miss Vella and Miss Sofi present to teachers from over 100 South Western Sydney public schools. Our teachers spoke about the wonderful programs and initiatives they have been implementing as part of the Best Start program. Congratulations Miss Vella and Miss Sofi for being selected to be one of only four trial schools across the region and on the fantastic work you do across Kindergarten.

New Gardens - Many of you will have noticed that our new gardens have been planted and have enjoyed the recent rain to assist in their establishment. We currently have the walkway taped off to avoid the huge volume of afternoon traffic walking through and stepping on the new plants. The pedestrian access gates located behind the Year 1 and 2 rooms will be a main entry/exit point of an afternoon and morning as will the pedestrian gates leading into the infants covered area. For the remainder of the term there will be no entry or exit via the administration footpath or carpark. All students have been informed that these areas are now out of bounds areas. Parents are reminded that under no circumstances should they open the carpark gates. These are to remain closed except for delivery vehicles. It was extremely disappointing last week to see parents ignoring the signs on the gates. One parent even drove into the carpark then proceeded to walk across the new gardens with two toddlers in tow. We have attempted to beautify the front entry to our school, please assist us in following the simple entry and exit requests we have put in place.

2012 Student Information - A reminder that any relevant information we need to be made aware of for placing students into their 2012 classes needs to be returned by this Friday (25 November). Staff will be working on class placement starting next week, any late or unreturned forms can not be considered.

Newsletter

Values Education - The value for Week 7 and 8 is Caring. Caring is a feeling of reverence and an attitude of care and regard towards someone or something. It acknowledges the unique dignity in everyone. We are practicing caring when we treat everyone the way we would like to be treated. Caring for property is an attitude of responsibility towards our own and others' property. Being caring includes self-respect. Children are generally caring towards others and property, but sometimes they are overcome by fear, anger, or selfishness which results in a lack of concern for others. Please discuss with your child/children about the importance of having a caring attitude towards others and property. Mrs S. Kumar. Student Welfare Committee

Year Six Shirts - The school has a small amount of commemorative Year Six shirts left. If you would like to purchase one of these for your child, please ask the office for a note. Unfortunately we only have size 12 and 14 left. Please be quick, numbers are very limited!

P & C Meeting - AGM - This will be held on Wednesday 30 November at 7pm in the staffroom.

Parent Helper Morning Tea - Monday 28 November - Invitations have been sent home. If you have assisted the school as a parent helper during the year and do not receive your invitation please contact Mrs Power in the school office.

Upcoming Events

Week 7

24 November - GPK's 25th Anniversary Celebrations

Week 8

28 November - Parent Helper Morning Tea

30 November - P & C Annual General Meeting

Week 9

7 December - Presentation Day Assemblies - Years 5 & 6 - 9am
Years 1 & 2 - 11:45am

8 December - Presentation Day Assemblies - Years 3 & 4 - 9am
Kindergarten - 11:45am

9 December - Sports Assembly
Fairfield Christmas Challenge - Trolley Drive

Results PSSA Finals results

<i>Team</i>	<i>Results</i>		<i>Player of the Match</i>
	<i>W/L/D</i>	<i>Score</i>	
Year 3/4 Cricket	L	123-145	Isaac Capobianco, Kyle Malovic
Year 5/6 Cricket	L	67-94	Jack Hobbs, Mason Williams

Have a great week!

Jason Corcoran
Principal

Art Classes at GPKPS: A local girl named Felicity would like to start running afternoon art classes. These would take place after school on a Monday (Years 1,2 &3) and Tuesday (4, 5 &6). The lessons would be between \$15 and \$20 per session with all materials supplied. Felicity is an illustrator by trade and has worked with 'Operation Art'. If you think your child would be interested in attending these classes, would you fill in the expression of interest form at the bottom of the newsletter and return it to school by Friday. If there is enough interest, these classes will go ahead at school.

Art Class Expression of Interest: My child _____ from class _____ is interested in attending the art classes at GPKPS for between \$15 & \$20 per session.

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FAIRFIELD'S CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE

Please help GPK, help the Fairfield **Uniting Church Diner** to support
the needy people within the Fairfield area this Christmas and in
2012.

A box has been placed in each classroom until
Tuesday 6 December to collect the groceries and gifts.
Please bring in at least one item each, to help feed hungry
people in our local community.

ITEMS NEEDED

TINS	noodles	pasta sauces
vegetables	juices	cake mixes
spaghetti	all types of pasta	Toys for children-
tuna	long life milk	babies to 10 years-
baked beans	tea	boys and girls
soups	coffee (jars)	and small gifts are
fruits	cordials	also welcome
	biscuits	
cereals	lollies	
soap	fruit cakes	NO
saucers	chocolates	PERISHABLE
flour	rice	FOODS
jelly	sugar	PLEASE