



Governor Philip King Public School

'Our school exists for children'

Week 8 Term 4
29 November 2011

From the Principal...

25th Celebrations - Last Thursday we celebrated the 25th anniversary of our school. It was an outstanding day. It was great to see many community members attend our formal assemblies. We were lucky to have the four previous principals attend for the day and share their reflections and memories of their time here at Governor Philip King. I particularly enjoyed spending time with the principals listening to their stories. Although the celebrations were held on the one day, many months of planning and preparation went into the event. A huge thank you must go to Ms Halabe who coordinated and organised the events and activities for the celebration. With her team of helpers, Ms Halabe organised the assemblies, the sausage sizzle, the design competition and the photo gallery. Many hours of work went into ensuring the day was a huge success. A special thank you must go to Serena Hunt for the amazing cake she created which included Governor's ship emblem. The cake not only looked amazing but tasted great too!

Fairfield Christmas Challenge - Again this year we are collecting items for the annual Fairfield Christmas challenge. This amazing initiative provides donated items to help the Fairfield Uniting Church Diner to support needy people within the Fairfield area this Christmas and in 2012. We are requesting students and families donate items as listed in this week's newsletter. Previously we have had enough items to fill 16 shopping trolleys. Our school, for the last few years has provided the most donated items but....**STOP THE PRESS**.....we are being challenged! Another local school believes they will take the title from Governor this year!! Please help us retain our title and send in as many items as possible! Items need to be returned to school by Tuesday 6 December.

Parent Helper Morning Tea - It was lovely to be able to recognise and thank our parent helpers yesterday with a morning tea. Our parliament students did a fantastic job hosting and thanking the parent helpers. It was nice to be able to do something to recognise the hours of time parents provide to our students, staff and school.

Presentation Day Assemblies - Our formal presentation day assemblies are on next week. These are an opportunity to recognise students for their hard work, commitment and dedication to learning throughout 2011. The assemblies are as follows:

Wednesday 7 December - Year 5 and 6 assembly starts at 9am
Year 1 and 2 assembly starts at 11.45am

Thursday 8 December - Year 3 and 4 assembly starts at 9am
Kindergarten assembly starts at 11.45am

Please be aware that these assemblies are formal occasions. Toddlers and young children need to remain seated and quiet and the expectation is that all mobile phones will be switched off at the start of the assembly. We are looking forward to seeing lots of parents and family members at our presentation day assemblies.

Mobile Phone Collections - A final reminder to send in any old, unused mobile phones. We have a collection bin located in the front foyer. The school receives money for each mobile phone we collect. There will be a collection in the last few weeks of school. It would be appreciated if any old mobile phones could be sent in by Friday 9 December. Thank you for your support.

Newsletter

Australia Day film and photography competitions - Two competitions are currently open that celebrate what it means to be Australian. The Australia Day Council's Living Australian online photography competition is running with the theme of 'Make your Mark Australia' for 2012. The junior division prize is \$1000 and a Canon EOS 600D DSLR Camera. The open division carries a cash prize of \$4000 with the winning image immortalized on an Australian stamp. The Reel Australian Short Film Competition is also open. Students can submit an original short film in response to the question: 'What makes a mark on your Australia?' There are three divisions: junior, open and mobile with prizes including cash, an iPad2 and a camera. Both competitions close on 6 December. More info at: www.AUSSIEVAULT.com.au.

Values Education - The value for Week 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 this Wednesday, 30 November at 7pm in the staffroom.

Italian Fellowship Program - Each year the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) offers teachers of languages, the opportunity to apply for the Endeavour Language Teacher Fellowships (ELTF) to study in the country of the language they teach. These fellowships, part of the broader Endeavour Awards, provide an opportunity for them to:

- gain new knowledge and skills, and an increased understanding of their target language and culture
- network with fellow language teachers from around Australia
- strengthen linkages between their own school and their target country.

The teachers spend three weeks in the January school holidays undertaking an intensive program consisting of language training, field trips and cultural activities. They also have the opportunity to meet local people and experience language immersion in everyday life.

Domenica Mufale, who is our Italian teacher, currently relieving as Community Languages Consultant at the NSW Curriculum and Learning Innovation Centre and Jessica Incampo who is filling our Italian teaching position here at school while Domenica is away, have both received a fellowship to study Italian at the Language Centre of the Università del Salento in Italy.

These fellowships are very highly contested for, as there are only limited offers available, so to have both of our Italian teachers receiving a fellowship is absolutely outstanding. The fact that they are both willing to give up their holidays to study their language for the betterment of their teaching and our students is remarkable. We wish them well for their trip and their studies.

Upcoming Events

Week 8

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

Have a great week!

Jason Corcoran
Principal

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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	
tuna	long life milk	Toys for children-
baked beans	tea	babies to 10 years-
soups	coffee (jars)	boys and girls
fruits	cordials	and small gifts are
	biscuits	also welcome
cereals	lollies	
soap	fruit cakes	NO
sauces	chocolates	PERISHABLE FOODS
flour	rice	PLEASE
jelly	sugar	

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December 2011/January 2012 Program

WEEK 1 19/12/11- 23/12/11	WEEK 2 09/01/12- 13/01/12	WEEK 3 16/01/12- 20/01/12	WEEK 4 23/01/12- 27/01/12
MONDAY: 19/12/11 Baking Day 	MONDAY: 09/01/12 Art & Craft Day 	MONDAY: 16/01/12 Plough & Harrow Park 	MONDAY: 23/01/12 Electronics Day
TUESDAY: 20/12/11 Aqua Play @ Fairfield Leisure Centre (Leaving @ 9am) 	TUESDAY: 10/01/12 The Sydney Tower Eye (Leaving @ 9am) 	TUESDAY: 17/01/12 Young Scientists (Incursion) 	TUESDAY: 24/01/12 REPTILE PARK (Leaving @ 9am)
WEDNESDAY: 21/12/11 Movie and Popcorn Day 	WEDNESDAY: 11/01/12 Under 10: Movie @ Marconi 10's Plus: TBA	WEDNESDAY: 18/01/12 Under 10: Movie @ Marconi 10's Plus: TBA	WEDNESDAY: 25/01/12 Under 10: Movie @ Marconi 10's Plus: TBA
THURSDAY: 22/12/11 Fancy Dress Day 	THURSDAY: 12/01/12 Wet Water Day 	THURSDAY: 19/01/12 BINGO 7 25 44 57 62 15 22 40 50 70 11 30 36 46 74 2 28 37 55 68 10 27 39 59 75	THURSDAY: 26/01/12 CENTRE CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAY
FRIDAY: 23/12/11 	FRIDAY: 13/01/12 Drum Beats (Incursion) 	FRIDAY: 20/01/12 Young Guns Fishing @ Chipping Norton (Leaving @ 9am) 	FRIDAY: 27/01/12 CENTRE CLOSED STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Programmed activities are subject to change!

Located at:

Edensor Park Community Hall (next to Governor Philip King Public School)

Program can be viewed at www.cfs.asn.au (Children's Services link)

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