



# Governor Philip King Public School

'Our school exists for children'

Week 10 Term 4  
13 December 2011

*From the Principal...*

**Presentation Days** - It was wonderful to see students being recognised for their achievements. Thank you to all the parents and community members who attended these assemblies to help acknowledge the students. A huge thank you to the staff who coordinate and organise everything from the nominations to the purchasing of trophies. A lot of work goes into these assemblies and I'm sure you will all agree that they were a huge success. Thank you to Mrs Wignell for her hard work in printing all the certificates, it is a huge job and we greatly appreciate the hours you spend ensuring the certificates are ready. Also, thank you to the P&C for once again paying for all of the trophies and being represented at each assembly.

**Farewell Year Six** - This week sees our year six students complete their seven years of primary education. It is always a time of mixed emotions for parents, staff and students. It is always wonderful to see our year six students start the next step in their learning journey, but also sad to see our school leaders move on to bigger and brighter things. On Wednesday night we celebrate the end of year six with their farewell and Friday we will hold the Year 6 graduation assembly. On behalf of all Governor Philip King students, staff and community members we wish our students all the best and look forward to hearing about their successes and triumphs over the coming years. Congratulations and Good luck.

**Fairfield Christmas Challenge** - Last Friday our students ventured into Fairfield to deliver the donations of food and toys to the Uniting Church. This was truly an amazing event. Our school donated 35 trolleys full of groceries. This is an outstanding contribution from our school community. The spirit of giving is truly alive and well across Governor Philip King. Sometimes we lose this message over the Christmas period as we become wrapped up in what we get or how much we spend on our loved ones. It was nice to see our students and families donating out of their own goodwill. Our students led the procession down the main street to the Uniting Church, and the support and enthusiasm from the local store owners and public was fantastic. Thank you to everyone who contributed items. Your contributions ensure that community members who are less fortunate have somewhere to enjoy a warm meal over the holiday period.

**2012 Return to School** - The last day of the 2011 school year for students will be **Friday 16 December**. The last two days of this term have been dedicated to staff professional learning and development by the Department of Education and Training. Parents will need to make alternative arrangements for these two days. **The office will not be open at all on Monday 19 or Tuesday 20 December**. The office will re-open on Monday 30 January 2012. Uniforms will again be sold during the first few weeks with times to be advised. **Students in Years 1-6 return in 2012 on Monday 30 January**.

**Happy Holidays** - As this is the last newsletter for 2010 I wanted to take this opportunity to wish our students and their families a safe and wonderful holiday period. I would like to thank our community for their ongoing support and time that is so readily given to assist programs and students. The holidays are a wonderful opportunity to spend time with families and friends and really enjoy reconnecting with those around us. I wish everyone a safe holiday and look forward to seeing everyone back in 2012.

# Newsletter

**25<sup>th</sup> Plaque Design Competition** - Students were asked to submit designs which reflected the celebration of our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Classes were then asked to select one design to enter into the school competition. All designs were judged by our visiting principals. The judges found it very difficult to select one winner and decided on two designs. The designs will be merged and used to create a commemorative plate which will be displayed in the front foyer. The winning designs were created by Cheyenne-Rei Onofia from 6SR and Angelique Cavanaugh 5/6SU. Congratulations to these students.

**2012 Organisation** - Our staff are currently working on plans and structures for classes for the 2012 school year. In a school the size of ours this can be a time consuming process. We want to ensure we get the structure and composition of the classes accurate. In the past students have turned up on day one and were placed with their new teacher in their new classroom. This will not be the case in 2012. Due to our numbers we need to ensure we are accurate in our enrolments before we can place students into their new classes. This is why it has been so vital and important that parents notify us if they are extending their holidays into term one next year. When students return after the Christmas break they will return to their 2011 class group. This will remain the same for the first full week and part of week two. The reason we have decided to start the year this way is to avoid establishing classes and then needing to restructure the school if we don't receive our anticipated number of enrolments. Our teachers are currently planning the units of work which will be completed over this seven day period. Work will be of a substantial nature following on from concepts covered this year. I wanted the community to be aware of our plans in advance so students can be prepared when they return after the holidays. I am anticipating parents will be understanding of the need to structure our school in this manner for the first few weeks. Our aim is to ensure we get it right and once classes are established they will remain the same for the entire school year. This process proved successful at the beginning of this school year and ensured once classes were formed they remained the same.

**Canteen** - This Thursday (15 December) is class party day. Classes and grades have a variety of activities planned to celebrate the end of the school year. Please be aware that the **school canteen will not be open on party day** but will be open on Friday for the last day of school.

**Front Office** - The front office will be closed on Monday 19 December and Tuesday 20 December. The office will re-open on Monday 30 January 2012. Parents will be able to purchase uniforms all of this week and all of week two next year (30 January - 3 February).

**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 two size 12's and one size 14 left.

#### ***Upcoming Events***

Week 10

14 December	Year 6 Farewell
15 December	Party Day Year 6 Movie Excursion
16 December	Year 6 Graduation Last day of term.

*Have a great holiday!*

Jason Corcoran  
Principal

## Fairfield Christmas Challenge

**Congratulations to the entire GPK community for their generous donations to the Fairfield Christmas Challenge.** We are again the leading school with donations, filling a massive 31 trolleys with non-perishable food items which will go to the Uniting Church Diner, helping to feed Fairfield's local community. GPK is indeed generous!

The challenge was organised by Mr Tom Murphy of Starr Partners real estate and we thank him for involving our school. Thanks also to our Parliamentarians, especially the Departments of Social Justice and Environment for all their work in packaging and transporting the food. Extra special thanks to Mrs Loiero and her children: Anthony and Deanna, who donated a massive amount; even pushing a trolley in the parade.



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