



Governor Philip King Public School

'Our school exists for children'

Week 9 Term 4
6 December 2011

From the Principal...

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. 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 week two and part of week three (remembering week one next year consists of Friday 27 January which is a staff development day). 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 has proved successful at the beginning of the last two school years and ensured once classes were formed they remained the same.

Reports - The staff have worked extremely hard on completing Semester Two reports. End of year reports are currently being finalised and signed. These will be sent home next Monday (12 December). These reports are the culmination of your child's academic year. If there are any issues or concerns over your child's report please make an appointment to discuss your concerns with your child's class teacher.

Canteen - Next 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 next week and all of week two next year (30 January - 3 February).

Presentation Day Assemblies - Our formal presentation day assemblies are on this 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 assemblies. We are looking forward to seeing lots of parents and family members at our presentation day assemblies.

Years 3-6 Sports Presentation Assembly - Friday 9 December commencing at 9:15am.

Newsletter

Public Speaking Winner - Congratulations to Mikaela Newcombe of 5/6SU for winning the South Western Sydney Regional Final in the senior public speaking competition. Mikaela competed against 8 other finalists and was successful in being awarded the regional winner. Mikaela returned to school with a trophy, to be displayed in the office cabinet, as well as a very special trophy for her to keep. We are all very proud of her outstanding efforts and performance.

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.

Summer fire safety - Summer has officially started and with it comes the increased risk of bush and house fires. If you live in a bushfire prone area, ensure you have taken the necessary steps to protect your property and family from fire. Download a fact sheet: www.fire.nsw.gov.au/gallery/files/pdf/factsheets/02_bushfire_prep.pdf

It is now law that caravans and campervans be fitted with working smoke alarms. Check LPG gas bottles for leaks as this is how many barbecue fires start.

Many more tips on how to enjoy a fire-free summer are on the Fire and Rescue NSW website: www.fire.nsw.gov.au Remember in the event of a house or bushfire always dial 000. If your mobile phone is out of range, dial 112.

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 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

Week 10

- 12 December Reports to go home
- 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 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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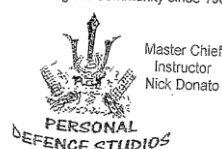
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"Allambie Road Vacation Care"

December 2011/January 2012 Program

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ChildCare Benefit & ChildCare Rebate Available

	MONDAY: 19/12/11	TUESDAY: 20/12/11	WEDNESDAY: 21/12/11	THURSDAY: 22/12/11	FRIDAY: 23/12/11
WEEK 1 19/12/11-23/12/11	Baking Day 	Aqua Play @ Fairfield Leisure Centre (Leaving @ 9am)	Movie and Popcorn Day 	Fancy Dress Day 	KINDIFARM RUGBY ANIMAL FARM (Incursion)
	MONDAY: 09/01/12	TUESDAY: 10/01/12	WEDNESDAY: 11/01/12	THURSDAY: 12/01/12	FRIDAY: 13/01/12
WEEK 2 09/01/12-13/01/12	Art & Craft Day 	The Sydney Tower Eye (Leaving @ 9am)	Under 10: Movie @ Marconi 10's Plus: TBA	Wet Water Day 	Drum Beats (Incursion)
	MONDAY: 16/01/12	TUESDAY: 17/01/12	WEDNESDAY: 18/01/12	THURSDAY: 19/01/12	FRIDAY: 20/01/12
WEEK 3 16/01/12-20/01/12	Plough & Harrow Park 	Young Scientists (Incursion) 	Under 10: Movie @ Marconi 10's Plus: TBA	BINGO 	Young Guns Fishing @ Chipping Norton (Leaving @ 9am)
	MONDAY: 23/01/12	TUESDAY: 24/01/12	WEDNESDAY: 25/01/12	THURSDAY: 26/01/12	FRIDAY: 27/01/12
WEEK 4 23/01/12-27/01/12	Electronics Day 	AUSTRALIAN REPTILE PARK (Leaving @ 9am)	Under 10: Movie @ Marconi 10's Plus: TBA	CENTRE CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAY	CENTRE CLOSED STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Programmed activities are subject to change!

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

Located at:

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