From the Principal …

***Welcome Back*** – Mrs Boyd returned yesterday after her long service leave. She shared a number of stories with us about her travels through Scotland and London. A huge thankyou to Mr Hamilton, who did an outstanding job as Relieving Deputy Principal, also Miss Sofi who was Relieving Assistant Principal. It is very satisfying to know that we have such capable leaders across the school who are able to easily relieve in executive positions.

***2012 Kindergarten Enrolments*** – Preparation is well and truly under way for our Kindergarten Orientation process. This is a great opportunity for our future kindergarten students to come along and meet new friends and some of the teachers they will have in 2012. It is also an excellent opportunity for parents to gather additional information on our school and how they can be involved. If you haven’t as yet completed an enrolment form or have family, friends or neighbours who have not yet enrolled their school aged child(ren) please ensure this is done as soon as possible. Early enrolments also assist us in our school planning and class allocation for 2012.

***New medical info site launched*** – A new website which helps explain over 75 different medical, developmental and psychological conditions in Australia is now available. Physical as anything contains over 50 articles written by medical specialists on subjects as diverse as ADHD, autism, anxiety disorders, fragile X syndrome, major depression, schizophrenia, eating disorders and cancer. The site contains many links, videos, fact sheets, pdfs and resources to help understand and support students with any of these conditions. It was produced by the Department of Education and Communities and the Children’s Hospital Westmead. Go to: [www.physicalasanything.com.au](http://www.physicalasanything.com.au)

***Five ways to a healthy lifestyle*** – Have you browsed the new look Healthy Kids website yet? It’s full of great information to get kids active and help prevent childhood obesity. All kids can benefit from the five healthy messages:

1. Get active each day;

2. Choose water as a drink;

3. Eat more fruit and vegetables;

4. Eat fewer snacks and select healthier alternatives; and

5. Turn off the TV or computer and get active.

The website has nine fact sheets for families to download and there are also five new fact sheets which have been designed specifically for children. It includes sound advice on assessing a child’s weight status and on safe ways to work towards a healthy weight. There are also easy, healthy recipes to download, info to help you find your local sporting clubs, and a section especially for teens. Check it out at: [www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au](http://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au)

***New School Website*** – Very exciting news! We have developed a new website for our school. The new website has been designed using a department template. It looks great and is very user friendly. Some features of the new website include a calendar highlighting upcoming events, school based information, newsletter and relevant Department information. There are a number of links to interesting websites and information. We are currently working on some additional features which will appear on the site. These include a section where you will be able to access and print off permission notes and information about excursions and events as well as the development of grade sections where you will be able to see what’s happening across the school. I look forward to hearing your feedback. Please remember it is an on-going process, information will continue to be added over the coming weeks, so keep checking in to see what’s new. The website address is: [www.govphilkin-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.govphilkin-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

Week 6 Term 3

23 August 2011

***GPKPS Group Photos*** – Group photo day is this Thursday 25 August 2011. Notes went home last week regarding uniform requirements for all photos. If your child is in any of the group photos, outlined in the note, please ensure that they are dressed in the appropriate school uniform and have their sports uniform with them, in a plastic bag or their school bag, if they are required to change into it for a specific photo. Thank you. Mrs Hosking.

***Community Languages Program*** – All students at Governor Philip King Public School are proud to have the privilege to participate in the learning of languages. The language program is designed to focus on the language skills and knowledge that will enhance the learning which takes place in mainstream classrooms. For example, grammatical awareness, mathematical concepts, music skills etc. Students’ level of achievement in the language classroom differs from that in the mainstream classroom. This is due to the different expectations of the language level being learnt.

***P&C Mufti Day Fundraiser*** **– *Tuesday 30 August*** – Wear your favourite colour to school. We encourage all students to participate. Please bring a gold coin donation. Thank you. Jackie Brkic. P&C President.

***Bookclub*** – Bookclub is due back at school no later than Tuesday 30 August. Please label and seal your envelopes and place them in the money slot in the front office. No late orders will be accepted. Thank you.

***Values Education*** - The value for Week 6 is Patience. Patience is having the capacity to respond rather than react to situations while remaining calm within and not allowing ourselves to suffer from tension, stress, anxiety, fear or impulsiveness. Patience shows we have skills of emotional self-management. When we have patience we feel peaceful irrespective of what is happening, we are confident we can overcome all problems and achieve our goal, we are optimistic and in control, we do not feel agitated, annoyed, angry or discouraged. We think clearly.

Children learn to become patient mainly by having to wait in queues, wait for their turn, and wait for others to finish talking. They begin to acknowledge that problems are part of life and require time and determination to resolve.

Please discuss with your children what they have learnt about patience in their classes and encourage them to practice patience in the home environment. Mrs S Kumar. Student Welfare Committee.

***Years K-2 Athletics Carnival – Wednesday 31 August*** – The carnival is on next week. Please send the permission/medical note and $4.00 to the office if you have not already paid. No permission/medical notes or money will be accepted after Friday 26 August. Miss S Vella.

***PSSA Sport*** – There is no PSSA this Friday due to the Horsley Zone Athletics Carnival.

***Upcoming Events***

24 August - Year 2 Mt Annan Excursion

25 August - Group Photos

26 August - Horsley Zone Athletics Carnival

Week 7

30 August – Talent Quest Final

31 August – K-2 Sports Carnival.

*Have a great week!*

*Jason Corcoran*

***Reading Club*** – Reading Club will be finishing at the end of Week 8. Please have your Reading Club sheets to your teacher by Wednesday 8 December.

hat a listener needs to know and prepares them for writing. More tips at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/schoolparents](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/schoolparents)

Advertisements

**Like to play cricket?**

Join Marconi Cricket Club. Players wanted, ages from 6’s to 11’s. Contact Tony on 0432 987 850 or Rocco on 0419 609 647.

*Have a great week!*

*Jason Corcoran*

*Principal*



**3-6 Tabloid Athletics Carnival**

**NEWS FLASH!!**

**New date – 12 August 2010**

***All parents/carers are invited to join us at the 3-6 Athletics Carnival on Thursday 12 August 2010.***

***It is vital that we have Parent/Carer assistance at each of the events, to allow each child the opportunity to fully participate. If you are able to help, please see Miss Usher or Mrs Richter at the Athletics Carnival by 8.54am.***