



# Governor Philip King Public School

'Our school exists for children'

Week 2 Term 4  
16 October 2012

*From the Principal...*

**Congratulations, Great NAPLAN Results** - By now parents of Year 3 and year 5 students have had a good opportunity to look at their child's NAPLAN results. We are very pleased with the results the students have achieved. It was extremely pleasing to note that there were a number of areas where 100% of our students achieved and exceeded the national minimum standards. I will provide a more in-depth analysis at the next P&C meeting on Wednesday 31 October at 7pm. Any parents who have questions or concerns regarding their child's NAPLAN results should make a time to discuss any issues with classroom teachers.

**PSSA Notes** - Recently a note was sent home regarding the collection of students from PSSA sport venues. Thank you to those parents who have returned the note to school. Any student who goes to PSSA and has not returned the note will not be allowed to leave a venue under any circumstances. This will include if parents arrive to collect their own children. Unfortunately, as parents will appreciate, with a number of family court papers in place for our students it is impossible for sport coaches to have access to these details at sport. The permission to collect note ensures students and staff are following correct procedures and court orders. If there are any issues or concerns in regard to these notes please contact either myself or Mr Hamilton.

**Government Changes to Education** - Recently there have been a number of announcements made in relation to changes to Public Education which will come into effect in 2013. Some of these changes will have a major impact on your child's learning and educational programs at Public Schools. Recently the State Government announced a cut to the education budget of over one billion dollars. Cuts of this magnitude will have a dramatic impact on the programs, resources and initiatives schools can undertake. This in turn impacts the quality of student learning. There are a number of community forums and events taking place which will provide parents and interested community members with valuable information about these changes and budget cuts. There will be a community forum on **Monday 29 October** starting at 7pm at Cabra-Vale Diggers. This forum will provide valuable information and detail the changes and impact these changes will have on schools. The NSW Teachers federation has also organised a Community Day of Action on **Sunday 18 November** at Tumbalong Park, Darling Harbour. Please support these community events, and help to ensure the protection of Public Education for all students.

**Car Park** - Again I am forced to remind parents that the staff car parks are not to be used for dropping students off or picking students up before or after school. Recently we have had a number of close calls where parents have not seen children in this area. At the end of last term we also had a parent who felt it was acceptable and appropriate to drive over our gardens. **Parents should not enter the front or back car park.**

**Swimming for survival** - Help keep your child safe this summer at Swim and Survive programs for all levels. The programs - taught by experienced, AUSTSWIM-qualified instructors - run from November to February throughout NSW. Visit the website: <http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive/>

**Starting Kindy** - Do you have a child starting Kindergarten in 2013? Show them this video which explains what happens during a typical day. Visit the website: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/what-happens-in-kindergarten>

**P&C Second Hand Uniform Sale** - This will be held this Friday, 19 October in the hall between 8:15am - 9:00am.

**Book Club** - Order forms went home last week. If you have not received one, see Ms Halabe in the library. Orders are due back NO LATER than Tuesday, 30 October. Remember to clearly label your envelope with your child's name, class and amount included. Seal the edges so no small change can fall out. Thank you. Book Club Committee.

# Newsletter

**Selective schools** - Are you already thinking about your child's Year 7 placement in a selective school in 2014? Online application and information regarding the process will be available from Tuesday 16 October 2012. Visit the website: <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/index.php>

**Moving into high school** - Starting high school means a new location, new friends and teachers, and new routines. In this video teachers talk about how you can help to make your child's move into high school less daunting. Visit the website: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/starting-year-7>

**Stewart House** - Stewart House is asking for our help to collect clothing that your family does not need anymore. They collect and use this clothing with the Smith Family to raise money to support their programs. Stewart House provides health care and short-term respite care for children in need who are enrolled in public schools in NSW and the ACT. It is called a "Preventorium" because it aims to prevent chronic health problems. *In 2011 they received \$25,000 from these collections - a vital part of their income.*

**Bags are available from each class teacher and must be returned by Friday 26 October 2012.** If you don't have a bag, please donate in any plastic bag. Stewart House will be collecting them Monday morning, before school. Please **send all bags to class 5/6SU.**

**Values Education** - The value for Week 2 is Fairness or Justice. Fairness or Justice is when we treat people equally and without bias. When we are fair we treat everyone as the same. Fairness involves actions and decisions based on what is just. It also involves playing games by rules. When we practise Fairness we are ready to accept our mistake, apologise and make every effort to correct it.

Please ask your children what they have learnt about Fairness and Justice in their lessons and encourage them to be Fair and Just in home situations and with their friends. Mrs S Kumar. Student Engagement.

*Have a great week!*

Jason Corcoran  
Principal

## **Year Six will be holding a "Terrific Top and Toes" day on Thursday 18 October 2012**

**Students need to wear their school uniform and school shoes, but wear weird & wacky socks or stockings (TOE), and do something crazy or strange to their head (TOP). This could be an unusual hairstyle or an interesting hat.**

Instead of asking for a monetary donation, this time we are asking that you **donate something which could be used for prizes** at the stalls on Mini-Fete day.

See separate note for more information.



## Years 5 + 6 Mini Fete: Wednesday 24 October 2012

The Year 5 + 6 mini fete is in TWO WEEKS! For those who don't know, each year the Year 5 + 6 classes run a fun day with games, competitions, raffles, prizes, fun food, and stalls. The money raised will be spent on 2 things:

1. The Year 6 farewell
2. Year 6 gift to the school

Each grade will have over an hour to spend at the mini fete during the course of the day.

### How to help:


1. Make a cake for the cake stall [bring it to the front office on the day]
2. Send your child to school with some money to spend on the day.
3. Buy some raffle tickets: We have been given many great prizes—look at the list when you buy your raffle tickets

*Raffle tickets on sale next week, in the morning, in the courtyard and front playground*

Thank you for your support.  
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