



Governor Philip King Public School

'Our school exists for children'

Week 3 Term 4
23 October 2012

From the Principal...

2013 Organisation - We are already planning for 2013. As part of our planning process a number of notes and pieces of information will be coming home over the next few weeks. It is vital to our planning and preparation that parents take some time to complete any paperwork requesting information and return information requests by the identified due date. Over the last few years our formation of classes has been extremely smooth and worked effectively due to the information provided by parents. Please note the following notes which will be sent home this week and the due date to return this information to school:

1. Information about my child for 2013 - This form gives parents an opportunity to provide information which we use in placing students into classes for the following year. Parents are able to identify issues which may be relevant to your child's strengths and areas of need. There may be issues with other students or families which we need to take into account when placing students. Please be aware that we ask parents to complete these forms each year as things can often change over the course of the school year. We do not refer to any forms that may have been completed previously. We rely solely on the current information parents send into school. Parents also need to be aware that **requests for specific teachers will not be taken into account** under any circumstances. This information is due back to school by **Friday 2 November 2012**.

2. Intention to Return 2013 - We request that **all families** complete this information. The number of staff and classrooms we are allocated is determined by the accurate collection of numbers over the first weeks of the new school year. One or two students can be the difference between forming an extra class or collapsing a class based on the numbers we use at the end of a school year. In order to continue a smooth start to the new school year we need to be operating from accurate student numbers. We understand that some students and families are unable to attend school on the first day back due to travelling overseas or other commitments. However, we need a return day so those students can be counted in the school numbers. There are three options on this note for parents to choose from. **Option 1** is that your child(ren) will return day 1 of the 2013 school year. **Option 2** is that your child(ren) will return to school on a specified date. **Option 3** is that your child(ren) will not be returning to our school in 2013. This information is due back to school by **Monday 5 November 2012**.

Annual School report Surveys - Next week surveys will be sent out to parents to assist us in gathering information for our Annual School Report. These surveys provide an opportunity for parents to identify strengths, make suggestions for future improvement and assist us in identifying targets for 2013. We ask parents to take the time to complete these surveys and return them to school as soon as possible.

Mini Fete - Tomorrow is our Stage 3 Mini Fete day. A lot of hard work and organisation has gone into the planning and preparation to ensure mini fete is a success. We are looking forward to seeing many visitors to our school throughout the day tomorrow. There will be lots of fun stalls and activities for students and visitors to enjoy.

Governor's Got Talent - Last week we saw many of our students perform at our second Governor's Got Talent Show. The level of ability and performance was amazing. Our students attended one of the two performances, forming an extremely appreciative and enthusiastic audience. The audience were treated to singing, dancing, yo-yo tricks, a piano performance and a special guest appearance from Grandma Rainbow. Congratulations to all students who performed, your efforts were impressive and extremely entertaining. Thank you must go to Mrs Esquivel for her outstanding organisation. Mrs Esquivel dedicated many lunchtimes and recess breaks to ensuring the show was a huge success.

Book Club - 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

Anaphylaxis - As mentioned previously in the school newsletter, we have a number of students who have severe allergies to various food products. These students have specific health care plans in place to ensure their safety and appropriate medical care if required. These allergies are extremely serious, and as most of us can only imagine, worrying for parents. We are asking parents to be extremely mindful of the food products that are sent to school. It would be greatly appreciated if parents can avoid products such as peanut butter, nutella or any nut product. If we work together as a community and support these students and parents we can avoid creating a severe medical situation.

Fairfield's Relay For Life 2012 - 9:30am Saturday 3rd to 10am Sunday 4th November at Horsley Park Reserve - Horsley Drive Horsley Park.

What is Relay For Life?

Relay For Life is an event where teams of friends, families and work colleagues take turns walking around a local track to raise funds for cancer research, education, support services and advocacy. Relay is for young and old and you can walk as many or as few laps as you like. It's not a race and you don't need to run. Each person on the team pays a registration fee that includes a long sleeved shirt and a free breakfast on the Sunday morning. Each team member is encouraged to raise \$100, but many teams are keen to raise much, much more! Fundraising can be very easy and fun!

A festival style atmosphere is created around the event with participants being encouraged to pitch a tent, camp overnight and enjoy the community spirit. The day is packed with musical and cultural entertainment, a variety of foods and loads of fun activities.

There are 3 main ceremonies which we base the Relay around. The day begins with the **Celebrate** ceremony where cancer survivors and carers are celebrated and honoured by walking the first opening lap. Participants cheer them on around the track and show their support. The **Remember** ceremony is held in the early evening to remember those we have lost to cancer. Tributes are written on candle bags and are placed all around the track. As the night falls the candle bags light the way. The next morning, the relay is completed with the **Fightback** ceremony, where pledges are made by participants to make steps in their own lives to prevent and defeat cancer.

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>

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 Weeks 3 and 4 is Enthusiasm. Enthusiasm is having a strong and eager interest in a particular area. It enables us to be passionate and zealous about things. Enthusiasm is putting earnestness and energy into something. Children are naturally enthusiastic about many things.

Please develop your children's enthusiasm by recognizing them and discussing about their areas of interest. Ask about what they have learnt in their classes regarding enthusiasm. Mrs S Kumar. Student Engagement.

Hoxton Public Speaking Competition - Congratulations to the students who competed in the Hoxton Public Speaking Competition. The standard of the competition was very high. Mikaela Newcombe and Montana Newcombe both represented our school very well with excellent presentations in their sections. Logan Sharpe was the winner in the Stage One Competition with a very confident presentation. Mrs Jones. Public Speaking Coordinator.

P&C Second Hand Uniform Sale at the Years 5 & 6 Mini Fete - The P&C will be having a second hand uniform stall at tomorrow's Years 5 & 6 Mini Fete. Please bring small change. Thank you. P&C Committee.

P&C Mufti Day - The next P&C Mufti Day has been moved to Wednesday, 7 November. The theme for this Mufti Day is "Celebrities and Super Heroes". Please bring a gold coin donation on the day. Thank you. Jackie Brkic. P&C President.

P&C Meeting - The next P&C Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 31 October at 7p.m. in the staffroom. All welcome to attend. Thank you. Jackie Brkic. P&C President.

Pssa Results Round 9

Team	Results		Player of the Match
	W/L/D	Score	
Junior Newcombeball	D		Cassandra Su, Patricia Moser
Senior Newcombeball	W	3-0	Alice Ly, Dana Bogic
Year 3/4 Cricket	Bye		
Year 5/6 Cricket	Bye		
Years 5 & 6 Boys Softball	L	3-6	Phillip Pham
Years 5 & 6 Girls Softball	L	2-5	Christelle Pagonis
Boys T-ball	W	13-11	Joseph Scarcella
Girls T-ball	D	7-7	Fiona Alloshe

This week cricket, softball and t-ball play against Fairfield Heights and Newcombeball play against Harrington Street, all at Endeavour Reserve.

Have a great week!

Jason Corcoran

Principal

Years 5 + 6 Mini Fete Wednesday 24 October 2012

Kinder + Years 1 + 2 - 9:20am - 10:45am

Years 3 + 4 - 11:40pm - 1:20pm

The wait is nearly over! Only one more day away,
From the Best and Most AWESOMELY AWESOME MINI FETE!!
Face your fears in the eerie dark haunted house
Fill your mouth in tasty cakes at the cake stall
Defeat your friend in your 1 V. 1 fight of the pillows
Laugh in joy while you throw wet sponges at your friend
Buy raffle tickets + be lucky to win a prize
And there are a lot more stalls to go?

Your P & C will be selling SECOND HAND UNIFORMS—starting @ \$1

REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR MONEY!

WEAR YOUR SPORTS UNIFORM + INVITE YOUR PARENTS
ONLY CHILDREN (NOT ATTENDING GPK) WHO ARE UNDER OR OVER SCHOOL AGE MAY ATTEND

Thank you for your support,
Years 5 + 6 students and staff.

Years 5 + 6 Mini Fete - Raffle

Look at some of the amazing prizes you could win!

Mini Bar Fridge	Ladies Watch	Telescope
Italian Clutch Bag	Toy Basket	Remote Control Car
Floor Carpet	Chip 'n Choc Basket	Rock Climb Voucher
Solar Robot	Go Cart Voucher	Family Photo Session
DVD Player	Meat Voucher	Digital Set Top Box
Chocolate Fountain	Chocolate Basket	Pamper Box
i-Phone cover	Fun 'n Games Basket	Car Truck Track
i-Pad cover	Sugar Hit Basket	Shampoo Pack
UV Nail Machine		Pamper Basket

There are almost 100 prizes to win this year so buy your tickets now!