



Governor Philip King Public School

'Our school exists for children'

Week 4 Term 4
30 October 2012

From the Principal...

Mini Fete - Last Wednesday Stage Three organised a very successful mini fete. The weather was perfect and the students and visitors to our school all enjoyed a wonderful day. A huge amount of organisation went into ensuring the success of the mini fete. Congratulations and thanks must go to Miss Usher and her dedicated team of Year 5 and 6 teachers who all put in many hours of extra work to put on the mini fete. A huge thank you must also go to all the families and students who supported this fund raising event. Whether it was donating items, cooking cakes and slices, being a helper or just coming along on the day we greatly appreciate your support and attendance. Another huge thank you must also go to the numerous local businesses who donated items to our mini fete, without this valuable support we wouldn't have had the wonderful prizes for the raffle. Congratulations to our Stage three students for all of their great work running the stalls and activities. A huge thank you to those students who were honest enough to hand lost property into the office. Most items have been claimed and the owners were very appreciative.

World Teacher's Day - Last Friday we celebrated World Teacher's day. This day marks the valuable work teachers do every day in providing quality learning opportunities for students and the huge impact teachers have on the lives of children each day at school. I am very proud of our staff at Governor Philip King Public School. They continually go above and beyond their daily duties to provide so many outstanding opportunities for the students at our school. Their dedication and commitment to our students and school is another example of the great things we achieve each and every day in public education. I am proud to lead this amazing team of teachers and appreciate all of their hard work and effort.

P&C Meeting - Tomorrow night is the P&C meeting. This meeting will commence at 7pm in the staffroom. All parents are welcome to attend. It would be greatly appreciated if all voting members could attend as there will be some discussion about spending some of the funds raised throughout the year. I will also give parents a snapshot of our NAPLAN results.

Director's Choice Awards - Again this year we will have one of our staff members being recognised with a Director's Choice Award. These awards recognise the outstanding work achieved by teachers in public education across our region. This year Mr Glenn Hamilton will receive an award for the work he has undertaken in Numeracy at our school. Mr Hamilton has led the Numeracy committee for the last few years and has developed new ideas and initiatives which have led to improved Numeracy outcomes for students K-6. We congratulate Mr Hamilton on this achievement and look forward to seeing him receive his award next month.

Notes - Last week we sent out two important notes with the newsletter. The first was regarding any important information you want us to be aware of for class placement in 2013. The second was regarding your child(ren) returning to school in 2013. We are asking parents to return these notes as soon as possible to assist with our planning processes. Please be aware that notes returned after the deadline, particularly relating to class placement, may not be taken into account as our timelines are set for working out 2013 class structures.

Surveys - Over the next few weeks a number of surveys will come home to parents. These surveys help us to set targets and develop new initiatives for our school. It would be greatly appreciated if parents could complete these surveys and return them to the box in the front office. The first survey (with today's newsletter, youngest in family) is the 2012 Parent Satisfaction survey to be completed and returned by the **6 November**. There is room at the bottom of the survey for additional comments if needed.

Newsletter

Years 5 + 6 Mini Fete - What a huge success it was! Everyone joined in and supported this very traditional event for GPK. Your wonderful support resulted in a profit of over \$8000. This money will be used for end of year celebrations and a gift to the school. The many teachers and Years 5 & 6 students organised an outstanding day, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the school community.

Special thanks must go to the many parents and friends who gave up their time to help on the day. We would like to especially mention and thank: Mr & Mrs Malovic, Mrs Maniti, Mrs Allan, Mrs Giordano, Mrs Newcombe, Mrs Herranz, Mrs Siracusa, Mrs Cammareri, Mrs Zimmer, Mrs LoMonaco, Mrs Homeh, Mrs Rodriguez, Mrs Saldias, Mrs Flancia and Mrs Souksay. These parents tirelessly worked the entire day, to support our Years 5 & 6 students in the running of stalls.

Thank you also to the many students and parents who made cakes, biscuits and jellies for the cake stall or made donations to the white elephant stall.

A huge thank you to the GPK staff, who have spent months preparing for this event and ensured that the day was such a success. Massive congratulations to the extraordinary Years 5 + 6 students for running such a magnificent day!

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.

Values Education - The value for Week 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.

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 10

Team	Results		Player of the Match
	W/L/D	Score	
Junior Newcombeball	L	2-0	Zeyneb Yilmaz, Deanna Loiero
Senior Newcombeball	W	2-0	Claudia Ong, Tanya Marjanac
Year 3/4 Cricket	W	188-91	Arthur Samuel
Year 5/6 Cricket	W	118-41	Christina Bogic, Dean Allan
Years 5 & 6 Boys Softball	W	16-0	Leonardo Lin, Ethan Sam
Years 5 & 6 Girls Softball	W	8-3	Natasha Baker
Boys T-ball	W	11-5	Logan Cotton, Derek Phan Truong
Girls T-ball	L	5-7	Calista Louvan, Alan Kalendarian

This week we have a bye for all sports.

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 is now available. Visit the website: <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/index.php>

Upcoming Events

Week 4

31 October - P&C Meeting at 7 p.m. in the staffroom.

1 November - 2013 Kindergarten Orientation

Week 5

5 November - Kindergarten Orientation

7 November - Kindergarten Zoo Excursion

P & C Mufti Day

8 November - Kindergarten Orientation


Have a great week!

Jason Corcoran

Principal

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