



Governor Philip King Public School

'Our school exists for children'

Week 6 Term 4
13 November 2012

From the Principal...

Kindergarten Zoo Excursion - Last Wednesday I went along with Kindergarten on their zoo excursion. Our youngest students represented our school to such a high degree with their behaviour and manners. I was very proud of our students. I would like to thank our parent volunteers who came along for the day. The students were able to see all of the animals they had been learning about during class lessons as well as a few extra surprise visitors to the zoo. A new display of robotic dinosaurs proved very popular with our Kindergarten students. Thank you to the Kindergarten team for organising the zoo experience.

Director's Choice Awards - Last Thursday evening I attended the Director's Choice Award ceremony at Homebush. This ceremony demonstrates the wonderful talent we have in Public Education with a variety of student performances and art work being displayed. The evening also recognises the hard work and talent of staff who work in our schools. I was very pleased to see Mr Hamilton receive his award for all of the wonderful work he has done in the area of Numeracy.

Presentation Day - There appears to be quite a bit of discussion with some community members at the moment about our presentation day assemblies. This discussion has come about after the P&C meeting last week. I would like to clarify a number of issues which have been brought to my attention. This year, as a staff, we have decided that trophies will not be given for Academic Achievement and Improved or Consistent effort or performance. These students will still be recognised. The reason for this change is that as a staff we feel all awards and recipients should be recognised in the same way. Handing out trophies sends the message that we value some awards more than others. We believe in recognising all award winners equally and consistently. We will still be issuing the same number of awards. The honour board recognising the Dux of the school will continue. Our three major Year 6 awards, being Dux, Citizenship and Principal's Award will continue. These are prestigious awards and will be recognised with a certificate and a keepsake celebrating the achievement of these students.

Holiday planning - Holiday camps are a great way for kids - 7-12 years or 13 and over - to have an adventure and make new friends in a supervised environment. Packages include accommodation, activities and meals. Bookings are now open at camps across NSW. Find out more:
<http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps/>

Changing schools - Research shows that when parents take the time to get children ready for a change of school they settle in quickly. Find out what to do if you're planning to make the move, whether across town or interstate. Go to:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/smoothing-the-way-when-your-child-changes-schools>

Reminder - Year 3 Wollongong Excursion - This Friday 16 November is the **last day** that payments will be accepted for this excursion.

Year 3 Wollongong Excursion - If you would like your child to attend this excursion but you are finding money a bit scarce, please see Mrs Wignell at the office. We still have some funds that can be accessed to enable your child to participate in this excursion.

Newsletter

Active Challenge Bikes For Sale - Some of our old bikes are being replaced and we need to make room for new bikes. We are offering the bikes at very cheap prices.

When: Tomorrow, Wednesday 14 November 2012
Where: Pavilion area outside bike container
Time: 3.00pm - 3.15pm
Cost: \$2.00

IMPORTANT :

- **You must take the bike home on the day. We cannot store it for you.**
- **An adult must be present to take the bike home.**
- **Please remember that if you do not have a helmet you are not to ride the bike – you will walk home with it.**

Head Lice - Parents are warned to check the heads of all their children as we are aware that pediculosis (head lice) is prevalent in some classrooms. Students should not return to school until all nits and eggs have been removed. An egg is dead when it can be slid along the hair. If it will not move it is still alive.

Your local chemist will provide you with the appropriate treatment.

Library News - Parent Borrowing - There will be no further parent borrowing from Friday, 16 November. Please return all books by then as we will be commencing our stocktake on Monday, 19 November. Thank You. Ms Halabe.

Values Education - The value for Week 6 is Thankfulness/Gratitude. Thankfulness is an expression and feeling of gratitude. It is an appreciation and acknowledgement of our family, friends, community and environment and their contribution to our well-being. When we are thankful we validate the good of others verbally and non-verbally. We develop humility when we have a sense of appreciation for the things we are fortunate to have and for what others do for us.

Please discuss with your children what they have learnt about thankfulness and gratitude in their classes and encourage them to practise being thankful for so many things they take for granted in the home environment. Mrs S Kumar, Student Engagement

PSSA Results Semi Finals

Team	Results		Player of the Match
	W/L/D	Score	
Junior Newcombeball	L		No player of the match in all sports
Senior Newcombeball	W	2-0	
Years 3/4 Cricket	W	135-115	
Years 5/6 Cricket	L	74-76	
Years 5 & 6 Girls Softball	L	0-3	
Boys T-ball	W	11-10	

This week the Years 3/4 Cricket, Years 5/6 Newcombeball and Years 3/4 T-ball will play in the finals at Endeavour Reserve.

Responsible Pets Program - An educator from the local government Responsible Pet Education Program NSW will be visiting the school on Tuesday 20th November, 2012. She will be teaching the students from K-2 about dog safety. She will be bringing along her pet dog "Christie" and will teach the children how to approach dogs safely and how to look after them. Thank you. Ms Dolz.

Upcoming Events

Week 6

15 November - Kindergarten Orientation

Week 7

20 November - K-2 - Responsible Pets Program

21 November - Year 6 to Bossley Park High School

Week 8

29 November - Wollongong Excursion

Have a great week!

Jason Corcoran
Principal

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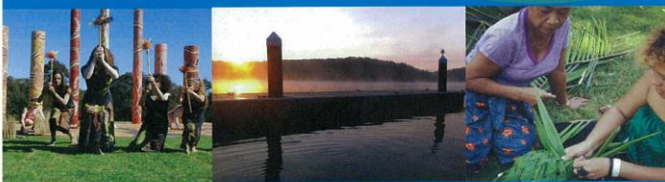
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