



# Governor Philip King Public School

'Our school exists for children'

Week 7 Term 4  
20 November 2012

## *From the Principal...*

**Surveys** - Thank you to all of our parents who have returned their survey information. This information assists us to identify areas of strength and possible areas identified by the community that we need to improve on or develop. We greatly appreciate the time taken to complete this information for us. This week is the final survey being sent home. The focus is on Science and Technology. This is an area we are keen to develop further in 2013. We are interested to see what the feedback is from our community members. We are requesting that the surveys be returned to school by **Friday 30 November**.

**Kindergarten Orientation Visits** - Last week saw the final orientation visits for students starting kindergarten in 2013. Thank you to the Kindergarten team for their outstanding organisation of these visits. Many months of work goes into the planning and preparation of our orientation visits. These visits allow the new kindergarten students time to become familiar with the school environment and get to know some of the students they may be in classes with. It also allows time for parents to gather information about their child starting school.

**Cyber Bullying** - Online bullying is becoming an increasing problem across society. Electronic communication has many advantages, but sometimes messages can be misinterpreted. Bulk email and messaging also amplifies the potential for things to go wrong. Parents need to ensure that they monitor their children's devices, as bullying behaviour which breaches the school discipline code, can result in a suspension. I have included an information sheet produced by the DEC in the newsletter for all parents and students to read. Last week I attended the Regional Principals' Conference where the South Western Sydney Student Leadership Team launched '**Put the Boot into Bullying**'. This is a student-based anti-bullying initiative with a simple non-confrontational strategy to intervene and diffuse incidents of cyber bullying on social networking forums. I look forward to introducing this initiative to our students, staff and community in 2013.

**School Uniform** - I would like to remind our students and families that we still have 5 weeks of school before the Christmas holidays start. All students are expected to wear full school uniform for the remainder of the year. This includes hats and correct footwear. We have a clear set of uniform guidelines that we expect all students to adhere to. Our uniform policy has the support and backing of the P&C. Please ensure your child/children come dressed for school each day in the correct uniform.

**When your teen's new best friend is a bad influence** - Best friends are a key part of adolescents' lives. But what do you do when you suspect your child's best buddy is a bad influence? Experts discuss different approaches. Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/behaviour/when-your-teens-new-best-friend-is-a-bad-influence>

**Copying and plagiarism** - Copying other people's work and presenting it as your own is plagiarism. It's an increasingly common problem in the online world where material can easily be copied and pasted from websites. Students need to acknowledge the ideas of others when they use them in projects, assignments and assessments. Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/copycats-beware>

**Help your kids enjoy reading** - How do you make reading a joy and not a chore for your child? One way is to find information and interesting facts about things that intrigue or interest your child in books, magazines or on the internet. Read and talk about what you find out. Here are some other tips: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/ten-ideas-to-help-your-child-with-reading>

# Newsletter

**Parent Helper Morning Tea** - Our Parent Helper Morning Tea is on Monday 3 December at 11a.m. in the school hall. Invitations have been sent out. If you have helped at school during this year and have not received an invitation, please contact Mrs Power so she can send an invitation home to you.

**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 due to the annual library stocktake. Thank You. Ms Halabe.

**Values Education** - The value for Weeks 7 and 8 is Compassion. Compassion is clarity of recognition with a warm heart of other people's suffering, their needs and pain along with a practical & sustainable determination to do whatever is possible in order to help ease their suffering. It is being aware of how others think and feel. It is feeling sorrow and sympathy when others are distressed.

Please discuss with your children things they have learnt about compassion in their lessons. We all need to practice compassion towards those who are less fortunate than us in our community. Mrs S Kumar. Student Engagement.

### **PSSA Results Finals**

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.

### **Upcoming Events**

Week 7

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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## FAIRFIELD'S CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE

Please help GPK, help the Fairfield **Uniting Church Diner** to support the needy people within the Fairfield area this Christmas and in 2013.

**LOOK IN THE LOCAL PAPER – WE HAVE BEEN SET THE CHALLENGE TO FILL 30 TROLLEYS! WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!**

A box has been placed in each classroom until **Tuesday 4 December** to collect the groceries and gifts.

**Please bring in at least one item each, to help feed hungry people in our local community.**

### ITEMS NEEDED

#### **TINS**

vegetables  
spaghetti  
tuna  
baked beans  
soups  
fruits  
  
cereals  
soap  
sauces  
flour  
jelly

noodles  
juices  
all types of pasta  
long life milk  
tea  
coffee (jars)  
cordials  
biscuits  
lollies  
fruit cakes  
chocolates  
rice  
sugar

pasta sauces  
cake mixes

Toys for children- babies  
to 10 years- boys and  
girls  
and small gifts are also  
welcome

**NO  
PERISHABLE FOODS  
PLEASE**