



Governor Philip King Public School

'Our school exists for children'

Week 5 Term 4
6 November 2012

From the Principal...

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 Lo Monaco, Mrs Homeh, Mrs Rodriguez, Mrs Saldas, 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!

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 survey (with today's newsletter, youngest in family) is the **2012 Teaching and Learning** survey to be completed and returned by next Monday, 12 **November**. There is room at the bottom of the survey for additional comments if needed.

2013 Student Information Notes:

- 1. Information about my child for 2013** (yellow note) - These were due back last Friday but we have extended the return date to this Friday, 9 November. Any notes returned after 9 November will not be considered.
- 2. Intention to Return to GPKPS in 2013** (blue note) - Any parents who have not yet returned these notes please do so by this Friday, 9 November.

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: Wednesday 14th 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.

Newsletter

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 Weeks 5 and 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

P&C Mufti Day - The next P&C Mufti Day will be held **tomorrow**, 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.

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>

Years 5 & 6 Mini Fete Raffle - What a wonderful raffle we had. Over 102 prizes were won by many families. Three prizes are still unclaimed. The winning tickets had the following information on them:

Tom Sipiro - blue ticket
Stephanie - purple ticket
Giovanna Zarella - green ticket

Please see Ms Mackay if you recognise any of these names.

Upcoming Events

Week 5

7 November - Kindergarten Zoo Excursion

P & C Mufti Day

8 November - Kindergarten Orientation

Have a great week!

Jason Corcoran
Principal

Asthma Foundation NSW

Reliever Medication; how often should it be used?

Reliever medications such as Airofmir, Asmol, Bricanyl and Ventolin are used by people to provide quick relief from their asthma symptoms. They work within minutes by relaxing the muscles around the airways and last for up to four hours. If you or someone you know uses their blue puffer three times or more in a week (apart from before exercise) it could indicate that asthma is not well controlled.

Other things which can indicate poor asthma control include:

- Waking in the night coughing or wheezing
- Getting breathless or wheezy during the day
- Struggling to keep up with normal activities or getting breathless whilst exercising

These symptoms are not a normal part of well managed asthma and if they are happening, it is recommended to see a doctor to help you or someone you care for to take steps to better control the condition. Some people need to take additional medication that is prescribed by the doctor to help them control their asthma symptoms; this medication is called preventer medication and it works by making the airways less sensitive, reduces the redness and swelling inside the airways and dries up the mucus. Preventer medication takes a few weeks to reach its full effect, and has to be taken every day to work well.

Further information can also be obtained from the InfoLine at Asthma Foundation NSW 1800 645 130 or ask@asthmafoundation.org.au



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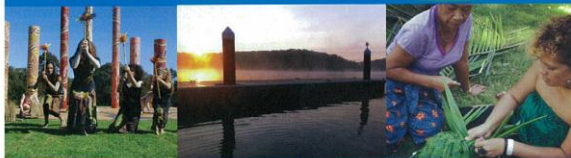
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