



# Governor Philip King Public School

'Our school exists for children'

Week 4 Term 1  
14 February 2012

*From the Principal...*

**2012 Class Structures** - We were very pleased to be able to form classes last Wednesday for 2012. We reached the required number of students to form 25 classes. We formed classes just prior to the recess break once our confirmed student numbers were approved by the Department of Education. The students came back settled after the holidays knowing that they would, in most cases, be with their previous teacher. The students have been working on school based units which are both meaningful and relevant to their current grade level. I appreciate the patience, support and understanding of the staff and parents, and trust that the decision to wait for structuring our classes has been valued and will now provide stability for the remainder of this year. I would remind parents that students have been placed in their classes after careful consideration by each child's 2011 class teacher, grade supervisor and support staff. We have placed students based on their academic needs and parental input provided in Term 4 last year. Classes have not been formed based on social circles and friendship groups. Our students are provided with opportunities throughout the day during recess, lunch and grade activities to interact with friends. Class time is about academic improvement and need. We look forward to a successful and settled year.

**2012 Kindergarten Students** - We welcome our new kindergarten students and their families to Governor Philip King. A new and exciting journey is beginning for these students. After their first full week of school there were some very tired kindergarten students heading home on Friday afternoon. Yesterday morning all students arrived, smiling and ready for another exciting week of school.

**Meet the Teacher Evening** - We will be holding Meet the Teacher evenings on two separate nights again this year. Tuesday 21 February (Week 5) will be for students in kindergarten and Years 2, 4 and 5. Wednesday 22 February has been set for parents with students in Years 1, 3 and 6. The format of the evening will provide parents with time to visit their child's classroom and meet their class teacher. The second part of the evening will be used to share information about grade and stage plans for the year. The meet the teacher evenings will start at 6.00pm. Parents will meet in their child's classroom then move to a designated grade area for the conclusion of the evening. We remind parents that the purpose of the evening is to share information about structures and plans for grades and classes throughout 2012. The evening is not a time for parent/teacher interviews. If you need to discuss things specific to your child you are asked to make an appointment at another mutually convenient time. Parents are also reminded that this is an evening for parents and, where possible, we request that alternative arrangements are made for students and toddlers.

**Uniform sales** - Please be aware that the sale of uniforms to parents only occurs on a Wednesday and Thursday each week. Parents are able to purchase uniform items between 7.30am - 2.15pm. This process has been in place for a number of years. Unfortunately we are unable to sell uniform items outside of these times and days as the ladies in the office have other tasks and job requirements to fulfil. Any parent who is unable to be at the school during these times is able to send in their order and money in an envelope and place it in the money chute in the front office. The ladies will then process the order and send the uniform items home with students on a Wednesday or Thursday.

**School Photos** - This Thursday (16 February) we will be having our school photos taken. Envelopes were sent home last week. **Photo envelopes should be sent to school on Thursday.** Please ensure students are dressed in **full summer school uniform**. Girls should wear their summer uniform with white socks and black school shoes. Boys should wear their blue school shirt, grey shorts, grey socks and black school shoes. Family photos will also be taken on Thursday. Separate envelopes for family photos are available from the front office.

# Newsletter

**Swimming Carnival** - Today the school swimming carnival was held at Prairievale Leisure Centre. An enjoyable and successful day was had by all in attendance. Thank you to Mr Hoyle for his outstanding organisation. Without our dedicated teachers these events would not take place.

**Second Hand Uniform Sales** - The P & C will be holding a second hand uniform sale on Tuesday, 21 February, from 8:15a.m. - 9:00a.m. in the hall.

**P & C Meeting** - The next P & C meeting will be held on Wednesday, 29 February at 7p.m. in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome to attend. Jackie Brkic. P & C President.

**Reading Club** - Reading Club starts again this week. Please sign the sheet each time your child reads or is read to for ten minutes. Once you have 25 signatures, please return the sheet to your child's teacher who will present them with an award.

**Money Collection Reminder** - All money collection comes directly to the office.

All money **MUST** be in an envelope with the student's name, class and what the money is for, written clearly on the front of the envelope. The permission note must accompany the payment.

When the money has been processed and if it is receipted to the student, the receipt will be placed in your envelope and returned to the teacher, via their pigeon hole, for return to the student.

**Athletics Carnival** - GREAT NEWS! We will be holding our Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival on Thursday 8 March.

Holding it early in the year allows us to take advantage of all the line markings on the oval from Little Athletics. So start training for the 800m - because it REALLY WILL BE 800M this year!

**Selective high schools placement test - 15 March** - The selective high schools test is held annually for Year 6 students wishing to enter a selective government high school. For key dates, online applications and more information for parents, see [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/index.php](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/index.php)

**Active Challenge** - Active Challenge commenced this week and ends on Thursday, 29 March for Term 1.

To be enrolled in this free after school sport program, you must complete the Consent Form and return it to school before your child can attend the program. Please ensure that you read and sign the front and back pages of this form. Please return the forms to Mrs Sarkees, Mrs Richter or Miss Matijevic. Mrs Sarkees and Mrs Richter. Active Challenge Coordinators.

#### **Upcoming Events -**

Week 4

16 February - School Photos

Week 5

21 February - Meet the Teacher evening for K, Years 2,4 & 5.

22 February - Meet the Teacher evening for Years 1, 3 & 6.

Week 6

29 February - P & C Meeting - 7p.m. in the Staffroom.

*Have a great week!*

Jason Corcoran  
Principal

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