



Governor Philip King Public School

'Our school exists for children'

Week 5 Term 1
21 February 2012

From the Principal...

SRL Arrives - Today the staff and students participated in the launch of our new SRL program. This has been a 3 year project which has involved reviewing our student welfare policies and practices and designing new school rules, signage and incentive systems which will be used consistently across the school. The core of the new program supports students to be safe respectful learners. The students were involved in specific school based lessons today about 'being safe' as well as learning all about our new reward system. It is a very exciting time at our school. We look forward to sharing more information with the community over the coming weeks.

Priority School Program - PSP surveys will be distributed shortly to families in Kindergarten to Year 3. The surveys will determine whether we are able to enter this program which provides a huge allocation of additional funding over a number of years. If we are successful in entering the program it will provide many opportunities for new programs and initiatives for our students. I would like to reinforce a couple of key points for our community. Firstly these surveys are strictly confidential. As a school we have no access to any information you provide. The surveys and information provided are sent directly to an outside agency for collation. No government agency (eg Centrelink) has access to any information you provide. It is vital that you answer questions honestly, particularly when it comes to your employment, as this is a key factor in being accepted onto the program. Employment details must be current. Although we have many parents who have tertiary qualifications, they may be currently employed in another job. For example, you may be a qualified nurse but are currently unemployed, you need to respond that you are currently out of work. Surveys must be returned to class teachers by the stipulated date. We need to have a minimum of 85% of surveys returned. This is a minimum and we are aiming for 100% completed surveys. I anticipate our community will fully support this initiative in an attempt to secure additional funding for our students. I will keep you posted of the progress and outcome of the process.

Meet the Teacher Evening - We will be holding Meet the Teacher evenings on two separate nights again this year. **Tonight, 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 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.

2012 School Contribution Levy - Today you will receive information on the 2012 school contribution levy. This levy is used to provide additional resources and programs for our students K-6. Our school provides all students with access to computers and printers in every classroom as well as additional art and craft resources, supply of books, cardboard and additional consumables. In 2012 the voluntary contribution component will go towards the upkeep and maintenance of existing air conditioning units across the school as well as the maintenance and running of the interactive whiteboards in every classroom. Parents are asked to return their school contribution levy as soon as possible.

Chicken Pox - A student has contracted a mild case of chicken pox and will be absent from school for the necessary quarantine period. For further information about Chicken Pox can be found on the Health Department website: www.health.nsw.gov.au

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Late Arrivals/Early Leavers - Parents are reminded that if children arrive late to school they must go to the front office and collect a late arrival note. **Students arriving late should be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult.** Students who need to leave the school grounds early must have an early leaver slip which should be obtained from the front office prior to parents collecting students from their classroom. **Teachers will not allow students to leave without the correct paperwork.** In the rare instance where the office is unattended please ring the bell on the front desk and you will be attended to. No student is to leave school grounds without being signed out at the front office by a parent.

Bookclub - Your child will have received their Bookclub order form. If you would like to order, please fill out the order form with your child's name and class and place the correct amount in a sealed envelope (to stop any coins being lost) with your child's name and class clearly written on the front. Place the envelope in the money slot in the office no later than Tuesday 28 February. No late orders will be accepted. Thank you. Bookclub Committee.

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!

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.

Values Education - We are pleased to inform parents that the "Human Values Education Program" will continue in 2012. It will complement our whole school SRL (Safe, Respectful, Learner) program which will be launched today. We encourage parents to have discussions with children about the range of activities they complete and the areas they cover in their classes. Children in upper grades would have learnt about the values previously since we are following a two-year cycle. However, these children are now learning the impact of practising these values on the family and community which is the second phase of the program.

The value for week 4 and 5 is "Courage". Courage is the ability to persevere in spite of our fears. It is being bold. Courage enables us to deal with stressful or painful situations in a calm and rational manner. Courage is finding the inner strength to carry on even after a setback or failure. Mrs S. Kumar, Student Engagement.

PSSA Round 1 Results

Team	Results		Player of the Match
	W/L/D	Score	
Years 3/4 Newcombeball	D	1-1	Shyla Kumar, Valeria Carcamo
Years 5/6 Newcombeball	W	2-0	Holly Maniti, Natalie Herranz
Years 3/4 Cricket	W	213-112	
Years 5/6 Cricket	W	94-27	
Years 5/6 Boys Softball	D	3-3	Ethan Sam
Years 5/6 Girls Softball	W	2-1	Ashley Lo Monaco
Years 3/4 Boys T-ball	W	4-2	
Years 3/4 Girls T-ball	W	8-4	

This week we play St Johns Park at Brennan Park (top).

Bossley Park High School Gifted and Talented Program Applications - Applications must be returned to **Bossley Park High School** by **Friday 24 February, 2012**. An application fee of \$25-00 must also be paid when you hand it in.

Helpful hints when completing the application:

Supporting Documentation: An Application to Enrol in a NSW Government School is available from BPHS.

References from teachers: This means teachers for special interest activities, such as music or sport.

GPK Swimming Carnival Report 2012 - The school swimming carnival was held last Tuesday at Prairiewood Leisure Centre. We were fortunate to get through the day without rain. Congratulations to the 57 swimmers who competed and had fun. We shared the pool with King Park Public School once again and this worked out well with both schools getting through all the events comfortably. Good luck to the 23 students who have qualified for the Zone Carnival which is to be held on Tuesday 6 March at the same venue!

Standout Performances

Claudia Ong has qualified for 7 events at Zone after winning all her races and came within 1 second of the school record in the 11 years 50m freestyle. Nikolina Milanovic won 3 races and qualified for all 7 events at the Zone Carnival. She came within 2 seconds of breaking the school record in the 12 years 50m freestyle which was set way back in 1994. Zachary Sairlao and William Ha also won 3 races each which was a tremendous effort.

Final Results

1ST ALEXANDER
2ND SCARBOROUGH
3RD SUPPLY
4TH SIRIUS

A big thank you to Mrs Filippin, Mrs Huggins, Mrs Simmalavong, Mrs Small and Taira Huggins for their help on the day. Thanks also to all the GPK teachers for helping at the carnival and back at school.

Reminder:

Zone Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 6 March at Prairiewood Leisure Centre.

SSW Area Primary Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 13 March at Gordon Fetterplace Aquatic Centre, The Parkway, Bradbury commencing at 8.30am. Mr Hoyle.

Have a great week!

Jason Corcoran
Principal

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