



# Governor Philip King Public School

'Our school exists for children'

Week 6 Term 1  
28 February 2012

*From the Principal...*

**Meet the Teacher Evenings** - Last Tuesday and Wednesday evenings saw a limited number of parents come along to the meet the teacher evening. Valuable information was shared by both classroom teachers and grade teams. Those parents who attended received a handout outlining relevant and important information about classroom and grade programs and initiatives for this year. The information provided by our teachers will be made available on the school website in the next few weeks. Thank you to those parents who found time to attend.

**School Assistance** - We understand that some families in our community may be having a difficult time financially at the moment. The school has a very limited amount of student assistance which we can use to support these families. Families can apply for school assistance through Mrs Wignell in the front office. An application needs to be completed and then a decision will be made based on what we have available. Please be aware that if you are unable to pay the full amount for any money requested from the school parents are able negotiate a plan to pay the amount off in regular payments. Please ensure you keep all receipts provided by the school (we are unable to provide re-prints of receipts) to use at tax time for the Education Tax Refund (ETR). To see if you are eligible to apply for the Education Tax Refund, see [www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au](http://www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au)

**Sickness** - Parents are reminded that if your child is sick they should be kept at home. Over the last few weeks we have had a number of students present at school in the morning with a variety of bugs and illnesses, who are obviously unwell. We are asking parents to ensure that if students are feeling unwell they may need to be taken to their GP and stay at home to recover. Students who come to school sick, very quickly pass on their germs to other students and staff, often resulting in teachers requiring time off to recover. Please also be aware that we currently have a student undergoing chemotherapy for leukaemia, sharing bugs and germs from illness can have a very negative impact on her recovery. Please be mindful of other members of our school community and keep students who are unwell at home.

**Applications for Exemption** - A reminder to parents that regulations from the Education Department require families to apply for an exemption from school if a child is to be absent for more than 15 days. Whether it be through illness or essential overseas travel an exemption must be approved **prior to taking the leave**. Families are requested to ensure this paperwork is completed **2 weeks in advance of overseas travel**. If exemption forms are not completed prior to travel enrolment of students can be affected. Should the situation arise for your family please contact the school so that we can assist you with your application.

**International Women's Day 2012** - March 8 is International Women's Day (IWD), a global event that celebrates the economic, political and social achievements of women past and present. This year the theme is: Connecting Girls, Inspiring Futures. For events around Australia including talks, exhibitions, concerts and fundraisers, go to: [www.internationalwomensday.com](http://www.internationalwomensday.com).

**Kids Health website** - The Children's Hospital at Westmead's Kids Health website contains a wide range of fact sheets covering many different children's health topics, all written in easy to understand language for parents and children. The aim of the Kids Health unit is to keep kids healthy, safe and out of hospital. The unit also has a bookshop and lending library located on level 2 of the hospital. Enquiries call 9845 3585 (9am-4pm Mon to Fri). <http://kidshealth.chw.edu.au/>

**Don't forget the P&C Meeting Wednesday night in the staffroom. Commences at 7pm. We are looking forward to some new faces, particularly from our Kindergarten parents.**

# Newsletter

**Athletics Carnival** - Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival **IS ON NEXT WEEK** - Thursday 8 March - at Bosnjak Oval from 9:00a.m. - 2:30p.m. We desperately need help from parents at each of the events, to allow each child the opportunity to fully participate. If you are able to help, please see Miss Usher at the oval on Thursday morning.

**P & C Meeting** - The next P & C meeting will be held this Wednesday, 29 February at 7:00p.m. in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome to attend. Jackie Brkic. P & C President.

**Values Education** - The value for Weeks 6 and 7 is "Humility" or "Humbleness". Humility is accepting ourselves as we really are. It is staying easy and light inside. It is freedom from pride and arrogance. Humility is having a modest opinion of one's worth. It goes together with self-respect, knowing your own good qualities. Children need to be humble about themselves and their qualities. Please have discussions about this value with your child/children at home. Ask them to share stories they have heard from their teachers and activities they have completed. Mrs S. Kumar, Student Engagement.

**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.

**Clean Up Australia Day** - Clean Up Australia Day for Schools is held on Friday 2 March, 2012. Your child has been asked to bring a **pair of gloves, tongs (optional) and 1 plastic bag**. Each class has been allocated a certain area within our school to take part in Clean Up Australia Day for Schools on Friday. Thank You. GPK Parliament.

#### **PSSA Round 1 Results**

Team	Results		Player of the Match
	W/L/D	Score	
Years 3/4 Newcombeball	L	2-0	
Years 5/6 Newcombeball	W	2-0	Emily Kamenjasevic
Years 3/4 Cricket	W	127-85	Arthur Samuel, Dylan Craus
Years 5/6 Cricket	W	104-77	Dean Allan
Years 5/6 Boys Softball			
Years 5/6 Girls Softball			
Years 3/4 Boys T-ball	W	5-3	Joseph Scarcella, Ben Ielua
Years 3/4 Girls T-ball	L	11-12	Kasey McLintock, Alan Kalenderian

This week all teams have a bye.

#### **Upcoming Events**

Week 6

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

2 March - School Clean Up Day

Week 7

6 March - Zone Swimming Carnival - Prairiewood Leisure Centre

8 March - Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival

Week 8

12 March - 15 March - Kindergarten Best Start Interviews

13 March - Regional Swimming Carnival - Gordon Fetterplace Aquatic Centre, Bradbury

15 March - Selective High School Test.

*Have a great week!*

Jason Corcoran  
Principal

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ST JOHNS PARK HIGH SCHOOL

**Information Evening 2012  
Parents and Students**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

St Johns Park High School wishes to extend a warm welcome to parents and students of Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 to our **2012 Information Evening**. The evening will be an opportunity to discover the many **outstanding facilities and programs** that are offered at your local comprehensive high school.

Teaching staff will also be on hand to answer questions and provide advice.

**When:** Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2012  
6.00 – 6.30pm Faculty Displays  
6.30 – 7.15pm Presentation in the Multi-Purpose Centre

**Where:** School Hall - MPC  
St Johns Park High School  
Mimosa Rd.

On the day, entry will be via the main gate located on Mimosa Rd. Students from the SRC will be on hand to direct you to the venue.

To assist with catering, please complete the slip below indicating the number attending and return it to your child's classroom teacher.

For further information concerning this event please contact Michele Jones on 9610 8035.


Yours Sincerely

Ms Sue French  
Principal  
February 16, 2012

St Johns Park High School  
**Information Evening 2012**

There will be \_\_\_\_\_ (number of persons) attending the 2012 Information Evening. My child is currently in Year \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
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