



Governor Philip King Public School

'Our school exists for children'

Week 10 Term 1
27 March 2012

From the Principal...

PSP Surveys - Thank you to those K-3 parents who returned the PSP surveys. We currently have approximately 94% of surveys returned. If you haven't returned your survey as yet please do so before the end of term so Mr Hamilton can send the last returns to be processed. I have greatly appreciated the promptness by most families in completing and returning their surveys to the school. Congratulations to KAD who were the first class to return all surveys. KAD will be enjoying a pizza party next week.

Staffing - Congratulations to Ms Taylor who has been appointed as a permanent member of Governor Philip King Public School. Ms Taylor was appointed after going through the DEC merit selection process which involves preparing and submitting a CV as well as being interviewed. We congratulate Ms Taylor on her appointment and welcome her as a permanent staff member. Also Mr O'Neill will commence long service leave tomorrow. He will return in Week 3 of next term. While he is on leave Mrs Heeraman will be taking 6MO. Mrs Heeraman will continue the class program established by Mr O'Neill.

Dates and Deadlines - Please be aware that with all excursion notes and activities requiring a payment there is a final payment date outlined on the note. In any school there is a need for timeframes and clear communication about events and activities, our school is no different. We provide advance notice of events and provide a clear cut off for the return of permission notes and payments. Recently we have had a small number of parents who have not been happy because we have been unable to accept late payments. Our timeframes ensure we provide numbers and cheques to venues according to the deadlines they set for us. Parents are reminded to take note of final dates for payments and the return of notes to avoid students missing out on events and activities.

Contribution Fees - It would be appreciated if families could attempt to finalise their contribution fees before the end of term. Please keep in mind that this money provides additional opportunities and resources for your children above and beyond those provided through our global budget. Any family experiencing financial difficulty can come and speak to Mrs Wignell, Mrs Power, or myself. We have limited student assistance money that can be used to support families or individual students. Please don't hesitate to contact the school for support. Thank you to the large number of families who have already paid their contribution fees, this enables us to plan and order the additional resources utilised in our classrooms and across the school.

CARS and STARS - Parents are asked to finalise the \$5 payment for students' CARS and STARS comprehension text books. These books are used as part of classroom programs and activities. We are asking parents to finalise these payments as soon as possible so students can start using these books.

P&C Meeting - Just a reminder that the next P&C meeting will be held tomorrow night in the staffroom. The meeting will commence at 7pm. We look forward to seeing some new faces. Come along and join us.

Earth Hour 2012 - Add a bit of ambiance to your evening and help reduce carbon emissions for just one hour when you become part of the worldwide environmental event that is Earth Hour. This year it takes place on Saturday 31 March from 8.30-9.30pm. More info: www.earthhour.org

Holiday dates - Please note the last day of first term is 5 April with school resuming on 24 April. Easter public holidays run from 6 to 9 April.

Daylight saving ending - Remember to put your clocks back an hour when daylight saving ends in NSW at 3am Sunday 1 April.

Newsletter

Easter Hat Parade - The Easter Hat Parade for students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will be held on Thursday 5 April at 9:30a.m. This will take place in the primary pavilion and netball court areas. All students are expected to participate in the parade and will need an Easter hat which is to be made at home. Parents may choose to make a hat or decorate an existing one with coloured paper and toys such as small yellow Easter chickens or Easter bunnies. Please don't use chocolate eggs as they tend to melt and fall off the hats. The Easter Bunny has promised to visit during the parade.

Parents are invited to watch the parade. Please bring your picnic rug or chair to use on the day. The Easter Hat Parade should finish by 10:30a.m. Thank You. Mrs Sarkees.

Head Lice - Parents are asked 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. We recommend that girls with long hair tie their hair back into a ponytail.

Active Challenge - This week is the last week for Active Challenge. Please remember to park outside the school gates when collecting your children. Thank You.

School Photos - Mugs - Any mugs not picked up by Thursday will be sent home with students.

Not responsibility will be accepted by the school for the safe arrival home of these mugs.

Girls' Winter Pinafores - We are now taking pre-paid orders for the girls' winter pinafores. Please try these on the children before ordering as there will be **NO** refunds or exchanges. Orders will be taken on Uniform Sales days, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 7:30a.m. to 2:15p.m.

P&C Mufti Day - A mufti day will be held tomorrow, 28 March. Please bring a cold coin donation and wear your favourite colour. J Brkic. P&C President.

Second Hand Uniform Sale - The P&C will be holding a second hand uniform sale next Tuesday, 3 April from 8:15a.m. to 9:00a.m. in the hall.

Values Education - The value for weeks 10 and 11 is Cooperation. Cooperation is working together willingly with patience and affection to achieve a common goal. It is everyone helping to get something done. When we cooperate we bring our special strengths and talents to the group. Cooperating with others:

- Leads to tasks being carried out and completed more efficiently and quickly
- Promotes a better understanding among people working together
- Results in better quality of work because of shared knowledge.

Children often need to cooperate with others to complete tasks in school as well as at home. Please encourage your child/children to cooperate in household tasks at home and discuss what they have learnt about cooperation in their value lessons at school. Mrs S Kumar, Student Engagement.

PSSA Round 7 - This week we play against Bossley Park for Cricket and T-ball, Smithfield West for Newcombeball and Canley Heights for Softball at Endeavour Reserve.

Upcoming Events

Week 10

28 March - P&C Mufti Day

- P&C Meeting - 7pm in the Staffroom.

30 March - School Earth Hour

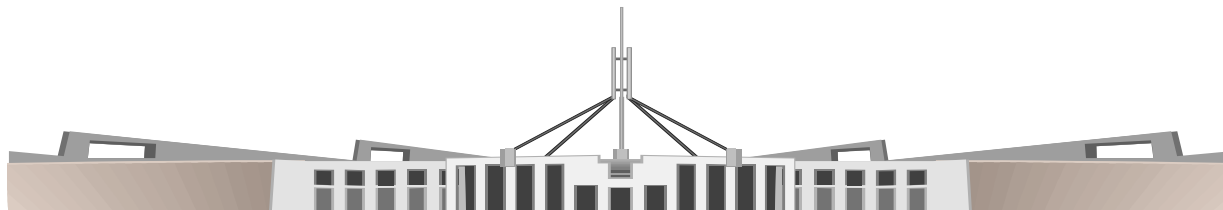
Week 11

4 April - School Cross Country - Years 3-6

5 April - K-2 Easter Hat Parade - 9-11a.m.

Have a great week!

Jason Corcoran
Principal



Parliamentarians for 2012 - Congratulations to our Parliamentarians for 2012! They have organised themselves into these roles for the year and are ready to lead the class representatives to achieve all the great plans that they have.

PARLIAMENT 2012

Prime Minister - Dean Allan

Deputy Prime Minister - Holly Maniti

Speakers - Sandy Hormis & Natalie Herranz

Hansard Reporters - Adam Fayad & Vivian Tran

Whip - Ethan Sam

Ministers for Student Welfare - Ashley Lo Monaco, Christelle Pagonis & Kye Brunetta

Ministers for Social Justice - Nathan Ung, Sophia Martino, Leonardo Lin & Alice Ly

Ministers for Entertainment - Maria-Sophia Cammareri, Huynh To & Leo Lai

Ministers for Environment - Christian Bogic, Kathleen O'Brien & Mikaela Newcombe

Parliamentarian Advisors - Miss S Usher & Ms C Mackay

Introducing the Class Representatives of GPK
Parliament for Semester One
These students voted to join the following Departments.

Department of Entertainment		Department of Student Welfare	
Maria-Sophia Cammareri	6SR	Ashley Lo Monaco	6NS
Huynh To	6NS	Christelle Pagonis	5/6SU
Leo Lai	5/6SU	Kye Brunetta	6SR
Ninora Dawood	1AS	Morientes Shemon	2PR
Shyla Kumar	3BH	Jacob Chandra	2TM
Derek Phan Truong	4SK	Matias Rodriguez	3DS
Stephanie Gao	5MD	Jessica Ferrara	6SR
Malachi Samuel	5SM	Lynee Ing	5/6SU
Giulia Martino	6KT		
Department of Environment		Department of Social Justice	
Christian Bogic	6NS	Nathan Ung	5/6SU
Kathleen O'Brien	6NS	Sophia Martino	6MO
Mikaela Newcombe	5/6SU	Leonardo Lin	6NS
Daniel Libri	1NB	Alice Ly	5/6SU
Nicky Haklane	2MH	Aaliyah Osman	1JW
Fiona Alloshe	3GH	Claudia Perovic	4BS
Kaylin Huggins	5LM	Sofia Tran	4MT
		Oscar Ashcroft	4SM
		Alyssa La Macchia	6MO
		Claudia Ong	6NS

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Garage Sale - 31 March, 2012 at 19 Wagstaff Street, Edensor Park from 8:00a.m. - 3:00p.m. Pot Plants, prams, clothes, household goods and lots more for sale.

