

Governor Philip King Public School 'Our school exists for children'



Week 8 Term 1
13 March 2012

From the Principal...

25th Anniversary Plate - A huge thank you to Miss Thomas who has transferred the winning designs from the 2011 competition on to the commemorative plate. The winning designs were created by Angelique Cavanagh and Cheyenne-Rei Onofia. Miss Thomas has worked extremely hard on the plate and we greatly appreciate all of her time and effort. The plate is on display in the glass trophy cabinet in the front office.

Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival - tomorrow, Wednesday 14 March - As the carnival will be a one day event, all children will need to arrive at school at **8:40a.m.**, and meet at their classroom. Teachers will leave school to walk to the oval at 8:55a.m., returning to school by 3:00p.m. Remember to wear house colours and a hat and bring recess, lunch and a drink.

It is vital that we have Parent/Carer assistance 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 Wednesday morning.

Active Challenge - Our school promotes all students, teachers, parents and carers to be Safe, Respectful Learners. One of the areas where we can practise this is when collecting children from Active Challenge. Parents and carers are not allowed to drive into the school car park to collect their children unless prior arrangements have been made with the school Principal. This is still the case regardless of the weather conditions. Little children are hard to see behind cars especially when one is reversing. Please ensure that you park **outside** the school gates and walk up the driveway to collect your children after Active Challenge. Thank you. Mrs Sarkees.

Coles Schools for Sport Vouchers 2011 - This week GPKPS had a delivery of brand new sports equipment. This delivery was the result of the effort of families and friends of GPKPS who in 2011 collected Coles Vouchers for Schools. Your efforts in collecting these vouchers in 2011 were greatly appreciated. Thank you for supporting this project. The students of GPKPS will benefit from this community effort. Mr Hamilton.

PSP Survey 2012 - Congratulations to all of the families who have completed and returned the PSP surveys that were sent out last week. A huge thank you to all of you for the support and effort you have made in getting these back to us as quickly as possible. At this stage we are very close to 90% return rate. If you haven't returned these surveys we would really appreciate it if you could so we can reach 100%. As stated earlier the information provided is completely confidential and is not seen by the school.

The winners of the Coles Myer Vouchers were as follows:

Victoria Pagonis - 2TM
Lubna Nassrat - 3BH
Ayush Chand - 1AS
Terence Messineo - 3BH

This Friday there will be a final draw for a Coles Voucher, \$60, for all families that have returned their surveys. Once again thank you to all of you who have returned the surveys and for helping your child's school. Remember if you haven't returned the surveys there is still time to do so. Mr Hamilton.

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.

Newsletter

GPK WINS HORSLEY ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL!!!!

Congratulations to the 23 students we took to the Horsley Zone Swimming Carnival on helping us win the Zone Carnival. Our last win was in 2006, so this was a tremendous effort with a fairly small but very talented team. Congratulations to the 14 swimmers who qualified to represent Horsley Zone at the Sydney South West Area Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 13th March at **Gordon Fetterplace Aquatic Centre, The Parkway, Bradbury**. We wish our GPK swimmers well!

Area Qualifiers:

Girls

Ruby Clarke 4MT, Ivana Brkic 5/6SU, Taiya Hunt 5MD, Georgia Goulden 5LM
Leyla Yilmaz 6MO, Stephanie Filippin 6NS, Nikolina Milanovic 6KT,
Claudia Ong 6NS.

Boys

Darian Luc 5MD, William Ha 5LM, Liam Luschwitz 5MD, Christian Bogic 6NS, Leonardo Lin 5/6SU, Zachary Sairlao 6SR.

Special mention to Claudia Ong (6NS) and Nikolina Milanovic (6KT) for qualifying in all 7 events for the Area Carnival. Claudia came 1st in Breaststroke, Backstroke, Butterfly and Medley and was part of our Relay team that finished 1st. Nikolina came 1st in Butterfly and was part of our Relay team that finished 1st.

Ruby Clarke came 1st in 50M Freestyle.

Our Senior Girls Relay Team (Claudia Ong, Nikolina Milanovic, Stephanie Filippin, Leyla Yilmaz) finished 1st also.

Thanks to our parents for their positive support and for arranging transport for the children.

Thanks to Ms McMahon for being the Team Manager on the day and thanks to Miss Fitton and Miss Druitt for being carnival officials. Mr Hoyle.

Grandparents' Day - To honour all grandparents, GPK will be hosting a grandparents day on Wednesday 21 March. You are welcome to visit your grandchild's classroom from 10a.m. and stay for recess at 11a.m. Year 6 will be holding a cake stall with prices starting from 50 cents. We look forward to seeing you.

Values Education - The value for Weeks 8 and 9 is Understanding/Tolerance. Understanding of oneself and others is the knowledge that we all have equal worth. We all play a valuable part in the world. Each individual is unique with his/her own talents.

Tolerance is the appreciation of diversity and the ability to exercise a fair and objective attitude towards those whose opinions, practices, religion, nationality and so on differ from one's own. It is the quality of accepting other people's differences, opinions and rights.

Please promote understanding and tolerance in the home environment and encourage children to practise it. Mrs S. Kumar.
Student Engagement.

PSSA Round 4 - This week we play Canley Heights and Fairfield West at Brennan Park (top & bottom).

Upcoming Events

Week 8

12 March - 15 March - Kindergarten Best Start Interviews
14 March - Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival
15 March - Selective High School Test.


Week 9

21 March - Harmony Day
Grandparents' Day.

Have a great week!

Jason Corcoran
Principal

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Harmony Day 2012- Everyone Belongs

Harmony Day is a celebration of Australia's cultural diversity.

In 2012, the Harmony Day theme is "**Sport**" - **play, engage and inspire**. It recognises the important role and positive influence that sport has in our multicultural nation. Involvement in sport, whether as a participant, volunteer, spectator or administrator, unites people of all ages and fosters a sense of belonging, acceptance and an understanding of other cultures.

GP KPS will be making a special effort to recognise **Harmony Day** on **Wednesday, 21st of March**.

As the official Harmony Day colour is **orange**, students are encouraged to wear something orange on this day to show their support for the idea of living in harmony. This will be a **mufti day** for **all students**.

Harmony Day is a day for all Australians to celebrate and reflect on the importance of:

- Australians respecting one another
- The fair treatment of all Australians
- Providing opportunities for people to participate
- A sense of belonging for everyone
- The benefits of living in a culturally diverse society.

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