



Governor Philip King Public School

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Week 2 Term 2
1 May 2012

From the Principal...

Changes to playground - In the interests of student safety we implemented some changes to our playground for this term. We introduced a "stop and freeze bell" at the end of recess and lunch. Some students were running to class on the concrete areas and this was dangerous for both them and other students. These bells have been rung 2 minutes before the end of recess and lunch bells. Students are to stop and wait for instructions from the teachers on duty. At the end of the 2 minutes the final bell rings and students WALK to their classroom. We have been very impressed with the behaviour of the students when these bells ring. Students are walking to class and are much calmer when entering their classrooms. Congratulations to all students for their efforts to keep our playground a safe place to be. Due to the excellent response from students we are reducing the 2 minute bell to 1 minute as from today.

Hats - A reminder has been given to all students to wear their school hat in the playground. Any student without a school hat is directed to one of our sheltered areas and not allowed on the grass areas, basketball court or in the courtyard. Parents are encouraged to ensure their child wears a school hat every day.

2013 Year 5 Opportunity Class Placement - Expression of Interest - Students in Year 4 have been given an Expression of Interest Note for Opportunity Class Placement in 2013. Any parent, of a Year 4 student, who wishes for their child to apply for placement in an Opportunity Class 2013, needs to return the note that has been given to the Year 4 students. These classes cater for the needs of gifted and talented students. If you would like to discuss the appropriateness of opportunity class placement for your child please make an appointment with your child's teacher. The students who apply will do a selection test at a designated test centre and, if successful, will be offered a position in a Year 5 Opportunity Class in 2013.

Please be aware that these classes are at designated schools and that GPKPS is not one of these.

The Department of Education and Communities preferred method of application is by completing it online. However, if parents don't have access to the internet they can complete a written one. All applications need to be completed by 18 May, 2012, whether online or written. **Please note that it is the responsibility of the parent or carer to transport their child to the test centre and back.** Students are expected to return to school after the test.

If you have any general enquiries or need assistance, don't hesitate to contact us. Mr Hamilton.

P&C Meeting - The next P&C Meeting will be held tomorrow, 2 May at 7p.m. in the staffroom. Jackie Brkic. P&C President.

P&C Second Hand Uniform Sale - The next sale will take place on Friday, 4 May at 8:15a.m. - 9:00a.m. in the hall.

Year 2 Fairfield Museum Excursion - On Thursday, 26 April, Year Two visited the Fairfield City Museum as part of the unit "Families Past and Present". Students and teachers alike had a wonderful time. We visited the Schoolhouse and students learnt to write with a quill and ink. We walked into a General Store and saw a Blacksmith at work. Students hung out the washing with Bob and learnt to play the games of jacks and quoits. We saw an outdoor 'dunny' and bath tub. The students even got to pump water out of a well. Year Two teachers would like to thank the students for their exceptional behaviour, making the excursion a very enjoyable experience. Miss Fitton, Mrs Jones, Mrs Moreno, Mrs Ribero and Mrs Sircelj.

Newsletter

Values Education - The value for Week 2 is Integrity. Integrity is the expression that reflects honesty, beliefs in core values, commitment and sincerity. It is truth in action, not false pretenses. Integrity is the quality of having high moral principles, being reliable and trustworthy.

Please have discussions with your child/children about the importance of being trusted, dependable and relied on. Mrs S Kumar.
Student Engagement.

2012 Kindergarten Enrolments - Kindergarten enrolments are now being accepted for next year. If your child turns 5 before 31 July, 2013, he/she is eligible to be enrolled in Kindergarten next year. Applications are available from the Office.

Privacy Awareness Week - 27 April - 5 May 2012 - Privacy Awareness Week is a chance to remind your children to protect their personal details and information, especially online.

Australians lead the world when it comes to average monthly social media use and we share many details of our lives online.

As a parent, you can help your child behave in safe and smart ways to minimise the risks of their online activity.

To ensure that your kids are protected from cyberbullying, unwanted attention or privacy breaches, you can:

- remind them not to share their usernames and passwords with anyone
- go through the privacy settings of social networking sites with them to make sure they are only sharing their personal information with their friends
- talk to them about the danger of identity theft and the permanence of online sharing.

For more information on how to educate your children about protecting their privacy online and how to avoid being a victim of identity theft or even how to stop junk mail, go to: <http://www.privacyawarenessweek.org/youth.html>

Active Challenge - The Active Challenge program resumes this Monday 30th April 2012. The Monday and Wednesday sessions are for students from Years 2 - 6 and the Thursday sessions are for students from Years 1 & 2. Due to the large numbers attending, students may only be able to ride bikes on two occasions each term. This program starts straight after school and finishes by 4.10pm. The Junior Active Challenge session finishes by 4.00pm. Parents please remember to be prompt when collecting your children. This should be at 4.15pm on Mondays and Wednesdays (for Years 2 - 6) and at 4.00pm on Thursdays (for Years 1 & 2). If you are late on more than two occasions, your child will not be allowed to attend this program. The supervising teachers have their own family commitments and need to leave school at the end of each session.

Let us lead by example to be Safe Respectful Learners in our community. Please remember to park outside the school gates and not in the car park as this could be dangerous for our children. Also, please walk on the footpath and not through the school gardens. Thank you. Mrs Sarkees & Mrs Richter.

Green Contact Update Forms - We still have a number of forms outstanding. It is important that these contact numbers are kept current in the event that we need to contact you if needed.

Your cooperation in returning these forms to the office (if there are no changes please initial & date) would be greatly appreciated.

Stamp Collections - Mr Radford has kindly donated some overseas stamps to the office. If you or your child is interested in collecting stamps please contact Mrs Wignell at the office.

Upcoming Events

Week 2

2 May - P&C Meeting in the Staffroom at 7p.m.

Week 3

9 May - Years 5 & 6 Gold Day

11 May - Stewart House Day

Week 4

15 May - Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN Test - Language/writing

- Parliament Induction - 2pm

16 May - Years 3 & 5 - NAPLAN Test - Reading

17 May - Years 3 & 5 - NAPLAN Test - Numeracy

18 May - Walk Safely to School Day.

Have a good week!

Judy Power
Relieving Principal

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World Asthma Day

World Asthma Day is on 3 May. If you or someone in your family is one of the 10 per cent of people in Australia with asthma, you can find lots of resources to understand and manage this condition at: www.asthmafoundation.org.au

If your child suffers asthma, we recommend the school be given an up to date asthma management plan available from your child's GP or specialist. If they require an inhaler, please ensure there is one in their bag at all times.