



Governor Philip King Public School

'Our school exists for children'

Week 5 Term 2
22 May 2012

From the Principal...

Concreting works around the school - Next week we will have concrete work being completed around the school grounds. This will mean some changes to school entry and exit gates. On Monday 28 May, Condello Crescent gates will be closed all day. Parents and students who enter via these gates in the morning and exit in the afternoon will have to use alternate gates. On Tuesday 29 May, the front gates near the Year 1 classrooms fronting Allambie Rd will be closed all day. Parents and students will need to enter and exit on this day using the main front gates. We apologise for any inconvenience but the closures are for safety reasons as we will have concrete trucks in these areas. We are having seating installed in the courtyard, new netball posts installed on the netball court and a new pathway built from the front pavilion to the Year 1 classrooms and from those rooms to the exit to Allambie Rd. There will be some changes to the playground use during these two days. Students will be informed of these changes this week. The concreting works will improve our playground for our students and general school use for everyone.

Zone Cross Country Friday 25 May - We wish all our students competing in this event on Friday our best wishes. I'm sure they will represent the school with pride, exhibit great sportsmanship, and be proud of their own efforts.

Multicultural playgroup - A reminder that this group will now be meeting on Mondays 9am-11am in the school hall, not Tuesdays.

Are your details up to date? - Have you moved or changed any of your phone numbers? Please inform the school office of any changes in address or phone numbers-home, work or mobile. Sometimes we may need to contact you urgently and we need to ensure we have accurate details. On occasions we have tried to contact some families only to discover that all numbers were incorrect and alternate contact details were also incorrect. We appreciate your cooperation with keeping us up to date with your details.

Earn and Learn - Don't forget to ask for your stickers from Woolworths when you shop there. Every \$10 spent earns one sticker. Put them on your sticker card and return it to school when it is full. New cards can be obtained from the office. Thank you for helping our school earn points towards equipment for the school.

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.

Values Education - The value for Weeks 5 and 6 is Freedom. Freedom is the state of not being imprisoned, enslaved, or otherwise constrained. It is having free will to control our actions, decisions and choices. When we have freedom we experience liberation and have a feeling of no limits. To have freedom we have to realise our responsibilities, make responsible choices and learn from our mistakes. Then we feel confident, contented and trusted. Mrs S Kumar. Student Engagement.

GPK School Website Information - All notes that go home to parents can now be accessed and downloaded from the GPK's school website. Go to the 'Notes' section located at the top of the home page. The website address is www.govphilkin-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Newsletter

Staff Car Parks - Parents are reminded that the two staff car parks (located at the front and back of the school) are not areas to drop off students in the morning or collect students in the afternoon. Our car parks have limited space considering the large number of staff we have here at Governor Philip King. We are requesting that parents do not drive into the school in the morning or the afternoon. This includes collecting students from Active Challenge sessions. Parents are requested to find parking on the street to collect or drop students off. The safety of our students is our number one priority. Parents driving in and out of the car park pose a significant risk to both students and parents using the pedestrian access.

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.

Congratulations to Eliz Hasan - GPK's Ambassador for Public Education 2012.

Eliz Hasan is an exemplary Year 6 student of Governor Philip King Public School. Known by all students to be a caring, responsible friend, Eliz was elected as our School Ambassador for Public Education by the Year 6 teachers and members of Parliament. Eliz consistently endeavours to work for the betterment of Governor Philip King PS, acting in a manner that brings credit to our Parliament, our school and our community. An excellent academic student who demonstrates a strong work ethic, Eliz strives to achieve her best with every challenge. With self confidence and social maturity, Eliz listens and takes others seriously, encouraging others to express their opinions and feelings. Eliz takes full advantage of every opportunity, applying herself with enthusiasm and diligence. She uses her profile to demonstrate and describe the values of Public Education at all times. Eliz now becomes a member of our school Parliament, and will represent our school at several functions and trainings for Ambassadors of South Western Sydney. Eliz exemplifies the young face of public education.

2012 Public Speaking Competition - Governor Philip King is preparing for the 2012 Public Speaking competition to be held at a class level in the next few weeks. Students may choose a topic of their choice or may be guided by their teacher with possible topics.

Public Speaking provides students with the opportunity to become effective communicators. It develops the skills essential to speak with confidence whether in a group, whole class or in public.

Public Speaking is a highly valued tradition at our school and it is an expectation that all students will participate. Our school has always performed extremely well in this area and it requires continued commitment from the students, parents and teachers for us to maintain our high standards. The competition starts at a class level, followed by the grade level, leading up to the school finals. Winners compete in the Fairfield/Hoxton Area Heats and in the Sydney South West Public Speaking competition to be held in Term 4. Our school has consistently been represented at these competitions.

In order to help parents assist their children to prepare a speech for the competition, class teachers hand out information which includes hints about speeches and some tips for the delivery of that speech, as well as working with them in class to enhance their skills. Mrs Maureen Jones and Miss Sami. Public Speaking Coordinators.

PSSA Results Round 3

Team	Results		Player of the Match
	W/L/D	Score	
Year 3 Netball			Bye
Year 4 Netball	W	24-0	Tiffany Lam
Year 5 Netball			Bye
Year 6 Netball	W	30-0	Jessica Marie
Years 3/4 Boys Soccer	W	5-1	Jayden Hermiz
Year 5 Boys Soccer	Bye	Bye	Jacob Yakoo
Year 6 Boys Soccer	W	6-1	Charbel Gabriel
Years 3-6 Girls Soccer	L	3-1	Lynee Ing
Years 3/4 Boys/Girls Basketball	L	16-14	Cassandra Su
Years 5/6 Boys Basketball	W	38-14	Vienya Wang
Years 5/6 Girls Basketball	W	28-20	Leanna Sonee
Junior Rugby League	L	26-34	Thyson Huynh, Aiden Seng
Senior Rugby League	W	40-34	Jerome Williams, Vincent Nguyen

There is no PSSA Sport this week due to the Zone Cross Country.

Have a good week!

Judy Power
Relieving Principal

Pyjama *school* Disco

All GPK students K-6 put on your pyjamas (or wear muffi) and make sure your clothes are warm enough, with enclosed shoes or slippers.



WHERE: **GPK School hall**

WHEN: **Thursday 24 May 2012**

TIME: **Kinder, Years 1 + 2 @ 4pm to 5:30pm**

Years 3, 4, 5 + 6 @ 6:30pm to 8:30pm




COST: **\$5** which includes a drink and packet of chips. *Money raised will help support Yakobo, our World Vision child from Tanzania.*



Please note:

- ☺ Children are to arrive only a few minutes prior to the commencement of the pyjama disco.
- ☺ Parents are asked to pick up their children promptly at the conclusion of each session.
Children will not be allowed to leave the hall alone.
- ☺ Parents, toddlers or ex G.P.K.P.S. students are **not** allowed to enter the pyjama disco!

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CLOTHING COLLECTION FOR STEWART HOUSE

Stewart House is asking for our help to collect clothing that your family does not need anymore. They collect and use this clothing with the Smith Family to raise money to support their programs. Stewart House provides health care and short-term respite care for children in need who are enrolled in public schools in NSW and the ACT. It is called a "Preventorium" because it aims to prevent chronic health problems. In 2011 they received \$25 000 from these collections - a vital part of their income.

A limited number of bags are available from each class teacher and must be returned by Friday 25 May 2012. If you don't have a bag, please donate in any plastic bag. Stewart House will be collecting them Tuesday morning. Please send all bags to class 5/6SU.

