



Governor Philip King Public School

'Our school exists for children'

Week 6 Term 2
29 May 2012

From the Principal...

Uniform Survey - Thank you to parents who returned the uniform survey in regard to the tracksuit pants. The parents who returned the surveys have voted strongly for the style with the open bottom legs- no closed cuff. This was also the style voted for by the P and C and the staff at GPK. Once our current stock of pants is exhausted, this will be the new style. We anticipate that costs will be approximately the same for the new style.

Reports and Interviews - Our staff are currently working very hard writing Semester One reports. These reports will be a culmination of the work that your child has done so far this year. Please make sure you take the time to read the comments and look at your child's achievements in the six Key Learning Areas. A note will be sent home next week outlining teachers' availability on certain days and times for interviews. These will be held during the last two weeks of this term. We encourage parents to book a time for an interview. This is a vital opportunity to discuss your child's progress and address any issues/concerns, as well as recognising the hard work and achievements of your child. We anticipate that reports will be sent home on Wednesday 13 June, as long as we have no technical hitches with computers and copying.

Multicultural Playgroup - Could all members of this group please meet in the school hall at 9.15am next Monday 4 June to decide the future direction of the group. Thank you, Carolin Thomas.

Zone Cross Country - Please note that this is now to be held this Friday 1 June. We hope it doesn't rain again.

If your child is absent from school - Now that the colder weather is here, student attendance is affected by the usual winter viruses. If your child has to be absent from school for any reason, please inform the class teacher if possible. Send a signed note explaining the reason for the absence when your child returns to school.

Parking - We have had complaints about the manner of parent parking outside the school. Parents are requested to take particular note of the parking zones outside the school used to drop off students in the morning and collect them in the afternoon. Some parents have been observed breaking the law and putting our students at risk from these foolish actions. As these areas are public roads they are not under our control. If you are a concerned parent you can:

- Call the local council to complain about the actions of those parking unsafely or
- Call the police at Fairfield to complain about parents breaking road rules.

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.

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

Office Refurbishment - The office areas are in the process of being refurbished.

We have some desks and modules for sale. Desks are \$10.00 and modules are \$5.00. If you are interested in any of the units please see the ladies in the office.

Any items purchased must be removed ASAP.

Pyjama Disco - Huge thanks to all the students + staff who attended our Pyjama Disco last Thursday! It was an AMAZING night! What made it so great was that everyone just wanted to dance + have fun!

Great job by our Parliamentarians - collecting money, organising food + drink + running games! SUPER IMPRESSIVE!!!!!!

Thanks for helping us raise enough money to continue supporting our World Vision sponsor child - Yakobo in Tanzania. Yakobo is now 8 years old, attending school and loves playing soccer.

Values Education - The value for Week 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. We then feel confident, contented and trusted. Mrs S Kumar. Student Engagement.

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

Upcoming Events

Week 6 -

30 May - Kindergarten Excursion to Edensor Plaza - KAD, KES

31 May - Kindergarten Excursion to Edensor Plaza - KSV, KIE

- Year 5 Public Speaking Final - 12:15p.m. in the school hall

- Year 4 Public Speaking Final

Week 7

6 June - P&C Meeting - 7:00 p.m. in the staffroom

7 June - P&C Mufti Day

- Year 6 Public Speaking Final - 12:15p.m. in the school hall

- Year 3 Public Speaking final.

Year 2 Writing - Year 2 have been writing Persuasive Texts this term. Has Naomi Kevarkis (2TM) convinced you that reading books is better than watching TV? Ms Halabe was quite impressed!

15.5.12 by Naomi Kevarkis - 2TM

Reading books is better than watching TV

We believe that reading books is better than watching television.

- Reading books is better because there are no ads and we can concentrate on the story.
- Reading books is better because they give lots of information and give you lots of new words.
- People that are blind can still read by touching little dots.
- I think books are better than television because they are cheaper and make you smart.

These are all the reasons why books are better than television.

Have a good week!

Judy Power
Relieving Principal

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Marconi Brumbies Cricket Club

We are holding an introduction to cricket for all Junior Players from the ages of U/5's to U/15's boys and girls, this is free and all participants receive a cap.

U/5-U/11 - 9a.m. - 10:30a.m.
23 June, 14 July & 4 August

U/12-U/15 -10:30a.m. - 12a.m.
23 June, 14 July & 4 August

For more details please contact
Leonardo on 0438 066 056



Invitation
Celebrating our 5th Anniversary



Western Sydney Cycling Network



Sunday 3 June 2012
Nalawala Community Hall/Bike Shed, Fairfield Showground

Official launch: Speeches, DVD viewing - 11.30am

FREE activities include:
15km community bike ride - Register 9am, leaving 9.30am, face painting, jumping castle, train rides, lucky door prize, giveaways of 120 plants from the Nursery and light lunch.

For further information call 9725 0704