



Governor Philip King Public School

'Our school exists for children'

Week 9 Term 2
19 June 2012

From the Principal...

Lunches - Recently we have had a large number of students who have arrived at school without a sandwich or something for lunch. Please ensure that your child comes to school with enough food for lunch and recess. The canteen is available 5 days per week for lunch orders or to purchase a snack. Please talk to your children about eating all food you packed or returning uneaten items home.

Inspirational lunches - We can't have too much inspiration when it comes to quick, easy and nutritious school lunches. The School Canteens website, run by the Healthy Kids Association, has lunch suggestions for children of all ages, tips for healthy snacking for little kids and teens, nutritional information, serving sizes and help with food fussiness. Go to: www.schoolcanteens.org.au

Approaching Students - From time to time issues and disagreements occur between students. These are promptly resolved by our staff. Parents are reminded that under no circumstances should they approach another parent's child to discuss or resolve an issue. Parents are urged to make an appointment with the classroom teacher or grade supervisor to seek clarification or to discuss an issue that may be of concern.

General Information about Head Lice - Over the last week we have had a few isolated cases of head lice. It is therefore timely to review some of the information in regard to treating your child's hair.

- Head lice are not related to bad health or hygiene habits.
- Head lice are small parasitic insects that feed on human blood.
- Head lice live among the hairs on the head staying close to the scalp.
- Itching of the scalp is usually the first sign noticed.
- Head lice are transmitted by crawling from head to head or via objects - **they do not jump or fly.**
- Would you please check your child's hair as soon as possible and continue to do so on a regular basis. If head lice or nits are detected, you can choose to buy prepared chemical and natural solutions in bottles and commence a treatment.
- Treat all bed linen, brushes, combs, etc.

Or use the following steps as recommended by NSW Health which suggests a quick, safe, cheap method of locating and vanquishing head lice. The steps are:

1. Apply plain white conditioner liberally to hair;
2. Cover scalp to the ends of the hair and leave in hair for 5 minutes;
3. Comb through with a fine comb, wiping the conditioner from the comb onto a tissue and look for lice and eggs (nits);
4. Remove all nits to assure total lice treatment.
5. Rinse conditioner from child's hair and clean the comb thoroughly.
6. Check your child's hair regularly - when you go to the dentist and have no cavities, it doesn't mean that tooth brushing stops. If you are clear of head lice, it doesn't mean that you stop checking.

Treat only if there is evidence of head lice.

A preventative measure for the spread of the infestation of head lice could be keeping your child's hair short or worn close to the head. Another effective measure is to **discourage your child from sharing headwear, brushes and combs.**

Newsletter

Special Swimming Scheme - If you would like your child to attend this program but are finding it difficult to pay please see Mrs Wignell at the office. The school may be able to provide a small amount of help towards payment.

Be fire safe this winter - Winter's chill has arrived and with it our scramble for heaters, electric blankets and open fires. Entertaining is now year round thanks to portable outdoor gas heaters. But with all these conveniences come fire dangers. Statistics reveal that almost half of all home fires are started in the kitchen and 43 per cent of all fire fatalities occur in winter. NSW Fire and Rescue reminds us to do a fire safety audit of our homes this winter, check smoke detectors are working and ensure appliances such as clothes dryers and dishwashers are running efficiently and safely. For more household fact sheets and useful videos on how to protect your home and family from fire go to www.fire.nsw.gov.au/

School holidays sorted - The school holidays are fast approaching. For great activities to keep the kids gainfully occupied check out the informative Go Play website which is full of ideas for kids aged up to 18 years. You can search by age, activity, region, date, time and by government organisation. Go to: www.goplay.nsw.gov.au

Staff Carparks - 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.

Free app for homework and study - Do you struggle to understand your child's homework? Does your child need to practice their spelling and times tables? Are you looking for inspiration for projects and assignments? The free School A to Z app is an essential tool for every parent of school-aged children. Containing a range of fun applications including English, Maths, a spelling bee, times tables, technology A-Z and assignment starters, it's great for parents and students. Download it for free at: www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications

Woolworths Earn and Learn - Our tally is now 329 cards which gives us 9870 points. We are also entitled to 500 bonus points for registering early so we have 10370 points as of yesterday, Monday 18th June. Woolworths have notified us that the program will now be extended until 12 August. We will notify you of the new closing date for collection of cards once we have been notified of this. Thanks again for your tremendous support with this program. We're sure we will end up with some great free academic and sporting resources for our school from this program. Keep collecting!!!!

Office News - New Money Slot - The new money slot for depositing money envelopes is now located in the front office reception area **under the Honour Boards**, as indicated by the **yellow sign**.

Active Challenge - Active Challenge has finished for this term. Commencement dates for Term 3 will be advertised in the Newsletter at the beginning of next term.

Values Education - The value for Weeks 9 and 10 is Respect. Respectful is a feeling of reverence and an attitude of care and regard towards someone or something. It acknowledges the unique dignity in everyone. We are practicing respect when we treat everyone the way we would like to be treated. Respect for property is an attitude of responsibility towards our own and other's property. Being respectful includes having respect for oneself or self-respect.

Students have learnt about respect during our SRL lessons in Term One. Please have discussions regarding respect and emphasise the importance of all aspects of respect with your child/ children. Mrs S Kumar. Student Engagement.

Wrap with Love - This is a not for profit organization that has volunteers knitting or crocheting blankets for those in need. These blankets are sent all around the world (including Australia). Wool knitting yarn donations are needed. If you have any unwanted yarn, at home or would like to donate some, it would truly be appreciated. Donations can be left at the office.

Years 5 & 6 Canberra Excursion Reminder - The Canberra excursion is creeping up on us quickly. A number of students have only paid the deposit.

Parents are reminded that they need to make regular payments for this excursion.

PSSA Results - Round 6 was cancelled.

PSSA Sport - Round 7 - This week Years 3-6 Netball and Rugby League play against Smithfield at Endeavour Reserve. Basketball play against Cabramatta West at Cabramatta West. Soccer play against Smithfield at Brennan Reserve.

Have a good week!

Jason Corcoran
Principal

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	MONDAY 2/4/12	TUESDAY 3/7/12	WEDNESDAY 4/7/12	THURSDAY 5/7/12	FRIDAY 6/7/12
WEEK 1 2 nd -6 th July 2012	Electronics Day 	 (Leaving @ 9am)	Movie @ Marconi 10's plus: TBA	Cooking with Chocolate Day 	MURU MITTIGAR <small>PATHWAY TO PROGRESS</small> (Leaving @ 9am)
	MONDAY 9/7/12	TUESDAY 10/7/12	WEDNESDAY 11/7/12	THURSDAY 12/7/12	FRIDAY 13/7/12
WEEK 2 9 th -13 th July 2012	Bowling & Laser Tag 	Music & Disco Day 	Movie @ Hoyts Wetherill Park 	Fort Denison (Leaving @ 9am) 	Pajama and Popcorn Day

Programmed activities are subject to change!

Located at:

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