



Governor Philip King Public School

'Our school exists for children'

Week 6 Term 3
21 August 2012

From the Principal...

Asthma Plans - Parents are reminded that if students are asthmatic and require Ventolin to be held in the school office or carried with them for self-administration, the school needs to be informed and an asthma plan needs to be provided. The DEC has very clear guidelines on the administration and use of medication in schools. An asthma plan can be obtained from your GP. A copy of this plan must be provided to the school.

Sick Bay and Emergency Contacts - Recently we have had a number of students present at sick bay in the morning with various illnesses. On attempting to contact parents the numbers provided have been incorrect or disconnected. It is vital that all information regarding your child is current. Please ensure all contact numbers for parents and emergency contacts are updated. There is nothing worse for a child than having to spend the day in sick bay because contact details are incorrect. Also, please ensure that if your child is sick they are kept at home to avoid spreading illnesses to other students and school staff. It is expected that if you are contacted to collect your child from school due to illness that either a parent, family member, neighbour or friend comes to collect the student as soon as possible.

Family Issues - From time to time issues arise in families which can have a major impact on students learning, self-esteem and social interactions. It is important that we know about issues which may impact on your child's educational, social and emotional well-being. These issues are treated with confidence, respect and empathy by school staff. If there is an issue we need to be aware of please contact the executive for your child's grade, Mrs Power or myself. It is also extremely important if there are court papers in place or arrangements regarding contact with your child or custody issues the school must be informed of these arrangements to avoid any unnecessary issues. Please ensure the school has been given a copy of the most current court orders or mediation arrangements.

Connecting with your child - During the early school years, home life and family relationships are still the biggest influence on a child's development. Good family relationships and lots of positive attention are just what your child needs to learn and grow and build resilience that will be essential in later life. Helpful articles on talking and listening to your children, handling tantrums, negotiating tricky behaviour and building self-esteem can be found on the website www.raisingchildren.net.au. This site contains a host of easy to understand information on parenting children from babies to teenagers.

Family Contributions - Each year we ask families to pay a voluntary contribution fee along with their school fees. This money goes towards the purchasing of additional resources and classroom equipment which would not be possible otherwise. 2012 voluntary contributions, as I stated in Term One newsletters, is being used to cover the maintenance and running costs for all classrooms to be air conditioned. We have also been investigating the purchase of additional resources for our students in the area of Literacy, specifically new readers to be used in classrooms. Unfortunately at the moment we still have 30% of students who have not paid any form of contribution. 30% is the difference between being able to purchase enough books for all students to have access to new readers and being able to have new readers for only primary or infants classes. I would encourage and urge those families who have not paid their contributions to please do so, this money goes directly back into resources for students.

Operation Art 2012 - Congratulations to Giulia Martino (6KT) and Zeyneb Yilmaz (3GH) who will have their artworks exhibited at The Armory Gallery at Sydney Olympic Park from 8 September until 21 October 2012. These artworks may then be selected to be displayed at a variety of hospitals around the country. We are very proud of these two wonderful artists.

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Sport Aerobics - Madelene and Iliana Figueroa are two very talented students who are competing in the 2012 Sports Aerobics National Championship in Brisbane on the 13 September. The girls have also qualified for the 2012 Aeroskools National Championships representing Governor Philip King in Brisbane on 16 September! Very impressive, and proud achievements. Sport Aerobics is the ability to perform continuously complex and high intensity movement patterns to music. The routine must demonstrate creativity with the perfect integration of all movement, music and expression. The performance must be performed entirely to music and is made up of a variety of elements including dynamic strength, static strength, jumps and leaps (power), kicks (dynamic strength), balance and flexibility. We are very proud of these two girls and wish them lots of luck as they prepare for their upcoming competitions. We will all look forward to hearing about your results.



Sports/Group Photos - These photos are now displayed on the office windows. If you wish to place an order for any photos please complete an envelope (available at the office). Place payment (either cash or cheque made payable to The School Photographer) in the envelope, fill in the required information and return to the school **before 17 September 2012**. Credit card payments can be made online through the website (www.theschoolphotographer.com.au). You will still need to complete an envelope and **place your order number on the envelope** and return to school.

The photos are \$14 each, 2 for \$26, 3 for \$36, 4 for \$44 or 5 for \$50. Any additional orders over 5 photographs are \$10 each. This discount is only available per family order. Maxi sized photos which are A3 in size are \$20 each (e.g. whole school).

Please note that late orders will attract an additional fee. Any questions please contact the office.

Years K-2 Athletics Carnival - Wednesday 29 August - This carnival is on next week. Please send the permission/medical note and \$4.00 to the office if you have not already paid. NO permission/medical notes or money will be accepted after Friday 24 August. We still require a few parent helpers to assist with the running of the tabloid events and races. Please see your child's class teacher if you can help on the day. Miss Vella, on behalf of the K-2 Athletics' Carnival Committee.

Woolworths Earn and Learn - Please return all complete and incomplete cards and spare stickers to the front office by tomorrow, Wednesday 22 August, as I have to tally and return the cards. I can use spare stickers to make complete cards. We currently have 52,200 points, but we have some more cards to tally to add to this.

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to this program. Judy Power.

Values Education - The value for Week 6 is CONCENTRATION. Concentration is when we direct all our thoughts and efforts towards something. It is the ability to use intense mental efforts and give complete attention to focus steadily on a task, subject or idea. Parents understand how students need to concentrate in their lessons to maximise their learning. They need to be taught how to do this. In their value lessons this week they would have learnt this. Please discuss with your child/children what they have learnt about concentration in their class and encourage them to always concentrate on their tasks. Thanks, Mrs S. Kumar, Student Welfare.

Track Pants Sale - We still have some track pants available - sizes 6 & 14 - at half price. Get yours now! There will be **no refunds or exchanges** given and **no** Student Assistance funds will be available for these purchases.

The new style track pants with straight legs will be available for purchase from March 2013 at a cost of \$25.

Years 5 & 6 Canberra Excursion Payment Reminder

If any parents are experiencing difficulty with Canberra payments the school may be able to offer some help. Please see Mrs Wignell at the office to enquire about support. Canberra payments need to be finalised as soon as possible.

2012 Western Sydney Environment Calendar - Children's Art Competition "Kids R Green" - Please have any artworks to Mrs Power by Monday 27 August, not Wednesday 29 August as advertised in last week's newsletter.

P&C Message - Mini Olympics - WOW! It turned out to be a great day with wonderful weather supporting our fundraiser. A huge thank you to all of our students, parents and community members who supported and made donations towards the Mini Olympics fundraiser. Congratulations to our top 5 fundraisers. Fantastic effort! Congratulations to the winning classes.

A special thank you to the GPK teachers and staff who organised the events for the day - a great success.

Thank you to all who supported the sausage sizzle on the day and sincere thanks to Mr Hoyle, Mr Hamilton and Mr Hosking for being our wonderful cooks for the whole day.

Thank you to the P&C Committee, members and parent helpers who worked tirelessly to help make this fundraiser a great success. We raised \$11,500 (approximately). This money will be used to pay for a new sound system for the hall which needs to be desperately updated.

Once again thank you to all who helped make this such a great success. Jackie Brkic. P&C President.

PSSA results Wet Weather Round 4

Team	Results		Player of the Match
	W/L/D	Score	
Year 3 Netball	Called Off		
Year 4 Netball			
Year 5 Netball	Called Off		
Year 6 Netball	W	15-2	
Years 3/4 Boys Soccer	W	6-0	Andrew Brown
Year 5 Boys Soccer	W	2-1	Ramsin Dallo
Year 6 Boys Soccer	W	8-0	
Years 3-6 Girls Soccer	W	2-0	Amanoil Khoshaba
Years 3/4 Boys/Girls Basketball	W	30-2	Derik Phan
Years 5/6 Boys Basketball	W	40-0	William Ha
Years 5/6 Girls Basketball	W	16-2	Tanya Marjanac
Junior Rugby League	W	16-6	
Senior Rugby League	Cancelled		

Triple P Positive Parenting Program - The NSW Government is offering families with children aged 3 to 8 years FREE parenting advice and training through the Triple P positive parenting program.

This program has been used in Australia and throughout the world for more than 30 years. Triple P can help parents with a specific problem, provide parenting tips and help them understand their child's development and behaviour.

Triple P options available to families in NSW include free parenting groups, seminars and self-directed online courses. Parents will learn to:

- Encourage better behaviours from their children
- Deal positively and consistently with problem behaviour
- Take the stress out of parenting
- Develop family relationships that assist children to reach their full potential.
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Local Triple P courses and more information can be found at: www.families.nsw.gov.au or by calling 1800 789 123

Have a great week!

Jason Corcoran
Principal

