



# Governor Philip King Public School

'Our school exists for children'

Week 7 Term 3  
28 August 2012

*From the Principal...*

**Mobile Phones** - Please be aware that we have a very clear school policy on mobile phones. We understand that some students require mobiles to contact parents after school. Any student who brings a mobile phone to school must hand it in to the office when they arrive at school and collect it after the 3:00pm bell. The school will not take responsibility for lost or damaged phones where policy and procedure has not been followed.

**Road Safety** - There have been a number of issues raised by parents and community members over the last two weeks regarding road safety of our students. There have been a number of students who have not been using the pedestrian crossing and running across Allambie Road to either enter school after being dropped off in the morning or running across the road in the afternoon to meet parents. Of course student safety is our number one priority. We are asking that all parents discuss road safety with their children, and ensure that if students do need to cross the road they do so at the pedestrian crossing in a safe manner.

**School Car Park** - Again I remind parents that under no circumstances are parents to be parking in either of the school car parks. This includes dropping students off in the morning, collection of students after school or collection of students from after school activities. Parents are reminded to park out on the street. There have been a number of issues recently including damage to staff cars, close calls with students leaving and entering school grounds and a parent in a 4 wheel drive almost reversing over me. **The staff car parks are strictly for staff parking only.**

**P&C Meeting** - There will be a P&C meeting this Wednesday night (29 August). The meeting will commence at 7:00pm in the staff room. We will have Claudia Vera from Fairfield Teachers' Federation addressing our members. She will inform us about the Department of Education and Communities' new initiative, Every School Every Student and answer any questions. All community members are invited to attend this special meeting to learn more about our teachers' concerns regarding our children's education.

**Fun with friends and family** - Want to encourage your child to try something new outside of school? Try the range of options provided by NSW Sport and Recreation - from camps and sailing to a variety of disability sport activities. Go to: What's on around NSW - Sport and recreation  
<http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/active/whatson.asp>

**Spelling it out at home** - The School A to Z website's popular mobile Spelling Bee game can now be played on your home computer. The game is designed for both junior and senior primary school students, and features words from the Macquarie Dictionary. Parents might be tempted to test their skill on the harder levels. Go to: Spelling Bee  
<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/educational-games/spelling-bee>

**Coming to grips with measurement** - It may come as no surprise to learn that a child's early awareness of mass and volume is often based on watching their parents. Seeing mum or dad measure and pour ingredients for a recipe or weigh items at the fruit shop will often become part of their play. Find out what you can do at home to help your child measure mass and volume. Go to: Helping your child measure mass and volume  
<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/mathematics/mathematics-tips/helping-your-child-measure-mass-and-volume>

Newsletter

**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](http://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** - The carnival is on tomorrow. All parents are most welcome to come and watch the races and tabloid events. It will begin at 9:10am on the top oval. Students are to wear their sports uniform or house colours (Alexander - blue, Scarborough - yellow, Sirius - red, Supply - green), sports shoes, hat and sunscreen. Please ensure that hats and jumpers have names on them as many get lost on carnival day. Recess, lunch and drinks need to be in their school bag that is labelled with their name and class. Students and parents are most welcome to order their lunch from the school canteen. However, these orders need to be placed in the morning at the canteen, before the carnival begins. No hot food will be available unless pre-ordered. Miss Vella.

**Woolworths Earn and Learn** - Our final tally was 1847 sticker cards, giving us 55,410 points.

They have now been posted so we cannot accept any more stickers or cards. We will notify you once we have purchased our free equipment. Thanks again to our school community for supporting this program.

**Values Education** - The value for Weeks 7 and 8 is Kindness. Kindness is treating others as we would have them treat us. It is extending ourselves for the well-being of others. Kindness is being sensitive to the needs of others, showing concern, understanding them and sharing ourselves with them from a full heart. Through kindness we express our connectedness with others by caring and sharing. Please discuss with your child/children what they learnt about kindness and encourage them to practise it. Mrs S. Kumar, Student Welfare.

**Track Pants Sale** - We still have some Size 6 track pants available, selling 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.

**Years 5 & 6 Canberra Excursion** - Year 6 students from our school will soon be undertaking an educational tour of the National Capital. While on this tour they participate in a variety of educational programmes focused on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist you in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) programme toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution will be paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion and has already been deducted from the cost to parents. We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program. S. Usher.

**GPK Spelling Bee** - Congratulations to our champions of the Spelling Bee: Vivian Tran 5/6SU, Nathan Ung 5/6SU, Shyla Kumar 3BH and Nicolette Talevski 3GH. All four students will now represent GPK at the Regional Final to be held on Monday 10 September at Bonnyrigg Heights Public School.

**Stories Alive Excursion** - Eight children from Years 3-6 participated in Stories Alive held at Liverpool Catholic Club. The students enjoyed the activities run by the amazing NSW Sports Theatre Group. Each activity consisted of acting techniques such as improvisation and story telling. Everyone had a say in the building of ideas for the stories and participated enthusiastically. This is an experience that will never be forgotten. Thank you to Mrs Jones and Miss Sami for taking us. Nikaela, Natalie, Ivana, Olivia, Bradley, Lakisha, Chelsey and Shyla.

### ***PSSA results - Semi Finals***

Team	Results		Player of the Match
	W/L/D	Score	<i>No player of the match for the semi finals.</i>
Year 3 Netball	W	6-2	
Year 5 Netball	W	14-4	
Year 6 Netball	W	25-10	
Years 3/4 Boys Soccer	L	2-3	
Year 5 Boys Soccer	W	3-1	
Year 6 Boys Soccer	L	2-5	
Years 3-6 Girls Soccer	W	1-0	
Years 3/4 Boys/Girls Basketball	L		
Years 5/6 Boys Basketball	W	32-24	
Years 5/6 Girls Basketball	L		
Junior Rugby League	L	28-32	

*Have a great week!*

*Jason Corcoran*  
Principal



### **Why Should You Come To GPK PS?**

Why should you come to GPK, you might ask? Well it's because you learn more than just English and maths. You learn how to sing, dance and play sport and take a break from nearly falling asleep during class.

First of all, you might think that homework is very VERY boring but not at GPK! We have a variety of fun activities for homework that you get to choose from. No more doing drawing activities! If you can't draw, then just choose something you're good at or looks appealing to you.

Secondly, if you want a career in singing, athletics, dancing or other activities in the future, then why wait until you're out of school? At GPK we have heaps of fun of activities that you can try out for to help you on your journey. Some of these activities include PSSA (Primary School Sport Association), Senior & Junior Choir and Talent Shows, Performing Arts, Piano Lessons, Parliament and helping out with school newspaper, which could help you if you want to be a journalist in the future. Unlike many other schools, we have many fun things to try out!

Thirdly, no one (that I know of) likes a dirty, ugly school. Well, here at Governor Philip King it's nice and neat here. We have cleaners, student helpers and rubbish bins. It's so clean you could eat of the floor (but I wouldn't if I were you). Not only that, but our grass is perfectly cut, is nice, green and fresh for students to play on.

Finally we have heaps of friendly students who are always welcoming new students, working together and making lots of new friends. If a person doesn't want to be your friend, don't worry! We have more than 600 students you can become friends with.

To sum it up, you must agree, GPK is a simply wonderful school to attend thanks to the kind, helpful, caring and supportive students and teachers that come to this amazing school and in the end, I love it here and I'm sure you will too.

By Kyle Malovic 5/6SU

