



Governor Philip King Public School

'Our school exists for children'

Week 4 Term 1
19 February 2013

From the Principal...

Easter Raffle - Please keep an eye out for the separate note regarding our Easter Raffle. Donations of good quality Easter eggs and chocolate can be left at the office before Friday, 22 March 2013.

Meet the Teacher Evening - We will be holding Meet the Teacher evenings on two separate nights again this year. **Tuesday 26 February** (Week 5) will be for students in kindergarten and Years 2, 4 and 6. **Wednesday 27 February** has been set for parents with students in Years 1, 3 and 5. The format of the evening will provide parents with time to visit their child's classroom and meet their class teacher. The second part of the evening will be used to share information about grade and stage plans for the year. The meet the teacher evenings will start at 6.00pm. Parents will meet in their child's classroom then move to a designated grade area for the conclusion of the evening.

We remind parents that the purpose of the evening is to share information about structures and plans for grades and classes throughout 2013. The evening is not time for parent/teacher interviews. If you need to discuss things specific to your child you are asked to make an appointment at another mutually convenient time. Parents are also reminded that this is an evening for parents and, where possible, we request that alternative arrangements are made for students and toddlers.

Please note: We are aware that this clashes with the Community Forum on Internet Safety to be held at Bossley Park High School. The high school is hoping to delay the start to at least 6:45p.m., so that you are able to hear some of the information if you head there directly from our school.

School Website - We have updated the school website to include as many dates for school events as possible. Please be aware that some dates and times may vary. Events range from Term 1 through to Term 4. The website is a great way to identify events that are coming up at our school.

Writing notes - If your child has missed school, you need to provide a written note with the following information:

- include your child's name and class
- include the date/s and number of days your child was away
- explain why your child was away
- include other information as needed.

If your child is going to be away for more than three days please let the school office know. You will still need to write a note when your child returns.

Applications for Exemption - A reminder to parents that regulations from the Education Department require families to apply for an exemption from school if a child is to be absent for more than 15 days. Whether it be through illness or essential overseas travel an exemption must be approved **prior to taking the leave**. Families are requested to ensure this paperwork is completed **2 weeks in advance of overseas travel**. If exemption forms are not completed prior to travel enrolment of students can be affected. Should the situation arise for your family please contact the school so that we can assist you with your application.

Speech problems - All kids learn how to talk and listen at different rates but did you know there's a general pattern to your child's language development? Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/speech-problems>

Newsletter

Contribution Fees - Thank you to the families who have already paid their contribution fees. Please keep in mind that this money provides additional opportunities and resources for your children above and beyond those provided through our global budget. Any family experiencing financial difficulty can come and speak to Mrs Wignell. We have limited student assistance money that can be used to support families or individual students. Please don't hesitate to contact the school for support. If you did not receive the contribution fee information last week please contact the front office as soon as possible.

Helping your Kindy kid succeed at school - A great way to kick off your child's formal education is to understand the school culture and what your child is doing in the classroom. Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/helping-kindy-kids-succeed-at-school>

Friendships to boost your child's learning - If children are happy socially they tend to be more engaged in their learning. So teaching your child about the importance of making friends is as vital as learning their ABCs. Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-friendships-boost-your-childs-learning>

GPK SWIMMING CARNIVAL REPORT 2013 -The school swimming carnival was held last Monday at Prairiewood Leisure Centre. Congratulations to the 43 swimmers who competed and had fun. We shared the pool with King Park Public School once again and this worked out well with both schools getting through all the events comfortably. Good luck to the 21 students who have qualified for the Zone Carnival which is to be held on Tuesday 5 March at the same venue!

STANDOUT PERFORMANCES

William Ha (6NS) and Darian Luc (6SR) qualified in 6 events for the Zone Carnival. Sisurin Srey (5/6SU), Trinity Doan (4SK) and Ruby Clarke (5SJ) qualified in 4 events for the Zone Carnival. There were no school records broken this year but there were some very fast times swum by our students.

FINAL RESULTS

1ST SCARBOROUGH 81 2ND SUPPLY 74 3RD SIRIUS 68 4TH ALEXANDER 67

A Big thank you to Mrs Huggins, Taira Huggins, Mr Brigidac and Brian Luc for their help on the day. Thanks also to all the GPK teachers for helping at the carnival and back at school.

Reminder:

Zone Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 5 March at Prairiewood Leisure Centre.

SSW Area Primary Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 19 March at Gordon Fetterplace Aquatic Centre, The Parkway, Bradbury commencing at 8.30am. Mr Hoyle.

P&C News - The first P&C Meeting for 2013 was held on Wed 13th February. It was good to see some new faces come along. We discussed the many events that were occurring at the school this year.

Mrs Kumar gave us an update on the Community Garden/Mosaic Project that is being developed at the end of the netball court and the Storytelling sound project associated with it. If you would like to donate any old mats or rugs, old ceramic items to make the mosaic, or suitable plants, bring them in to Mrs Kumar.

We're happy to be organising a BBQ at the 3-6 Sports Carnival, Easter surprises and Mothers' day gifts, just to start.

Our next P&C meeting will be held at 7p.m. on 6 March and we will be selecting the Mothers' Day gifts, making the arrangements for Easter and looking at events for the rest of the year.

So come along to the next meeting and have your say - all ideas welcome.

Second Hand Uniforms will be on sale this Thursday, 21 February at 2p.m. near the Canteen.
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LET'S SUPPORT OUR KIDS AT GPK. P&C President, Mark Cavanaugh.

Active Challenge - As indicated in previous information given out, students in Years 2-6 are only able to participate in this program. The program is not available to Year 1 students. Ms Taylor.

Years 5 and 6 - The Collaroy Centre - We still have **places available** for our Years 5 and 6 Collaroy Centre excursion. Students will be departing on **Tuesday, 2 April 2013** and returning to school on **Thursday, 4 April 2013**. THIS EXCURSION WILL NOT BE OFFERED IN 2014. GPK WILL ONLY BE VISITING THE COLLAROY CENTRE EVERY SECOND YEAR.

The cost is \$270.00 which includes all meals, bus travel and accommodation.

RESERVE YOUR CHILD'S PLACE BY RETURNING YOUR NOTE AND DEPOSIT TO THE FRONT OFFICE.

Library News - Home borrowing for parents will be on Monday, Thursday and Friday mornings only as Ms Halabe will be attending meetings on the other mornings.

Breakfast Club - The Breakfast Club commences next week and will be running on each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 8:20a.m - 8:45a.m.

PSSA Results - Round 1

Team	Results		Player of the Match
	W/L/D	Score	
Junior Newcombeball	D	1-1	
Senior Newcombeball	D	1-1	Dana Bogic
Year 3/4 Cricket	W	226-117	Sebastian Ribero
Year 5/6 Cricket	W	90-60	Dylan Craus
Years 5 & 6 Boys Softball	L	2-4	Joseph Scarcella
Years 5 & 6 Girls Softball			
Boys T-ball	D	1-1	
Girls T-ball	D	1-1	
Years 5/6 Boys Oz Tag	W	3-0	Jesse Vine
Years 5/6 Girls Oz Tag	W	3-4	Kaylin Huggins

This week we play against William Stimson at Allambie Reserve.

Have a great week!

Jason Corcoran
Principal

Community Forum- Internet Safety

ThinkUKnow is an internet safety initiative which aims to raise awareness of the issues which young people face online and whilst using mobile phones. It is a partnership between the Australian Federal Police (AFP) and Microsoft Australia, and is now proudly supported by ninemsn and Datacom.

Bossley Park High School will be hosting a ThinkUKnow presentation on 26th February at 6.30pm in their school hall. The presentation runs for 60-75 minutes with time for questions. All parents, carers and teachers are encouraged to attend.

The presentation is tailored for the adult audience and they ask that young people are not present. The parents, carers and teachers' session includes short videos and real life case studies.

The purpose of this presentation is to raise awareness of the issues facing young people online including:

- Online grooming;
- Inappropriate content – both self-created and accessed;
- Cyber-bullying;
- Social networking;
- Instant Messaging & Chat;
- Mobile Technologies;
- Privacy;
- Protecting your computer; and
- Where to go if things go wrong.

For more information, you can visit the ThinkUKnow Australia website at www.thinkuknow.org.au or contact Karen Parmenter Tuesday and Wednesday on 9610 8955 or Monday, Thursday & Friday on 9823 1033.



FREE LESSON WITH THIS AD

(Applies to new students only)

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| *Twinkle Tots | *Funk | *Cheerleading |
| *Jazz | *Hip Hop | *Mum's Fun Dance |
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| *Classical Ballet | *Singing | *Eisteddfods & Concerts |
| | *Troupe | *Junior Hip Hop Boys |

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