



Governor Philip King Public School

'Our school exists for children'

Week 7 Term 1
12 March 2013

From the Principal...

Easter Raffle - Thank you to our families for the wonderful donations to our Easter raffle. We will have some amazing prizes on offer. Please continue sending in donations up until **Friday 22 March**. We have had a great response to our raffle tickets with many books already being sold. Remember the student who sells the most raffle tickets will receive a special prize. If families would like additional raffle tickets to sell they are available from the front office. The raffle will be drawn after the K-2 Easter Hat Parade on **Thursday 28 March**.

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.

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. Again in 2013, we will be utilising part of the contribution to cover the cost of maintenance and repair for the air conditioning which is available in every classroom. 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.

Facts about tutors - Private tutoring to give kids a helping hand in their schooling is a growing business. However, it's also an area where parents can be vulnerable to bogus offers and misleading advertising. Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/facts-about-tutors>

Public speaking - Does your child suffer glossophobia? Fear of public speaking is common. Try creating opportunities for your child to present speeches to the family, without putting pressure on them to perform. Here are some tried and true tips to make your child's next speech a success. Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/public-speaking-in-primary-school>

NSW Teachers' Federation Tree Levy - We are happy to announce that our school received \$400.00 from the Teachers' Federation towards beautifying our grounds with native shrubs. This will be used to purchase native shrubs for our gardens next to the basketball courts. We would like to thank the Federation for the generous support and look forward to seeing the garden bloom with beauty. Thank you. S. Kumar.

Zone Swimming Carnival - Congratulations to the 21 students we took to the Horsley Zone Swimming Carnival. GPK finished 9th. Congratulations to the 8 swimmers who qualified to represent Horsley Zone at the Sydney South West Area Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 19th March at **Gordon Fetterplace Aquatic Centre, The Parkway, Bradbury**. We wish our GPK swimmers well!

Area Qualifiers:

Girls

Baylee Brigidac 3BH, Danika Long 4SK, Trinity Doan 4SK, Ruby Clarke 5SJ

Boys

William Ha 6NS, Liam Luschwitz 6NS, Darian Luc 6SR, Sisurin Srey 5/6SU

Thanks to our parents for their positive support and for arranging transport for the children.

Thanks to Ms McMahon for being the Team Manager on the day and thanks to Miss Druitt for being a carnival official. Mr Hoyle.

Newsletter

Bookclub - Orders are due back NO LATER THAN 15 March, 2013. Place your labelled order form along with the correct change in a sealed envelope and place in the money slot in the office. Thank you.

Uniform News - School caps are now available for purchase on Wednesday and Thursday from 7:30a.m. to 2:15p.m. at a cost of \$15.00.

P&C News - Hi everyone, the P&C have been busy this week preparing for the following events:

Wednesday 20th March - 3-6 Athletics Carnival Sausage sizzle - The P&C will be running its first Athletics Carnival sausage sizzle at Bosnjak Park, with thanks to the Bonnyrigg "Men's Shed" Volunteer group who have kindly offered to run the BBQ. Sausages on bread will be \$2.00 each. A note has already been sent home for pre-ordering. To help us plan better please return your Orders and money to the office by Monday 18th March. Bottles of cold water will also be available on the day at \$1.00 each. Parents and visitors will be able to purchase their sausage sizzle and water on the day.

Thursday 21st March - Harmony Day/Grand Parents Day - The P&C will be holding a second hand uniform stall from 11am near the Year 6 cake stall.

Mothers' Day - A note will be sent home this week with a great selection of gifts for Mum and Grandma for Mothers' Day. Please return your orders and money to the office by Friday 5th April and help make Mothers' Day more special.

DID YOU KNOW.....THE GPK P&C now has a **facebook** page, and you can get more information by following us and reading the posts. So search for Governor Philip King Public School on facebook and "**Like**" us to get regular updates.

Thank You. **LET'S SUPPORT OUR KIDS AT GPK.** P&C President - Mark Cavanaugh.

Year 6 to Year 7 High School Expression of Interest forms - On **Monday 11 March** all year 6 students in NSW brought home their High School *Expression of Interest* form.

The year 6 teachers will have filled out the student number, name, address and their local high school. This high school is determined by the student's home address. Parents must complete the other details on the form and **return it to their Year 6 teacher by Friday 22 March.**

All NSW primary schools are required to enter this information into the Department of Education's computer system before the forms are sent to the high schools. Please do not send the form directly to the high school, even if they ask you to do so. If you have any further queries, please come and see me. Thanks, Miss Thomas.

Years 5 and 6 - The Collaroy Centre - Reminder - The last day for the balance of excursion fees to be paid is Friday, 22 March.

Values Education - The value for Weeks 7 and 8 is Self-Esteem or Self-Acceptance. Self-Esteem is feeling confident and good about ourselves and Self-Acceptance is being able to recognize who we are and accepting ourselves whilst continuing to strive to attain our personal best. It is an acceptance of all aspects of ourselves "warts and all". The effect of students having positive self-esteem on others is that they can be inspired. Self-acceptance leads to self-confidence which we all need at some time. Please have discussions about these values with your child/children at home. Mrs S. Kumar, Student Engagement.

PSSA Results - Round 4 -

Team	Results		Player of the Match
	W/L/D	Score	
Junior Newcombeball	W	2-0	
Senior Newcombeball	L		Emily Kamenjasevic, Olivia Bogic
Year 3/4 Cricket	L	71-117	Logan Sharpe
Year 5/6 Cricket	L	76-118	Gabriel Freeman
Years 5 & 6 Boys Softball	L	2-3	
Years 5 & 6 Girls Softball	L	2-5	
Boys T-ball	W	5-4	
Girls T-ball	W	9-2	
Year 5/6 Boys Oz Tag	D	3-3	
Years 5/6 Girls Oz Tag	L	2-3	

This week Oz-Tag and T-ball play against Kemps Creek at Bill Anderson Reserve. The other sports have a bye this week.

Have a great week!

Jason Corcoran



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Harmony Day 2013 – Everyone Belongs

Harmony Day is a celebration of Australia's cultural diversity. In 2013, the Harmony Day theme is "Many Stories, One Australia." It recognises the important role and positive influence that cultural diversity has in our multicultural nation.

Harmony Day is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. By participating in Harmony Day activities, we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and make it a better place.

GPKPS will be making a special effort to recognise Harmony Day on **Thursday, 21st of March, 2013**. As the official Harmony Day colour is **orange**, students are encouraged to wear something orange on this day to show their support for the idea of living in harmony. This will be a **mufti day for all students, but no money is required**.

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