



Governor Philip King Public School 'Our school exists for children'

Week 4 Term 2
21 May 2013

From the Principal...

Communicating with Staff - We are extremely fortunate at Governor Philip King to have such caring, committed and professional staff. All of my staff are university trained and demonstrate their depth of knowledge in classrooms every day, continually striving to improve learning and provide additional opportunities for our students. My staff continually go above and beyond their 'duty' to ensure students are provided with additional opportunities and programs they may not otherwise experience. I am very proud of the opportunities and initiatives my staff provide for our students. At all times when my staff engage with parents, it is done in a professional manner, with students needs always at the forefront. I would also expect parents to address staff in a respectful and appropriate manner. However, over the last two weeks I have had several staff approached by parents, and unfortunately this has occurred in a very disrespectful and rude/aggressive manner, at times, demanding teacher's attention during class teaching time. We are always willing to discuss concerns that may arise however, as has been highlighted in the newsletter on several occasions there is a policy and process in place. I am referring to the 'Approaching your school' information leaflet. If parents choose to be disruptive or aggressive in their manner there is a provision in place to issue a warning of or an actual Inclosed Lands Act letter. The Inclosed Lands Act refers to parents being restricted from entering the school grounds. This is something I would prefer not to have to enforce and I do not use lightly, as it is wonderful to have our community involved and interested in our school. However, last week we experienced a parent disrupting classroom learning and using inappropriate language within the school grounds with children able to clearly hear what was being said. I issued a warning Inclosed Lands Act letter. We then had another parent who entered a classroom and started questioning the teacher in an inappropriate manner. I issued a verbal warning related to the Inclosed Lands Act. I understand as a parent that there may be times that you find things frustrating or unclear, by all means we need to resolve these concerns, but we also need to ensure it is done in a way that is appropriate for all concerned. Please help us to keep Governor Philip King the outstanding school it is by treating all staff in the respectful way we interact with all other professionals in our community.

Voluntary Contribution Winners - Congratulations to the following students who were drawn out as part of our incentive draw for having their full contribution fees paid. The following students each receive a \$20 gift card:

KES - Zain Alansari	2SV - Annabelle Toma	5SJ - Danny Diep
KES - Joynes Aneti	3BH - Victoria Nguyen-Phuong	5SJ - Joanne K Le
1JW - Charlotte Sisounou	3GH - Isabella Halusek	6NS - Kaylin Huggins
1AS - David Baltovski	4SK - Alyssa Hermiz	5/6SU - Alex Ancora
2AD - Grace Davidoff	4BS - Luisa Siracusa	

Congratulations also to the following students who won a prize in our bonus prize draw:

4LT - Paula Mallouhi - A family bowling pass
5SJ - Aleme Capric - A family bowling pass
KES - Jahdeil Zakria - A family pass to the Museum of Fire in Penrith
KPR - Amy Gray - A family pass to the Museum of Fire in Penrith

Thank you to all the families who have supported our school by finalising their contribution fees. Your payment ensures we are able to continue providing high quality resources and a comfortable learning environment for your students.

School Gates - As part of our commitment to ensuring student and school safety our school gates are locked during the day from approximately 9.30am until 2.30pm. This has been the case for a number of years at Governor Philip King. During the school day any parents or visitors to our school need to enter through the front pedestrian gates. All visitors to our school should report to the front office.

Newsletter

Emergency Drills - This week you may hear a number of strange sirens coming from our school grounds. Each year we are required to practice our procedures in case of a Lock down or Evacuation emergency. Our students and teachers respond very well to these drills and always listen and follow the directions given. Please rest assured that in the case of a real emergency situation we would notify the community at the earliest possible convenience.

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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. This includes discussions or any type of confrontational behaviour. 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.

School Uniforms - With the cooler weather upon us in the mornings, many students are removing their school jumpers and jackets during the day. At times, they are unable to directly place these items into their school bags and are quite often left behind becoming 'lost'. Please make sure that your student's name is easily seen on the inside of the clothing so that it can be returned to the correct owner. We are also asking parents to check that students bring home their own jumpers and jackets. It is quite frustrating for parents who label their child's clothing and still have it lost, as someone else has taken it by mistake. All GPK lost property is sent to 5/6SU's wet area, where all students and parents are encouraged to search for lost items. Lost property is searched each week and labelled items are returned to students.

Emergency Contact Update Notes (pink form) - These notes were sent home last Wednesday. Please check the information and add or make any necessary changes. The signed and dated form should be returned to the front office by this Friday, 24 May.

Values Education - The value for Week 4 is Doing Your Best/Excellence. Doing your best means putting in your best effort in anything you do. Excellence is when we have the capacity to achieve goals, delay gratification and act according to a set of priorities. It is an exercise of internal control over one's actions. It is creating good constraints for us. When we use the strength of our mind we say we have will power or self-will. It leads to self-improvement and self-regulation. Doing your best does not always lead to excellence but gives you satisfaction that you did your best.

Please discuss the importance of your child/children doing their best at all times and possibly reaching excellence. Mrs S. Kumar, Student Engagement.

PSSA Results Round 2

Team	Results		Player of the Match
	W/L/D	Score	
Year 3 Netball	W	7-0	Nicole Pagonis
Year 4 Netball	W	6-0	Trinity Doan
Year 5 Netball	W	10-0	Cassandra Su
Year 6 Netball	W	18-11	Olivia Bogic
Year3/4 Boys Soccer	W	9-0	Angelo Masso
Year 5 Boys Soccer	W	4-2	Richard Gray
Year 6 Boys Soccer	D	1-1	Alex Pham
Years 3-6 Girls Soccer	D	0-0	Maddison Bersikh
Years 3/4 Boys/Girls Basketball	W	24-2	Brendan Duong
Years 5/6 Boys Basketball	W	14-10	William Ha
Years 5/6 Girls Basketball	L	16-26	Jasmine Mai
Junior Rugby League	L	4-20	James Ratcliffe, Logan Sharpe
Senior Rugby League	W	30-16	Shane Meni, Kalyb Onofia

This week Netball will play against St Johns Park and Rugby League will play against Prairievale at Endeavour Park. Soccer will play against St Johns Park at Allambie Reserve and Basketball will play against Fairfield West at Fairfield West.

Stewart House Bags - Bags are to be returned to 5/6SU by Wednesday, 29 May.

P&C News - Our May P&C Meeting was held last week where we discussed many upcoming fundraising events.

Congratulations to GPK for its new Electronic sign board at the front entrance. It was largely funded by the school, but an enormous thank you must go to the 2012 P&C who raised considerable funds which contributed towards it.

Thank you to all of the families who have donated uniforms to the second hand uniform stall. It is greatly appreciated. There will be another Second Hand Uniform Sale soon. Winter is creeping up on us, a good supply of skivvies and track pants will be available.

The Harmony Garden is looking great and Mrs Kumar, Miss Taylor and our dedicated mums have been busy assisting Mr Gee with the gardening and finishing touches ready for the opening. The mosaics will be placed in the garden any day now. **LET'S SUPPORT OUR KIDS AT GPK.** P&C President - Mark Cavanaugh.

Electronic Sign - As you may have noticed our new electronic sign has gone in. It looks amazing and will provide plenty of up-to-date information to our community. A huge thank you to our P&C who provided the school with a \$10 000 cheque as half of the sign cost. It is fantastic to see the end of result of this productive and positive partnership.



Have a great week!

*Jason Corcoran
Principal*

Safe, Respectful Learner Program

As part of the school's positive behaviour program we will be targeting one of the rules outlined in the signs and posters that are displayed around the school. A different rule will be targeted each fortnight. The rule will be displayed and reinforced in every classroom. It will also be included in the school's newsletter so that parents and carers may also be involved in helping their child to become a safe, respectful learner.

The rule for this fortnight will be '**Be Safe, move around quietly**'.

Anna Dolz and Student Engagement Committee.

Multicultural Day – Many People, One Australia

On Thursday 20th of June, we will be celebrating **Multicultural Day**. The theme for the day is **Many People, One Australia**.

We are looking for parents or community members who can teach or lead an activity from their cultural background, eg. Storytelling, art/craft, song, dance, games, instrument playing.

If you can help, please let your child's class teacher know as soon as possible.



Multicultural Day Committee