



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

Week 5 Term 2
28 May 2013

From the Principal...

Relieving Deputy Principal - Mrs Power is on long service leave this term. I would like to thank Miss Usher for all of her great work over the past 4 weeks while replacing Mrs Power. Today, Miss Usher returns to her class and Mr Hamilton will relieve as Deputy Principal for the remainder of the term. Miss Morcom will be teaching 3GH for the next five weeks. She will continue with the regular classroom program as set by Mr Hamilton.

Harmony Garden - On Thursday we will be holding the official launch of our Harmony Garden located at the end of the netball courts. This area has been transformed from a wasted area into a beautiful garden that represents the harmony under which our school operates. Congratulations to the teachers, parents and students involved in this outstanding project. Community members are invited to attend the garden launch at 10.15am, and stay for recess with the students. Students are asked to bring a coin to drop into the wishing well, this money will be used for further garden initiatives.

Electronic Sign - Our electronic sign went in last week and it looks amazing. We are absolutely thrilled with the design and finished product. Thank you to all of the parents and community members who have taken the time to drop in, ring us or write a note to let us know how impressed they are with this new feature of our school. The response from our community has been overwhelmingly positive. As you will have noticed the sign is operational, however, we are being trained on Thursday on how to program it and display messages. Keep an eye out for our first community message later this week.

School Website - Our school website provides a variety of information for parents, including important dates and events that are coming up at school. Each week our school newsletter is uploaded for parents to view. Starting last week all permission and information notes are being uploaded to the site as well. If replacement notes are required they will be available on our school web site for parents to print at home or from work. Please assist us in teaching our students to be responsible for the collection of notes and delivery to parents. We ask that parents check their child's school bag each day for notes that may be sent home. **ALSO** parents need to be aware that permission notes and medical forms must be completed for each student to attend or participate in school excursions and carnivals. Hand written notes will not be accepted. The official notes from the school are the only acceptable form of permission we will accept. The school website can be located at: <http://www.govphilkin-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

Early Morning Arrivals - There have been a number of students who consistently arrive at school from 7.30am. Parents are reminded that teachers are not on duty until 8.30am. Children arriving before 8.30am are under no direct teacher supervision. We are asking for parental support in ensuring your child arrives at school at the appropriate time to ensure their safety and supervision. We appreciate that many of our parents work. Please be aware that there are before school care facilities located next to the school. Student safety should be our number one priority.

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 is 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.

Notes and Money - Parents are reminded that all money and notes need to be placed in the post slot situated in the front office. All money and notes should be placed into a **clearly labelled envelope** for processing. The ladies in the front office will **no longer provide envelopes** for parents or students. Parents are reminded to observe cut-off dates for money and notes. Unfortunately due to commitments to venues we are unable to process money after the due date printed on all notes that are sent home.

Newsletter

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.

Cyberbullying , what the experts say - While research into cyberbullying is still in its infancy, the one thing we do know is the online environment is really just a new setting for age-old issues. Cyberbullying is an extension of face-to-face bullying. It's all about relationships.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/cyberbullying/what-the-experts-say>

Making music together - Music education produces many benefits, including strengthening children's' abilities in reading, maths, and verbal intelligence. New research suggests it may also teach something less tangible, but arguably just as important - the ability to empathise. Find out more: <http://www.psmag.com/culture/making-music-together-increases-kids-empathy-41627/#.T5j1f7R1SQM.facebook>

Helping your child with homework - Video: **Teachers** talk about how parents can help kids take responsibility for their homework and avoid Thursday night meltdowns. Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/helping-your-primary-school-child-with-homework>

Values Education - The value for Weeks 5 and 6 is Happiness. Happiness is a joyous sense of spontaneity, lightness and fun about life's events and situations. It is a feeling of gladness. It is inherent in all of us. It radiates out when we feel loved and supported. Happiness can be attained by seeing the positive side of things i.e being optimistic rather than pessimistic.

Please discuss how Happiness makes us feel good and encourage your child/children to be happy at home and school.
Mrs S.Kumar, Student Engagement.

PSSA - There is no PSSA this week due to the Zone Cross Country Carnival.

Basketball Uniforms - Our basketball teams are looking very smart in their new uniforms. GPKPS recently purchased 3 new sets of basketball uniforms. We are also in the process of ordering new senior cricket shirts and additional PSSA playing shirts. This is possible due to the school using the money from the PSSA uniform levy. Mr Hamilton.

Breakfast Club - Breakfast club is back on. Come and join us again from Monday to Wednesday at 8:20am - 8:45am for toast, cereals and a drink. Ms Parmenter & Ms Mackay.

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

Walk Safely to School Day - CONGRATULATIONS to the winners of our **Walk Safely to School Day** colouring in competition! One entry from each grade was chosen by members of our GPK Parliament and won a Stewart House high-bounce ball. Over 500 students received a sticker from our Parliamentarians, when they walked safely to school on Friday. These stickers can be shown to class teachers to receive a mini for Being Safe.



Have a great week!

Jason Corcoran
Principal

Safe, Respectful Learner Program

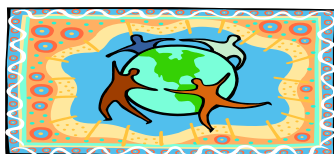
Dear Parents / Carers

The safe, respectful learner rule for this fortnight is '**Be Safe, choose healthy food**'. Please help your child to become a safe, respectful learner by reinforcing this at home.

Anna Dolz and Student Engagement Committee.

Multicultural Day – Many People, One Australia

多元文化节 今年多元文化节节目—多个民族，一个澳洲 各位家长，社区团体成员:六月二十日星期四，本校将举行二年一次的多元文化节。今年节目的主题为多个民族，一个澳洲。希望各位能踊跃参与这个节日如您能来本校给学生们鼓励与指导一些活动如讲故事，做手工，唱歌，舞蹈，弹奏民族乐器及游戏活动等。请尽快与各课堂老师联系。本校将感激不尽。(多元文委员会敬启)



Multicultural Day Committee

You are invited to the Governor Philip King Public School

Community Garden Launch

Date: Thursday 30th May 2013

When: 10:15 a.m **Where:** Netball courts

Afterwards parents are invited to have recess with their child/children.



STUDENTS ARE TO COME TO SCHOOL IN GREEN MUFTI CLOTHES TO REPRESENT NATURE. THEY ARE REQUESTED TO BRING A COIN TO PLACE INTO THE WISHING WELL WHEN THEIR CLASS GOES FOR A WALK THROUGH THE GARDEN. THE FUNDS RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS FUTURE GARDEN PROJECTS.