



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

Week 9 Term 2
25 June 2013

From the Principal...

Special Swimming Scheme - Each year we hear reports on the news about drownings in backyard pools, at the beach and in lakes and rivers. Last year alone, 284 people drowned in Australia. Sadly 79 of these cases involved school aged children. Learning to swim is a skill that could make the difference between life and death for your child. Each of my own 3 children have attended swimming lessons from a young age, and my daughters both attend the Special Swimming Scheme each year to revise and improve their skills in and around water. The Special Swimming Scheme is a learn to swim program that develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival. The Scheme provides opportunities for students in Years 2 to 6 to attend daily lessons of 45 minutes over 10 consecutive days. I encourage all of our parents to think about your child's level of ability with swimming. Are they confident? Would they be able to save themselves in a backyard pool or at the beach? This should be a decision based on your child's survival and skill around water, it is not a decision based on your child saying they don't want to go or don't feel like it. This should be a decision based on our parental responsibility for our children. The Special Swimming Scheme will take place during weeks 5 and 6 next term. The cost for the 10 days is \$60. If you require an additional note please contact the front office as soon as possible.

The Permission form is available for downloading on the school website: www.govphilkin-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Improving Literacy and Numeracy National Partnership (ILNPN) - Governor Philip King has received some national partnership funds to assist with improving student outcomes in literacy. This funding is to be used for staff professional learning and development of new classroom initiatives and programs. As a result of receiving this funding I have asked Mrs Hosking and Miss Usher to come off class for 3 days and 2 days respectively per week starting in Term 3. Mrs Hosking and Miss Usher will be responsible for delivering professional learning to the staff and investigating and implementing new programs across our school.

Multicultural Day - Last Thursday Governor Philip King held our much anticipated Multicultural Day. It was a hugely successful day for all involved. Our students and teachers went to great efforts to come dressed in traditional and national dress and costumes. The classrooms decorated to represent various countries looked amazing. I was lucky enough to get around to the rooms and particularly enjoyed being part of the running of the bulls when I visited Spain in KES, Getting up close and personal with a pyramid in Egypt 5/6SU, and I even got to meet the Queen in 4LT. The students demonstrated their outstanding talents in Governor Vision and the brilliant dance performances. The school then represented an international food hall at lunchtime, with dishes arriving from parents. Everything from homemade lasagne, pizza and fried rice to meatballs, spring rolls and delicious desserts, something for everyone! A huge thank you must go to the organising committee who had planned and prepared for Multicultural Day over the last 6 months. To Mrs Tran for the dedication she showed in preparing all the dance group performances. To the staff, students and parents who enthusiastically participated in the day. Multicultural Day demonstrated our commitment to recognising our diverse backgrounds and cultures and celebrating how our individual differences come together at Governor Philip King.

End of Term - This Friday (28 June) is the last day for Term Two. School will resume for students on Tuesday 16 July. Please note Monday 15 July is a Staff Development Day and the school office will be closed as our office staff will be participating in professional development training.

School Bus Service - There will be no school bus service on Monday, 15 July as this is a Staff Development Day.

Mufti Day - Tomorrow is a gold coin mufti day for P&C fund raising.

Chicken Pox - Please be advised that it has been reported that a student at GPKPS has been diagnosed with chicken pox. For further information about this disease please go to NSW Health website: www.health.nsw.gov.au

Newsletter

Girls' Winter Pinafore Orders - Orders for pinafores will close this Friday, 28 June.

Parent/Teacher Interviews - Last week students took home their Semester One reports. Parent/Teacher interviews started yesterday and will conclude on Thursday evening. This is a great opportunity to discuss the strengths your child has demonstrated and any areas for future development. Thank you to all of the parents who have taken the time to book appointments with staff.

Language Perfect World Championships - Between the 20th and 30th of May 2013, students in the year 5 and 6 Italian classes competed in the largest online languages competition on the planet, the Language Perfect World Championships. The students competed for their class, school and country against other students from around the world, by earning points in a range of foreign languages on language perfect. Special awards were awarded to the following students:

Bronze Award (Top 10% of 225,000 competitors from around the world)

- Nicholas Libri 5/6SU

Credit Award (Top 20% of 225,000 competitors from around the world)

- Erin Cawood 5SM, Daniel Aguilera Catalano 5SJ, Fernanda Acevedo Ubilla 5SM and Ivana Banden 5SM.

P&C News

Fathers' Day - Fathers' Day Gift Order Notes were distributed last week and orders will close this Friday. We need to close early because of the time of the school holidays. Please have a think about what's available and get your orders in. Once again the orders will be distributed in the week before Fathers' Day.

Mufti Day - The P&C have planned a mufti day for tomorrow. Please bring a gold coin donation. The theme is "It's good to be me". Come dressed as yourself.

Infants Sports Carnival - The Infants Sports Carnival will be held on 28 August. The P&C will be running a sausage sizzle. Pre-orders will be taken to ensure that all orders are catered for. Parents will also be able to purchase a sausage sizzle on the day. Notes will be distributed early next term.

Walkathon - The P&C are excited to be holding a Walkathon in Term 3 as our major Fundraiser for the year. Notes and Sponsorship lists will go out with this Newsletter. There will be an iPad Mini and other prizes to win, so collect your sponsors over the holidays.

Second Hand Uniform Sales - Our second hand uniform stalls are proving to be very popular. The P&C gratefully appreciate all donations of old uniforms. Thank you to the committed parents who run the stalls and have tried to accommodate parents' requests for different items and stall times. There will be another stall date early in Term 3. Support our Kids at GPK. Mark Cavanaugh, P&C President.

PSSA Results Round 6

Team	Results		Player of the Match
	W/L/D	Score	
Year 3 Netball	D	7-7	Annabelle Su
Year 4 Netball	W	5-3	Paula Mallouhi
Year 5 Netball	L	7-13	Margaret Aneti, Vivian Su
Year 6 Netball	D	18-18	Dana Bogic
Year 3/4 Boys Soccer	W	2-0	Samuel Sisounon
Year 5 Boys Soccer	W	4-0	Dilan Ergen
Year 6 Boys Soccer	W	7-0	Enrique Yalda
Years 3-6 Girls Soccer	W	1-0	Ashley Gorgees
Years 3/4 Boys/Girls Basketball	W	32-16	Gershon Gabriel
Years 5/6 Boys Basketball	L	12-40	William Ha
Years 5/6 Girls Basketball	L	16-18	Sarah Tran
Junior Rugby League	W	32-0	Terence Messineo
Senior Rugby League	W	40-0	Joseph Scarcella

Upcoming Events -

Week 9

24 June - 27 June - Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews

Have a great holiday!

Jason Corcoran

Principal

Dear Parents / Carers,

The safe, respectful learner rule for this fortnight is 'Be Safe, put yourself in their place. Please help your child to become a safe, respectful learner by reinforcing this at home.

Anna Dolz and Student Engagement Committee.

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