



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

Week 1 Term 3
16 July 2013

From the Principal...

Term 3 - Welcome back to all of our students after the two week break. We hope our students had the opportunity to rest, relax and recharge the batteries ready for another busy school term. This term there are many exciting and wonderful events that will take place. Some of these events include Education Week, Book Fair, Book Week, K-2 Sports Carnival and the Music Festival. Keep an eye out for additional information in the newsletter, on the electronic sign and on the school website.

Staff Development Day - Yesterday our staff were involved in professional learning which focused on the new curriculum. The staff worked in grade teams on our new English scope and sequence as well as listening to guest speakers looking at the literacy continuum and Australia's engagement with Asia. It was a very worthwhile and productive day for all involved staff.

Welcome Back - Mrs Power returned yesterday after her LSL throughout Term 2. It is always wonderful to have such a valued and highly respected staff member return after a period of extended leave. Thank you again to Miss Usher and Mr Hamilton who did an outstanding job in the role of Deputy Principal throughout last term.

Improving Literacy and Numeracy National Partnership (ILNNP) - Last term we were notified that Governor Philip King will receive a small amount of additional funding to support initiatives in the area of Literacy. This funding will allow us to evaluate some of the current practices and programs we have in place and investigate some new initiatives and ideas. As a result of this funding Mrs Hosking will be coming off class for 3 days per week and Miss Usher will be coming off her class for 2 days per week. Both Assistant Principals will take on responsibility for implementing the ILNNP plan.

Fathers' Day Gifts - The P&C have negotiated with the supplier of our Fathers' Day gifts to enable us to extend the opportunity for students to place orders. Students now have until Friday 26th July (week 2) to return their order forms and money. This is a great opportunity to purchase a good quality gift for Dad while supporting the P&C in their fund raising efforts.

Parent Teacher Interviews - Thank you to the many parents who took the time last term to come along and meet with class teachers regarding your children's achievements and progress. Interviews provide the opportunity to celebrate the successes your child has had in their learning while identifying areas for further development and focus.

Sorting fact from fiction - You can't always trust what you read when researching information for homework, assignments or projects. Here are ways your child can tell a good website - or any document - from a bad one. Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/sorting-fact-from-fiction>

What's in a game? - Among teen and preteen gamers, the names of violent video games travel fast. And before you know anything about these games your child wants to play them. How do you make an informed decision about what to buy? Find out more: <http://www.common sense media.org/blog/10-most-violent-video-games-and-10-alternatives>

School Photos - School photos will be sent home today or tomorrow. If you have ordered mugs etc. they need to be collected from the front office. Where orders have been collected by children no responsibility will be accepted for any damages.

Active Challenge - Active Challenge will begin in Week 2 of this term. It will run through to Week 8. If your child is interested in joining Active Challenge they need to see Miss Taylor or Miss Shabaz for a permission note.

Newsletter

Book Fair News - Scholastic Book fair will be arriving at our school early this term. Students will be given the opportunity to view the books and write out their wish lists towards the end of next week. The Book Fair will be running in week 3 -from Monday 29th July till Tuesday 6th August. Every year this event brings families and students together to promote reading, books and lifelong learning. Books encourage children to be excited about reading and learning. Proceeds from the fair will help generate funds for library resources. Looking forward to seeing you at our Book Fair. Ms Halabe.

GPk's Public Speaking Competition - Last term students participated in our school's Public Speaking Competition. Mr Corcoran, Ms Halabe and Mr Hamilton judged our school finals and were very impressed with the high standard of our competitors. The winners were:

Kindergarten - Sienna Vidigal

Stage 1 - Montana Newcombe

Stage 2 - Nicolette Talevski

Stage 3 - Ivana Brkic.

These students will represent our school at the Hoxton Area Public Speaking Final in Term 4. Mrs Jones & Ms Sami.

P&C News

Fathers' Day - Last chance to order Fathers' Day gifts. Orders will now close on Friday 26 July. The orders will be distributed in the week before Fathers' Day.

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 shortly.

Walkathon - The P&C are excited to be holding a Walkathon this term as our major Fundraiser for the year. Notes and Sponsorship lists went out last term. There will be an iPad Mini and other prizes to win, so keep collecting your sponsorship.

Second Hand Uniform Sales - The P&C gratefully appreciate all contributions of old uniforms. There will be another stall next week.

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 7 August, all welcome to attend. Mark Cavanaugh. P&C President.

PSSA Round 7 - This week Years 4 & 6 Netball play against Smithfield West and Years 3 & 5 play against William Stimson and Rugby League play against Harrington Street at Endeavour Park. Soccer will play against Smithfield West at Allambie Reserve and Basketball will play against Smithfield at GPK.

Upcoming Events - Week 3

29 July - 2 August - Education Week and Book Week Fair.

Have a great week!

Jason Corcoran

Principal

Dear Parents / Carers,

The safe, respectful learner rule for this fortnight is '**Be Respectful, say please and thank you**'. 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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