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Week 9 Term 4
11 December 2019

From the Principal...

Welcome to Week 9 where we have a very busy but exciting week ahead. This is our last newsletter for 2019.

On behalf of Mrs Hosking, Mr Hamilton, Ms Stojanoska and myself, a huge thank you to our staff, students and community members for an outstanding year at Governor Philip King Public School. We have experienced many successful initiatives and projects throughout the year and have seen great results from our students. Congratulations to our P&C for a huge year of hard work resulting in some great fund raising for our students. Thank you to the community for being involved in many of our events and carnivals throughout the year, as well as for the on-going support for our school. I would like to wish all of our families a wonderful Christmas. I hope that you get to spend quality time with family and friends over the holiday season.

Last week our Stage Three students enjoyed 3 days away at camp up at Tea Gardens. They were involved in lots of fun and exciting activities. The weather was amazing and everyone involved had a great time. A huge thank you to the Stage Three teachers for their organisation and commitment to providing this opportunity for our students. The organisation of camp starts in Term 1 and involves a massive amount of organisation. The staff then give up time away from their own families to provide this amazing opportunity. Thank you to Mr Atterton, Miss Fitton, Ms Stojanoska, Mr Samuel, Miss Skoric, Miss Vukovich and Mrs Stanger for their time and dedication; it is greatly appreciated.



Last Monday and Tuesday our executive team were involved in planning for 2020. These two days provided the team with the opportunity to map out events, new initiatives and consolidate the direction for Governor as we head towards the new school year. Thank you to my leadership team for their efforts and focus on the continued development of our school direction.

Presentation Day Assemblies occurred yesterday and our Sports Assembly took place today. It is always wonderful to see students being recognised for their achievements. Thank you to all the parents and community members who have attended these assemblies to help acknowledge the students. Thank you to the staff who coordinate and organise everything ensuring our assemblies run very smoothly. A lot of work goes into these events and I'm sure you will all agree that they are always a huge success, thank you to the staff who spent many hours organising and preparing the stage presentation days.

I am very pleased to congratulate our 2020 Prime Minister, Aleksia Stojanoska and our 2020 Deputy Prime Minister, Daniel Sabato. These positions were announced yesterday morning and I know these two students will do an amazing job as leaders of our school next year.



All Semester 2 reports will be sent home on Friday. Please take the time to discuss your child's achievements and successes throughout this year. It is also a good opportunity to reflect on areas for future focus for next year. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's class teacher.

Next Wednesday will see our Year 6 students complete their seven years of primary education. It is always a time of mixed emotions for parents, staff and students. It is always wonderful to see our Year 6 students start the next step in their learning journey, but also sad to see our school leaders move on to bigger and brighter things. Tonight we look forward to celebrating the end of Year Six with their farewell, and next Wednesday we will hold the Year 6 Graduation Assembly. On behalf of all Governor Philip King students, staff and community members we wish our students all the best and look forward to hearing about their successes and triumphs over the coming years. Congratulations and Good Luck.

Staff are continuing to work on plans and structures for classes for the 2020 school year. In a school the size of ours this can be a time consuming process. We want to ensure we get the structure and composition of the classes accurate. Due to our numbers we need to ensure we are accurate in our enrolments before we can place students into their new classes. This is why it has been so vital and important that parents notify us if they are extending their holidays into Term One next year. When students return after the Christmas break they will return to their 2019 class group. This will remain the same for the first week. The reason we have decided to start the year this way is to avoid establishing classes and then needing to restructure the school if we don't receive our anticipated number of enrolments. Our teachers are currently planning the units of work which will be completed over this period. Work will be of a substantial nature following on from concepts covered this year. I wanted the community to be aware of our plans in advance so students can be prepared when they return after the holidays. I am anticipating parents will again understand the need to structure our school in this manner for the first few weeks. Our aim is to ensure we get it right and once classes are established they will remain the same for the entire school year. This process has proved successful at the beginning of the last few school years and ensured once classes were formed they remained the same.

Have a great break!

Jason Corcoran
Principal

Deputy Principal's Message ...

This will be the final Deputy Principal message for 2019. I would like to thank the students, staff and community for a wonderful year full of learning, progress and discovery.

A special thank you to Mr Corcoran, Mrs Hosking and Mr Hamilton for their inspiring leadership and their support throughout the year. I am very fortunate to work with such a dedicated team.

Also, thank you to our valuable P and C Association who have contributed so much to GPK this year. Congratulations to Mrs Villada, Mrs Griffiths, Mrs Sabato and Ms Arbanas who were voted in as our 2020 P and C representatives at last week's Annual General Meeting.

Mrs Villada: President
Mrs Sabato: Treasurer

Mrs Griffiths: Vice President
Ms Arbanas: Secretary

Last week I had the privilege of attending the Stage 3 camp with an amazing group of teachers and students. As always, I was very proud of our students who represented our school with amazing behaviour, manners and respect. They pushed themselves outside of their comfort zones and learnt lessons that could not be taught in a classroom. Thank you to the Stage 3 teachers for giving up their time to provide this opportunity for our students. Congratulations to Mr Atterton on his outstanding organisation for camp.





On Friday, GPK attended the Fairfield Christmas Challenge. Our community has always been so generous by donating thousands of items to people who are in need. We exceeded previous donations this year! 30 trolleys full of items were donated by the community! Thank you so much for your generosity, and thank you to Miss Natali, Miss Wallekers, Mrs Kahila and our Parliament for organising such a worthy event.



Last year, GPK donated old PSSA jerseys to the Philippines National Rugby League Team. These smiles are heartfelt and priceless. We wish them all the best of luck in the season.



Congratulations to Ninos from 3DY who has reached 20 kms while participating in the GPK Kilometre Club. He has received his 20km wristband. Well done!

As the holidays are approaching many families are considering things to do as a family and activities to keep their child(ren) engaged. The following is a list of ideas, from the teachers, that your child(ren) could do over the holidays:

- Catch a bus, train and ferry (experience using public transport)
- Spend a day at the beach
- Go on a bush walk
- Have a picnic in the park
- Go to the markets (fish markets, fresh food markets, Fairfield markets)

- Go bike riding
- Visit the local Library and read book
- Purchase cheap craft supplies (Reject Shop, Hot Dollar, Kmart) and get creative
- Do some baking/cooking
- Teach your child(ren) how to tie their shoelaces
- Visit Fairfield City Farm
- Organise a play date with other children
- Plant it, grow it, eat it
- Play a board / card game
- Take the dog for a walk
- Make a cubby house with what's around the house
- Visit a museum
- Learn a skill from a grandparent
- Watch the sun wake up
- Make something out of a box
- Write and mail a letter to someone special
- Go to the zoo
- Discover what's in a pond
- Have a technology free day
- Work on a puzzle
- Watch the stars at night
- Help in the garden
- Visit Parliament House
- Go to the Blue Mountains
- Visit Warragamba Dam
- Spend a day at the Royal National Park
- Go to the Riverside Theatre
- Walk over the Harbour Bridge
- Go see the Blow Hole at Kiama
- Visit the Opera House
- Spend a day at the Botanical Gardens
- Play in the backyard

REMEMBER: The most important thing you can do is talk and interact with your child(ren)!

Merry Christmas GPK! Have a safe and relaxing holiday. We are looking forward to seeing everyone in 2020.

Ms Biljana Stojanoska

Relieving Deputy Principal

Upcoming Events

Week 9

Friday December 13 - P&C Ice Block Day
Semester 2 Reports go home

Week 10

Monday December 16 - Stage 3 Aquatopia Excursion
Tuesday December 17 - K-6 Class Party Day **(CANTEEN WILL BE CLOSED)**
Wednesday December 18 - Year 6 Graduation Assembly from 9am to 11am
Year 6 Guard of Honour at 2:45pm
Last Day of Term 4

2020

Week 1

Tuesday January 28 - Staff Development Day
Wednesday January 29 - Years 1-6 students return to school
Wednesday January 29 - Friday January 31 - Best Start Testing for 2020 Kindergarten

Week 2

Monday February 3 - Best Start Testing for 2020 Kindergarten
Tuesday February 4 - First Day of school for Kindergarten 2020

Allambie Road Vacation Care Dec - Jan 2020 Program

			THURSDAY—19/12/19 Christmas Fun Day 	FRIDAY—20/12/19 Movie at Hoyts (Excursion) 
MONDAY—6/1/20 Wheels Day 	TUESDAY—7/1/20 Aquatopia Water Park (Excursion) 	WEDNESDAY—8/1/20 Casula Powerhouse Art Centre (Excursion) 	THURSDAY—9/1/20 Indoor Rock Climbing (Excursion) 	FRIDAY—10/1/20 Fairfield Adventure Park (Excursion) 
MONDAY—13/1/20 NSW SES visit 	TUESDAY—14/1/20 Minute to Win Games 	WEDNESDAY—15/1/20 Silent Disco (Inursion) 	THURSDAY—16/1/20 Aquatopia Water Park (Excursion) 	FRIDAY—17/1/20 Chinese Garden of Friendship (Excursion) 
MONDAY—20/1/20 AMF Bowling & Laser (Excursion) 	TUESDAY—21/1/20 Messy Play Day 	WEDNESDAY—22/1/20 Aquatopia Water Park (Excursion) 	THURSDAY—23/1/20 Children's Well-Being Fun Day (Excursion) 	FRIDAY—24/1/20 Celebrate Australia Day HAPPY AUSTRALIA DAY! 

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Allambie Road BASC and Vacation Care is approved for child care subsidy
Bookings are essential

Daily Activities Explained

What's happening on Pupil Free Day?

Thursday 19/12/19: Join in the festivities with cooking, craft activities and watching Christmas movies to celebrate all things Christmas. **Learning outcome:** 1.2, 1.3, 2.2, 4.1, 4.2, 4.4

Friday 20/12/19: Movie time! To celebrate the last day of OSHC for the year we will make our way over to Hoyts and watch a new release movie. **Extra Cost: \$15.00**
Learning Outcome: 1.3, 4.1, 4.4, 5.3

What's happening in Week 1

Monday 6/1/20: Bring your bikes and scooters to race your friends in our very own wheels track. Don't forget to bring your helmets and any other safety gear for your protection.
Learning outcome: 1.1, 1.3, 1.4, 2.3, 3.2, 4.1

Tuesday 7/1/20: Join us as we make our way to our very own local water park. Remember to bring a towel, thongs and change of clothes. **Please arrive at the centre by 8:30am. Extra Cost: \$15.00** **Learning outcome:** 1.3, 2.1, 2.3, 3.2

Wednesday 8/1/20: We will be exploring the creative arts and exhibitions as well as engaging in an art workshop. If time permits, we will make our way to the new park next to the venue. **Extra Cost: \$10.00. Please arrive at the centre by 8:30am. Learning outcome:** 1.2, 1.3, 2.1, 2.2, 3.2, 4.1

Thursday 9/1/20: Do you have the strength to reach the top? if so go for the higher peak and challenge your inner strength. **Please arrive at the centre by 8:30am. Extra Cost: \$ 17.00**
Learning outcome: 1.1, 3.1, 3.2, 4.1

Friday 10/1/20: Enjoy a day out to at Fairfield Adventure Park where children will engage in plenty of obstacle courses and active play. **Please arrive at the centre by 8:30am.**
Learning outcome: 1.3, 1.4, 2.1, 2.2, 2.4, 4.1, 4.2

What's happening in Week 2

Monday 13/1/20: What a privilege to get a visit from our local NSW State Emergency Service team to come and share their experiences and knowledge so we are better prepared for any emergencies.
Learning outcome: 1.3, 4.1, 4.3

Tuesday 14/1/20: Think you can compete a set of games under one minute? Well join us to see how speedy you are and win prize!
Learning outcome: 1.1, 1.3, 2.2, 2.3, 4.4, 5.1, 5.2

Wednesday 15/1/20: Got the moves? Bring your dancing shoes and show us your dance skills as we participate in silent disco. **Extra Cost: \$17.00**
Learning outcome: 1.2, 3.1, 3.2, 4.1

Thursday 16/1/20: What a better way to cool our bodies off during this summer. Remember to bring a towel, thongs and change of clothes. **Please arrive at the centre by 8:30am. Extra Cost: \$15.00.**
Learning outcome: 1.1, 1.2, 1.4, 3.2

Friday 17/1/20: An exciting adventure to the city by train, where we can learn more about the Chinese culture. If time permits, we will also take a walk around Darling Harbour. **Please arrive at the centre by 8:00am. Extra Cost: \$10.00**
Learning outcome: 1.3, 2.1, 2.4, 4.1, 4.2

What's happening in Week 3

Monday 20/1/20: Bowl a strike with a game of bowling and then enter the battlefield for a round of laser tag at AMF Bowling and Laser in Liverpool. **Please arrive at the centre by 8:30am. Extra Cost: \$15.00**
Learning Outcome: 1.4; 2.3; 3.2; 4.1; 4.2

Tuesday 21/1/20 Let's get messy! Engage in a variety of sensory play and make slime, oobleck, orbeez and it yours to take home.
Learning Outcome: 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 4.1, 5.1

Wednesday 22/1/20: What could possibly be more fun than getting wet in this hot weather. Join us again to our own local water park. Remember to bring a towel and change of clothes. **Please arrive at the centre by 8:30am. Extra Cost: \$15.00**
Learning outcome: 1.1, 1.2, 1.4, 3.2

Thursday 23/1/20: A fun day for the children to learn about their own well-being with fun activities teaching them practical skills to manage their emotions and physical health. **Please arrive at the centre by 8:30am.**
Learning outcome: 1.1, 1.4, 3.2, 4.1, 4.2, 5.1

Friday 24/1/20: Aussie, Aussie, Aussie... Oi, Oi, Oi, Wear your green and gold as we celebrate all things our great country has to offer. **Learning outcome:** 1.3, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1,

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