From the Principal...

Meet the Teacher BBQ - We have had a great response to our 'Meet the Teacher' BBQ event. We are looking forward to hosting a BBQ for our Governor community and having the opportunity to start the 2019 school year with an informal meet and greet for teachers, parents and students. We are hoping to have community support for this initiative with the view of making it an annual event. Please be aware that we have extended the RSVP until 3pm this Wednesday (13 February).

Class Change-Over - Last Monday we were able to form our new classes for 2019. As always this is a smooth transition for our students in Years 1-6. This process has proved positive and effective for the last 9 years and we greatly appreciate the support of our community in this process. Now that students are underway in their new classes there will be no change to school structures for 2019. I would remind parents that students have been placed in their classes after careful consideration by each child’s 2018 class teacher, grade supervisor and support staff. We have placed students based on their academic needs and parental input provided in Term 4 last year. Classes have not been formed based on social circles and friendship groups. Our students are provided with opportunities throughout the day during recess, lunch and grade activities to interact with friends. Class time is about academic improvement and need. We look forward to another successful and settled year.

Classroom Teachers 2019 - Overview for classroom teachers for the 2019 school year:

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| KGK        | Mrs Katic (M-Th)  
Mrs Gaul (F) | 3DY        | Mr Young   |
| KCW        | Miss Wallekers | 4IE        | Mrs Esquivel |
| KPS        | Mrs Perovic (M-Th)  
Mrs Sircelj (F) | 4AH        | Miss Host  |
| IIN        | Miss Natali  | 3/4KT      | Miss Thomas |
| IHS        | Mrs Hoyle (M-Th)  
Mrs Sarkees (F) | 5KS        | Miss Skoric |
| 1CW        | Miss Wallekers | 5KV        | Miss Vukovich |
| 1/2SV      | Miss Vella  | 5MA        | Mr Atterton |
| 2FS        | Miss Fernandez (M-W)  
Miss Sofi (Th-F) | 5/6NS      | Mr Samuel  |
| 2ZL        | Miss Zele    | 6HS        | Ms Stojanoska (M-W)  
Mrs Hoyek (Th-F) |
| 2JD        | Mrs Drca   | 6LF        | Miss Fitton |
| 2LT        | Miss Taylor |            |            |

Grade Supervisors for 2019 are as follows:

Kindergarten – Mrs Hosking
Year 1 - Mrs Sarkees
Year 2 - Mrs Brown
Year 3 - Mr Hamilton
Year 4 - Mr Hamilton

Year 5 - Mr Samuel
Year 6 - Miss Fitton
LaST - Miss Usher
Community Languages - Ms Halabe / Mrs Dolz
Relieving Positions for 2019 - There are a number of staff who will be relieving in higher positions throughout 2019. We have created these temporary positions to assist in the running of our school as well as the implementation of new initiatives and programs for K-6. The following staff will be filling relieving positions for 2019:

**Mr Hamilton** - Relieving Deputy Principal - Supervisor Stage 2
**Mr Samuel** - Relieving Assistant Principal - Supervisor of Year 5
**Miss Fitton** - Relieving Assistant Principal - Supervisor of Year 6
**Ms Stojanoska** - Relieving Assistant Principal (M-W)
                  Relieving Deputy Principal (Th-F)
**Mrs Brown** - Deputy Principal (EaFS) (M-W)
                  Relieving Assistant Principal (Th-F) - Supervisor of Year 2
**Mrs Dolz** - Relieving Assistant Principal (M-W) - Supervisor Community Languages
**Miss Thomas** - Relieving Assistant Principal (Th-F) - Mathematics

Week 1 Kindergarten - Congratulations to our Kindergarten students who have completed their first full week of school. They have settled in well to ‘Big School’ and have been very busy getting to know the routines and environment of Governor. There were some very tired little people on Friday afternoon. It was lovely to see their smiling faces yesterday morning ready to do some great learning and fun activities this week. Well done to Mrs Hosking, the Kindergarten team and our support personnel on ensuring our Kindergarten students had a settled start to their school year.

New Sports Uniform - We will be gradually phasing in a new sports shirt and shorts for our official school sport uniform. The new uniform should be available from Term 2 (dependent on delivery from our suppliers). The new uniform will be available for students in Years 3-6 this year with our K-2 students to follow from 2020. Parents are under no obligation to replace existing uniforms with the new style, however, as uniforms eventually need replacing it will be with the new uniform. This has been a lengthy process but we are extremely happy with the final product. Thank you to Miss Fitton for all of her hard work and negotiations to arrive at a great new uniform.

School Contribution Fees - The school contribution note for 2019 will come home this week. As always we attempt to keep the additional costs of fees at Governor to a minimum, and this year there has been no increase for families. We ask all families to pay their contributions before the end of this term. Please remember that our school fees provide additional resources, programs and equipment for our students to use and access throughout the year.

Class Assessments - Over the next few weeks class teachers will be completing a variety of assessments with their new students. The purpose of all assessments is to gauge student learning and provide valuable base line data on your child’s strengths and areas of need. Assessment data also allows teachers to plan and direct teaching content at students’ point of need, ensuring more engaging lessons. Students will complete on-going assessments throughout the year so we can accurately monitor and track their progress.

Approaching Your School

From time to time parents or other members of the school community may need to approach the school in order to:

- Discuss the progress or welfare of own child;
- Express concern about actions of other students;
- Enquire about school policy or practice;
- Express concern about actions of staff.

It is therefore necessary to have procedures that will help solve problems as soon as possible so that a safe and harmonious school environment is maintained. The best results are usually achieved from working together.

These guidelines aim to:

- Provide a guide in order that concerns are dealt with in an open and fair manner;
- Ensure that the rights of students, teachers and parents are respected and upheld;
- Support sensitivity and confidentiality;
- Help reach an agreed solution.

On occasion, concerns may cause frustration and anxiety. At such times it is always important to organise a time to talk with school staff in an unhurried and confidential atmosphere.

Note: No parent should directly approach another person’s child.
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<td>Directly contact the child’s teacher either by note, phone or in person to arrange a suitable time to discuss any issues.</td>
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<td>The welfare of own child</td>
<td>For minor issues directly contact your child’s teacher to clarify information. For more serious concerns, contact office. State nature of concern and arrange a suitable time to talk with class teacher, grade supervisor (Assistant Principal) or Senior Executive member. To convey information about change of address, telephone numbers, emergency contact details, custody orders, health issues, please contact the office.</td>
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<td>Actions of other students</td>
<td>Contact the class teacher for a classroom problem. Contact the grade supervisor (Assistant Principal) for playground problems.</td>
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<td>Contact front office. State nature of concern and make an appointment to see Deputy Principal or Principal.</td>
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<td>Actions of a staff member</td>
<td>Contact the front office and state concerns to Principal or Deputy Principal. Arrange to meet with the Principal and staff member concerned.</td>
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The classroom teacher or grade supervisor should be the first point of contact when resolving issues or seeking clarification.

In very rare cases, where people wishing to express concerns, do so in an aggressive, threatening or violent manner, the principal (or nominee) has the legal authority under the ‘Inclosed Lands Act’ to:

- Direct the person to immediately leave the school grounds;
- Call the police to remove the person should he/she refuse;
- Withdraw future permission (by letter) for the person to enter the grounds without permission of the Principal;
- Seek further legal avenues.

**Anaphylaxis** - We have a number of students who have severe allergies to various food products. These students have specific health care plans in place to ensure their safety and appropriate medical care if required. These allergies are extremely serious, and as most of us can only imagine, worrying for parents. We are asking parents to be extremely mindful of the food products that are sent to school. **It would be greatly appreciated if parents can avoid products such as peanut butter, nutella or any nut product**. If we work together as a community and support these students and parents we can avoid creating a severe medical situation.

Have a great week!

Jason Corcoran  
Principal

**Values Education** - The value for Weeks 3 and 4 is Good Manners. Good manners are when we speak and behave with respect for ourselves and others through sweet speech, warm greetings, courteous and polite behaviour, gratitude, appreciation and responsible behaviour. Students will learn the importance of having good manners. Please encourage your children to use good manners at home and in the community.

**Upcoming Events**  
**Week 3**  
Friday February 15 - Summer PSSA Round 1

**Week 4**  
Monday February 18 - P&C Second Hand Uniform Stall at 8.30am under the Pavillion  
Kindergarten Information Session at 9am for Parents at 9am in 5KS  
Tuesday February 19 - Child Protection Parent Training at 9am  
Wednesday February 20 - Meet The Teacher BBQ at 5pm to 7pm  
Stage 3 Parents Talk at 9.15am - Cybertalk and High School  
Friday February 21 - Summer PSSA Round 2
GPK Swimming Carnival Report 2019 - The school swimming carnival was held last Monday at Prairiewood Leisure Centre. Congratulations to the 19 swimmers who competed and tried hard to swim their fastest times. It was an early start with all swimmers back in class by 9.30am.

Good luck to the 9 students who have qualified for the Zone Carnival which is to be held on Wednesday 6 March at the same venue from 9.00am-3.00pm!

ZONE QUALIFIERS
Danica Isailovic 3/4KT, Savannah Laysoulivong 3/4KT, Simeon Isailovic 5MA, Mohamed Hadi 5KV, Austin Villada 5/6NS, Hayley Le 5/6NS, Samantha Hutchison 5/6NS, Kayla Tran 6HS, Somreth Op 6HS

FINAL RESULTS
1ST SCARBOROUGH  77
2ND ALEXANDER  45
3RD SUPPLY 41
4TH SIRIUS  26

Mr Hoyle

Deputy Principal’s Message
Welcome to 2019 at GPKPS. The start of the year, like any, has been very busy for students, teachers and community.

It is wonderful to see our new Kindergarten students beginning their schooling at GPKPS. They are learning their routines as they start the next chapter in their lives.

Teachers are always willing to discuss any concerns that parents have. If you need to speak to any teacher, please make an appointment to do so. It is not possible for teachers to have lengthy discussions at 8:50am in the morning.

PSSA commences this Friday and we wish all sides the best of luck. Students have made a commitment when they make a PSSA team. This includes attending training on a weekly basis, paying the cost and participating for the whole season. PSSA gives children many experiences and skills that are transferable to other areas. Parents/carers please encourage your children to fulfil their commitment to their team.

Pedestrian movement and traffic is always very busy around school just prior to the commencement of school and at home time. Parents/carers we are asking that you demonstrate and model safe behaviour by using the school crossing when the need arises. We want all of our students and community to be safe. This includes parents not entering the staff carpark or using the driveway to exit the school.

Thank you to Mr Hoyle and the teachers who assisted with the Swimming Carnival held yesterday at Prairiewood Leisure Centre. All the students, who participated, tried very hard on the day. Those who made qualifying time for the Zone will be notified shortly. The Horsley Zone PSSA carnival will be held on Wednesday March 6 for those students who qualify.

Parents please be advised that if your address changes while your child is attending GPKPS it is essential that you notify the school. You are required to provide 2 forms of proof of the new residence using original documents.

These may include council rates, water rates, rent receipts, rental agreement, telephone account, electricity account, gas account or Centrelink correspondence.

If you use the Skoolbag App you are still required to provide proof of new residence to the office.

Hoping to meet our parents/carers at the ’Meet the Teacher BBQ’ on Wednesday 20 February.

Looking forward to tackling 2019 with you.

Glenn Hamilton
Deputy Principal
Sport House Captains 2019

Congratulations to our newly elected Sport House Captains!

**Scarborough**

**Captains:** Mary Dawood 6LF, Anthony Yousif 6HS

**Vice Captains:** Emily Nooh 5KS, Austin Villada 5/6NS

**Sirius**

**Captains:** Sienna Vidigal 6LF, Isaiah Samuel 6LF

**Vice Captains:** Elodie Nona 5KV, Thang Huynh 5/6NS

**Supply**

**Captains:** Selina Sabato Jaramillo 6HS, Zachary Simpson 6HS

**Vice Captains:** Alina Ramic 5MA, Daniel Sabato 5/6NS

**Alexander**

**Captains:** Chavondria Yalda 6HS, Marley Seuala 6LF

**Vice Captains:** Alexia Stojanoska 5KS, Mathew Zaia 5KV
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