



Governor Philip King Public School

Striving for Personal Excellence

Week 3 Term 4
27 October 2020

From the Principal ...

Welcome to Week 3 where the weather has taken us back to coats, jumpers and trying to stay warm. Fingers crossed that we see the warmer weather return sooner rather than later.

We have had a great start to Term 4 with our students coming back settled after the holiday break. In what has been a crazy year it is hard to believe that we are in the final term of 2020. We are getting ready to welcome our new Kindergarten students as part of our Orientation program over the next few weeks, and at the same time planning and preparing to farewell our Year 6 students in only 7 weeks time.

Welcome back to Mrs Hosking who has returned this term from maternity leave. Mrs Hosking will be working two days a week this term. It is great to have the entire Senior Executive team back planning and working towards new initiatives and plans for the 2021 school year.

There have been very minor changes to, or easing of, restrictions around the way schools are currently operating. As always the Senior Executive team carefully monitor and discuss all updates from the Department of Education and comply with all recommendations from NSW Health. At this point we are still unable to have parents on site and must continue with the arrival and dismissal procedures we have in place. We have been able to confirm the following:

- Kindergarten Orientation will take place in Weeks 4 and 5.
- Camp will go ahead for Stage 3 students in Week 8 of this term.
- Presentation Day will be zoomed or livestreamed to the community in Week 9 (further details later this term).
- Year 6 Farewell will take place in Week 9. The venue to be finalised as soon as possible, depending on venue restrictions.

This Friday, 30th November, is World Teachers' Day. The theme this year is 'A bright future'. The Senior Executive team have organised some nice treats for the staff throughout the week to celebrate their special day. Our staff do an amazing job here at Governor each and every day. They go above and beyond for our students and provide some amazing initiatives, opportunities and learning experiences. A huge thank you to Helda Ashaq who owns [heavenssweetcups](#) and made the most amazing biscuits for us to present to the staff. Helda is a parent here at Governor and it was great to be able to support a local business and member of the Governor community. Please take the time to check out her Facebook page.



Last week we celebrated Book Week. It was wonderful to see many of our students and staff come dressed up as a book character. The theme this year was **Curious Creatures, Wild Minds**. A huge thank you to Mr Lorello for his amazing organisation of this event for our students, and his dedication and enthusiasm for our library and sharing his love of books and reading. Please see our school Facebook page for lots of additional photos of the staff and students.



We are excitedly heading towards our Year 6 Performing Arts show. Mrs Esquivel, Mr Lorello and their team have been working tirelessly on the performance, props and costumes. A huge amount of work has been taking place at lunchtimes, recesses and outside of school hours to ensure our students have the opportunity to showcase their performance. Thank you to everyone who has been part of the planning and preparation; we look forward to enjoying the show.

Our planning team have been working hard on the new School Improvement Plan for 2021-2024. There are many changes in how we will implement initiatives and projects across the school over the next four years. I look forward to sharing our targets and plans over the coming weeks. Thank you to the community for responding to the survey requests and feedback that we have sent out over the last two terms. All of your feedback will assist us in developing and implementing a plan that will guide our school and ensure we continue to set high standards for students, staff and community.

Mr Jason Corcoran
Principal

Deputy Principal's Message ...

Welcome back teachers, students and to the GPK community. I can't believe it is Term Four already! I'm sure this term will be just as busy as the last three and Christmas will be here before we know it.....actually, only 59 days to go!

It's great to be back from maternity leave. The Hosking family welcomed a baby boy on 10th March (Jack Hosking). He was born just before Covid 19 restrictions were implemented. Unfortunately, I was unable to introduce him to the GPK community. Jack is now 7 months and doing well.



Next week, Kindergarten Orientation will commence and will continue in Week 5 of this term. We will welcome approximately 90 children and their families to our school. The children will participate in a variety of activities, such as colouring in, cutting, craft, singing, dancing, developmental play, listening to a story and enjoying morning tea, with our current Kindergarten teachers as well as our Kindergarten teachers for 2021. Although there may be some tears, I'm sure the children will enjoy their time and we look forward to getting to know them and their families in 2021. If your child is attending Kindergarten Orientation, please ensure that you have contacted the office or myself by Wednesday 28th October. Thank you to the families who have already informed the school that their child is attending the sessions.

We will be offering free coffee to all parents who will be bringing their child to Kindergarten Orientation in Week 4 on Monday 2nd November or Thursday 5th November. When you drop your child off, you will receive a coffee token. The 'Expresso 2 Go' coffee van will be parked at Allambie Oval. Present your token for a free coffee, tea or hot chocolate to enjoy while your child is at Kindergarten Orientation. Note: Please ensure that you are social distancing while enjoying your coffee at Allambie Oval.



Important Information Regarding Orientation Visits

Due to Covid 19, the Department of Education has placed strict guidelines on how schools can operate their Kindergarten Orientation Program. Only one parent/carer can bring their child onto the school grounds. Upon entering the school, all parents/carers must register by providing their name, email address and contact phone number. They will need to sanitise their hands as well as their child's hands. Parents/carers are only permitted to take their child to their allocated room and must leave the school grounds within ten minutes. Only one parent/carer can collect their child at the end of the session. Please ensure you collect your child at **10:30am**. Access to the school will be available through the Allambie Road entry gates only. Staff will be available to show you where to take your child for each session. **Note: If you or your child are unwell or have any flu like symptoms, please do not enter the school.**

Don't forget to return your Information about your Child for 2021 note and your Intention to Return to GPK in 2021. These notes were sent home in Week One and were due back Friday 23rd October which was last week. Thank you to all of the families who have already returned these notes. Please send this note to the office as soon as possible so we include your child in class structures for next year.

Enjoy the third week of Term 4!

Mrs Heidi Hosking
Deputy Principal

SAFE, RESPECTFUL LEARNER - 'BE A LEARNER'

The focus for Weeks 3 and 4 is 'Be a Learner - Aim to do your best'.

It is important for us to always try our best in everything that we do. We must learn to take responsibility for our own learning. Please discuss this with your child/children and show them that their own self-esteem will soar if they always aim to do their best at school, sport, leisure activities and at home.



NAIDOC Week

Governor Philip King Public School acknowledges the original inhabitants of the Fairfield area, the Cabrogal clan of the Darug Nation. NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each year to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life (NAIDOC Week, 2020). This year, NAIDOC Week will be held from Sunday 8 November to Sunday 15 November. GPK will be celebrating NAIDOC Week throughout Week 5.

During NAIDOC Week, students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will learn about the significance of NAIDOC Week, participate in daily Acknowledgement of Country and participate in lessons based on this year's theme of 'Always Was, Always Will Be'.

Kindergarten will learn about the Traditional Owners and Custodians of Fairfield City and the connections Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have to Country. They will share and listen to stories about special places to them, their families and their peers.

Stage One students will learn how Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are connected to, and look after, the land. They will share and listen to stories about places they feel connected to.

Stage Two students will learn about Aboriginal Astronomy and how Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples use the stars to navigate. They will learn about the sustainable practices that were, and still are, used by Indigenous Australians and the innovations they first created.

Stage 3 students will learn about traditional bushfire management and how Indigenous Australians look after Country. They will learn about family relationships, kinship and how Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples look after their community.

Reconciliation and the impact of British settlement is taught across Stage 2 and Stage 3 in the History curriculum. Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 respond to stories about family and places, and examine local sites. NAIDOC Week is a good opportunity to reflect on your child's learning of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.

Miss Martin

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Coordinator

School Travel for 2021



2021 school travel applications are now open

Applications for student travel in 2021 opened from Monday 12 October 2020.

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass for 2021 can now [apply](#) online. A new application should be submitted if a student is applying for a school travel pass for the first time or requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who have changed school/campus, changed address, repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [re-apply or update their details](#).

*Applications must be completed by the student's parent or legal guardian if the student is aged under 16 years. Students 16 years and over must complete the application form themselves.

Where there is a change of distance eligibility based on a student's grade, the system will automatically update a student's entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If a student needs to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before **31 December 2020** to ensure that current student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card remains valid. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2020, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2021.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the commencement of the new school year from their nominated operator, this may be distributed via the school or sent direct to their address.

Note: some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/Parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

New Concession Entitlement Cards

Transport for NSW will be replacing the below cards with Transport Concession Entitlement Cards (TCEC) from October 2020:

- Senior Secondary Student Concession Card (16 years and over) - also used by Mature Secondary Students (18 years and over), Distance Education Students and Home School Students
- Proof of Age card (when a student under 16 years of age looks older)
- Boarder Rail Pass.

All previous cards will be valid until they expire. Students who require a Transport Concession Entitlement Card should speak with their school administration staff.

Enquiries regarding school student travel can be submitted to Transport for NSW at: <https://transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback>

Advice for Parents (Bullying)

- Tell children not to reply to these messages.
- Block the bully
- Keep a record of harassing messages and any replies- this may help to trace them
- Keep user names and passwords secret
- Contact administrators of sites to get content to be removed.
- Set profiles to private so that only invited persons can see the profile.
- Advise caution when making new friends online, as they are still strangers, even though they may have been friends online for a long time
- If a child is in immediate danger from some online communication, call police immediately.
- Use an appropriate online (Gaming) name NOT their real name.
- Be aware of avenues for reporting internet abuse.
- Supervise and monitor use.
- Keep computer in a public area of the house.
- Be available, so that children can tell you of any issues they have with internet use.



Tell your kids - DON'T EVER - give out the following information:




- Your last name
- Your phone number (home or mobile)
- Your private email address
- Your home address
- What school you go to
- Sporting locations you attend
- Your parents work location

Chat Abbreviations – Lingo

- BF / GF - Boyfriend / Girlfriend
- WC / Cam – Web Cam
- ASL – Age Sex Location
- LOL – Laughing out Loud
- FOFL – Rolling on Floor Laughing
- POS – Parent over Shoulder
- CYA / CU / L8R – Goodbye
- F2F – Face to Face
- H&K – Hugs and Kisses
- IRL – In Real Life
- LMAO – Laughing My Ass Off
- P911 - My parents are in the room. P=Parents, and 911=emergency, in other words either drop the subject, or watch the language.
- POTS - Parents Over The Shoulder - (My parents are watching, I can't really talk)

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