



Governor Philip King Public School

Striving for Personal Excellence

Week 7 Term 4
24 November 2020

From the Principal ...

Welcome to Week 7 where the weather is warming up and the end of the school year is rapidly closing in on us. With four weeks to go, there are still many events and activities to take place before we cross the finish line for 2020.

A huge congratulations to the Year 6 students who performed for each stage across the school and via Zoom last week. Their production of 'Welcome to Wonderland' was amazing. Every student involved was an absolute superstar!! I thoroughly enjoyed being an audience member last week. Thank you to Mrs Esquivel and Mr Lorello for their dedication and commitment to providing this opportunity for our students. Many hours were spent writing, choreographing and rehearsing the production. Thank you also to the staff who assisted with backdrops, costumes and props.

Last Monday and Tuesday the entire Executive Team worked off site to plan and prepare for 2021. It is always an amazing time planning new initiatives and projects for the following school year. I am very lucky to have a fantastic team who are committed to providing the best possible opportunities for students at GPK. A lot of work was completed around possible class structures, additional resources and the new Strategic Improvement Plan. It was a very productive two days. We look forward to sharing some of the plans and ideas with the community in the new school year.

Given the difficult circumstances we are experiencing at the moment with COVID, Mrs Hosking organised and implemented a very successful Kindergarten Orientation program over Weeks 4 and 5 of this term. It was wonderful to see many excited faces as the students enjoyed their first experiences of 'Big School'. Our new students participated in a variety of activities and had the opportunity to get to know some new friends and meet the Kindergarten teachers for 2021.

Last week I had the pleasure of hosting the Term 4 SRL Morning Tea. This is always a great event as we get to recognise and celebrate students from across our school who have been identified by their classroom teachers as students who always follow our school rules and set a great example for others. These students then received their certificates at our whole school assembly.

This Wednesday (25 November) we will be holding the final P&C meeting for 2020. This meeting will be conducted via Zoom. Any parents wishing to be part of this meeting will need to contact the P&C via Facebook to receive the link. The meeting will commence at 7pm.

Can I remind parents of our school expectations in regards to school uniform? All students should be wearing their full school uniform each day to school. This includes bringing their school hat each day and wearing either black school shoes or black joggers, not brightly coloured joggers. I am asking parents, particularly over the Christmas holiday period, if you are doing back to school shopping, please ensure all school items adhere to our uniform policy, which is endorsed by our P&C. This can be found on the school website. School uniform promotes pride in our school as well as following set rules and expectations. Please do not let yourselves be convinced by students to buy clothing items to wear to school outside of our uniform guide.

Deputy Principal's Message ...

While the result in the State of Origin was disappointing, there have been many great things happening at GPK in Term 4. Last week we were treated to an amazing display of talent from our Year 6 students who performed in 'Welcome to Wonderland'. It received rave reviews from our K-6 students and teachers. Well done to all involved! A special mention to Mrs Esquivel and Mr Lorello for giving up their time to provide an opportunity for our senior students.

I have had the pleasure of being involved in the Year 4 Netball Sporting Challenge this term. Every student has been learning the skills of netball, along with playing games every Wednesday. The girls and boys have shown great enthusiasm when participating, along with excellent sportsmanship. There are two weeks to go. Thank you to Miss Host, Miss Thomas, Mrs Esquivel and Miss Natali for their various roles they have undertaken to ensure that Year 4 had the chance to enjoy a sporting challenge in Term 4.



This week sees the conclusion of some of our very popular activities that have been conducted this term. Little GPK's concluded on Monday. Those students had a wonderful time being involved in learning new sporting skills. Thanks to Miss Natali, Miss Vukovich and Miss Skoric for their organisation of this program.

Also, concluding this week is Stage Three Fitness Club. The students of Year 5 and 6 have responded to the challenges they have been presented with each Wednesday. Thank you to Mr Young and Mr Atterton for their efforts in coordinating and running Fitness Club.

Students will soon be receiving notes about Party Day. It is really important that these are returned as soon as possible. This is crucial so that teachers can coordinate Party Day and ensure students enjoy celebrating at the end of the year.

GPK is once again involved in the Fairfield Christmas Challenge this year. It may look a little different but the idea is the same. 2020 has seen many difficulties for all. For some, a little bit of help can go a long way. If you can donate for the Fairfield Christmas Challenge, it would be greatly appreciated helping some of those who are less fortunate. This year we are asking only for jars and cans of food to be donated. Thank you to those who have already done so.

Our students have been involved in activities based on gymnastics. Students from various grades have been enjoying these activities. Boys and girls from Stage 1 have also participated in the NRL clinic this term. They have had lots of fun doing this.



Last Thursday GPK's Prime Minister, Aleksia, and Deputy Prime Minister, Daniel, met with the Mayor of Fairfield, Mr Carbone and Councillor Le to receive some passes for Aquatopia.



This will be my last DP's report for 2020. I would like to thank our teachers, students and community for the way they have faced the challenges that this year has presented. You have all been amazing. I wish our Year 6 students all the best as they prepare to close one chapter and open another one with their schooling. Wishing all members of GPK a very Merry Christmas and a well-deserved break for our students and teachers.

Good bye 2020

Glenn Hamilton

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WEEKS 7 & 8

The focus for Weeks 7 and 8 is 'Be a Learner - Be a problem solver'.

When we are young, we rely on our parents, family and teachers to look after us and to solve any problems that we may encounter. However, as we grow older, we must learn to find answers and solutions for the many problems or questions that we might be faced with. Help your child/children to become a problem solver by encouraging them to take on small responsibilities at home and by giving them simple things to problem solve at home.

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