



Governor Philip King Public School

Striving for Personal Excellence

Week 10 Term 3
22 September 2020

From the Principal ...

Welcome to Week 10 where we have experienced the first full term of on-site learning for 2020. It certainly has been a roller coaster of change up until this point of the school year. We have continued to adapt and change based on current guidelines for Term 3 and await any new changes as we head towards Term 4.

This term our students have been engaged in fantastic learning programs, lessons and activities in the classroom. Our staff, as always, have been dedicated to providing the best possible learning for our students. There have been some amazing results and progress for students right across the curriculum. I hope the combination of the amended Semester 1 Reports and phone calls from teachers have provided insight into your child's progress and highlighted some areas for future focus and development. It is timely to remind our community about the amazing resources available for all of our students to access. Each student at Governor has access to either Reading Eggs (K-2) or Literacy Pro (3-6) AND Mathletics (K-6). These programs are at no cost to students, as the school pays the annual subscription for each child. Students should be accessing these on a regular basis, completing tasks that will support the learning taking place in the classroom and developing their skills and abilities. We ask parents to ensure these programs are being used by students - even during the holidays!

A reminder for parents given the current restrictions and guidelines that are in place by the Department of Education and NSW Health. Unfortunately, students cannot share equipment or food items at school. We are requesting parents ensure students bring their own pencils, pens, glue sticks, scissors, etc. School holidays is a great opportunity to re-stock equipment in preparation for Term 4. Parents are also reminded that food items are not to be shared with other students. This includes birthday cakes, lolly bags, donuts or other food items that students might want to bring in as part of birthday celebrations with their school friends. We understand this might be disappointing for students, however, it is imperative for the safety of our entire community we follow all directives and protocols.

Last Friday saw the finals played in the Year 6 Touch Football competition. Both games were played to a high standard with great skill and sportsmanship demonstrated. The teams in the Boys' Final were **Chum Fanatics** versus **The Roos**. The Girls' Final teams were **KFC** versus **8 Force**. The crowd definitely enjoyed both games, with each team worthy of their place. Thank you to all of our Year 6 students for their participation throughout the term. It has been an absolute pleasure to watch our students having fun, developing their skills and being actively involved in the competition. Special thanks, once again, to Mr Hoyle, Miss Fitton and Mr Hamilton for organising and coordinating this event for our senior students.

On Thursday 3 September our school underwent the External Validation process. This process takes place every 4 years, and is a measure of the initiatives, programs and plans we undertake. A team representing the Governor staff presented data and evidence to support our achievements to a panel consisting of a Peer Principal and a Department representative known as a Principal School Leadership. The panel were highly impressed with our school agreeing with our evaluations of what we have achieved. We were deemed to be at **Excelling** for 10 out of 14 areas and **Sustaining and Growing** for 4 out of 14 areas. This was a huge achievement. Thank you to our school staff for their hard work, the committee for their fantastic presentation and to Miss Stojanoska and Miss Usher for their amazing efforts in preparing our documentation and overseeing our school plan.

It has been a huge couple of weeks for our Kindergarten students. Firstly, our Kindergarten students celebrated 100 Days of Learning!! It was wonderful to see our students involved in so many fun activities to celebrate this milestone occasion. The second exciting event occurred last week, with a visit to our school from some very cute farm animals. This farmyard visit was part of the students Science unit on Living World. The students got to meet some baby farm animals, learn about their needs, as well as pat and feed them.

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Newsletter

Kindergarten were very excited with their experience. Thank you to Mrs Nastasi for organising the incursion and providing such a wonderful opportunity for our youngest students.

Last week our Director, Educational Learning came to school to present our White Ribbon Certificate. Four of our staff members have undertaken the White Ribbon training which focusses on breaking the silence in regard to violence and building respectful relationships in all areas of life. Mrs Esquivel, Mrs Bullivant, Mr Atterton and Mr Young have taken responsibility for the implementation of activities and lessons across our school. They should be very proud of their achievements with this project.



The staff have worked extremely hard throughout this term. Not only on ensuring that students have been engaged in effective, quality learning, but also a variety of professional learning projects and initiatives over the past 10 weeks. Notably a major project has been the Bounce Forward project which I shared some of the results with the community last week, but also starting work on the School Improvement Plan 2021-2024. A team representative of the staff across the school have been working on professional learning around mathematics and the effective use of data to inform teaching. This has been led by a team from School Services. This team will also be involved in learning about Additive Strategies which they will share with the staff next term. The staff have also been involved in workshops around Grammar and Punctuation, Robotics, and PDHPE. It has been a busy term for everyone.

Planning is already underway for the 2021 school year. Next term the Executive Team will map out the year and discuss new projects and initiatives for our school, students and community. We look forward to sharing these plans and seeking input from all groups across our school. Please keep an eye out for ways you can provide feedback and suggestions for us to look at.

Finally, I would like to wish all of the staff and students a wonderful holiday break. I hope everyone gets the opportunity to rest and recharge after a busy term. I am sure Term 4 will be just as busy, with some new challenges in the way we complete the final term of the school year. But as the entire community have proven time and time again, we rise to the challenge because we do it together.



Jason Corcoran
Proud Principal GPK

Deputy Principal's Message ...

Can you believe that Term Three is nearly done? Our eldest students are only one term away from high school.

It has made me very proud to see that even though we are restricted and have guidelines to follow, the teachers at GPK continue to go above and beyond to ensure that our students are provided with unique experiences.

Yesterday, our Stage 1 students had a fantastic time at the NRL Clinic. They learnt some essential skills needed to play league. Just a reminder that they have three more sessions in Term 4 to go. Please remember to send students in their sports uniform on: Monday 19th October, Monday 26th October and Monday 2nd November.



Last week our Kindergarten students attended the Kindifarm Incursion. Because they couldn't go to the farm this year, Mrs Nastasi organised for the farm to come to GPK. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed these very special visitors to our school.



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If you haven't already done so, I would like to remind you to find some time to complete the Partners in Learning parent survey (Tell Them From Me).

Completing this survey will help our school understand your perspective on your child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements. perspective on your child's experience at school.

The survey is conducted entirely online and typically takes 15 minutes or less to complete. It is completely confidential.

Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

Please use the following link to access the survey: <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/gpk45>

Finally, I hope all of our students, parents/carers and teachers have a relaxing and safe holiday. Children return to school on Monday 12th October.

Ms Biljana Stojanoska
Relieving Deputy Principal

Year 6 Touch Football Results

Friday September 18

Girls

1st KFC

2nd 8 Force

3rd The Champions

4th Ravens

5th The Golden Nuggets

6th Wildfires

Boys

1st Chum Fanatics

2nd The Roos

3rd The Boys

4th Barbie Boys

5th The Lads

6th The Governors

Best and Fairest Award Winners!

KFC: Elodie Nona 6LF, Maryam Belebs 6SS, Mackenzie Talbot 6SS

8 Force: Jayda Yousef 6KS, Krystal Vo 6KS, Marleena Esttaifan 6LF

The Champions: Emily Nooh 5/6NS, Elisa Fuimaono 5/6NS

Ravens: Valentina Acevedo 6LF, Aleksia Stojanoska 6LF

The Golden Nuggets: Jaida Navarro 6LF, Eliana Saad 5/6NS

Wildfires: Tijana Kotevski 5/6NS, Stella Mansour 5/6NS

Chum Fanatics: Austin Villada 6LF, Lucas Gasperov 6SS, Daniel Sabato 6LF

The Roos: James Limberis 6KS, Tayden Osten 6SS, Barq Balyos 6SS

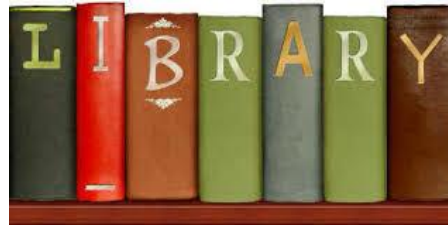
The Boys: Stavro Ghorghis 6LF, Jordan Filippin 6LF

Barbie Boys: Simeon Isailovic 5/6NS, Axl Sacdalan 6KS

The Lads: Atun Masitabua 6SS, Nicholas Jones 6LF

The Governors: Valentino Betti 6SS, Iden Essa 6SS

A Message from Mr Lorello



Book week will be celebrated in Term 4, Week 2.

Wednesday 21st October 2020

The theme this year is **Curious Creatures, Wild Minds.**

It would be great to see every student get involved. There will be no cost to dress-up.



Below are some suggestions for costume ideas;

- Your favourite book character
- A made up creature/monster
- A wild animal
- Wild/crazy patterned clothes
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