



Governor Philip King Public School

Striving for Personal Excellence

Week 6 Term 2
25 May 2021

From the Principal ...

Welcome to Week 6 where we are celebrating National Reconciliation Week.

Congratulations to our students in Year 3 and Year 5 who completed NAPLAN during Week 4. These assessments provide a snapshot of student achievement, and provide valuable information about the success of programs and learning taking place across our school. All of our students approached these assessments with a level of confidence and determination. Thank you to the staff involved in administering the assessments for ensuring everything went smoothly.

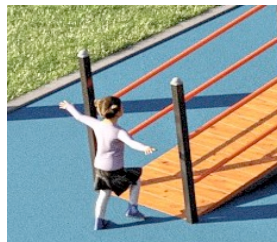
A huge thank you to the amazing Mr Gee for all of his hard work around our school. The school grounds and gardens always look beautiful thanks to his care and maintenance. Recently Mr Gee has been working on some new garden areas around the Gazebo we had installed. The gardens look fantastic! Please make sure we show respect for all of Mr Gee's hard work by staying out of the gardens and letting the new plants and trees establish and grow so we can all enjoy them for many years to come. (See before and after photos below).



Last Tuesday evening our students enjoyed a fun-filled disco evening. There was lots of dancing and singing taking place in the hall. Our students as always were extremely well behaved and showed their best GPK manners. Thank you to the organising staff for doing an outstanding job and to our Parliamentarians for assisting with the night.

Our next exciting project has commenced! Yesterday saw the start of a new student seating area being installed at the end of the netball courts. This area will have enough seating for 40 students and beautiful wooden gazebos to provide protection from the sun and rain. I'm sure our students will get plenty of use and enjoyment out of this additional area which has been carefully designed to meet the needs of our student population. I can't wait to share some photos of the finished project.

A couple of hints for our next project:



Very exciting times ahead for our students K-6!!

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Newsletter

We held our whole school assembly last week. It was wonderful to have parents and community members in attendance to congratulate our award winners. Congratulations to all of our 'Citizen of the Month' recipients.

I will be on 3 days leave next week (Wednesday 2nd June - Friday 4th June). In my absence, Mr Hamilton will be the relieving Principal.

Mr Jason Corcoran
Principal

Deputy Principal's Message ...

Plenty has been happening during Term 2. It was great to be able to interact with our parents / carers at the 'Meet the Teacher' BBQ in Week 4. Teachers were grateful that so many people turned up on the night. Thank you to Ms Stojanovska and all of the staff who assisted with the organisation, and to our cooks, Mr Corcoran, Mr Hosking, Mr Hoyle and Mr O'Neill. It was greatly appreciated by the teachers, that our parents and carers followed the Covid guidelines that were required on the night. As always, we look forward to coming together as a community here at GPK.



Winter PSSA finally got underway in Week 4. There were plenty of smiling faces as teams went off to play their first games of Term 2. Unfortunately, once again the rain stopped Round 3 going ahead. Here's hoping that the next round won't be affected by the weather.

Jo Dooner, our Literacy Consultant, spoke to our parents about reading and how they can support their children at home. As a result of suggestions that have come forward since our initial Community Forum, GPK will be repeating this very important workshop on Wednesday, June 16 from 5pm to 6pm. Jo Dooner will speak at this session. Hopefully, our community will attend so that in the future we can offer more evening sessions for various workshops to assist working parents.

Stage 3 conducted a very successful School Disco last week. The turnout was outstanding across the grades. Our students had a wonderful time and enjoyed the night immensely. Thank you to the organisers, the community support of the event and the teachers who gave up their time to attend.

Week 5 also saw Stage 2 learning cricket skills with development officers from Cricket NSW. The Year 3 and 4 children really enjoyed the session. This program will run for 4 weeks during Term 2.



On Wednesday, May 19 students from 3-6 represented GPK at the Horsley Zone PSSA Cross Country Championships. They were accompanied by Mr Hosking, Mr Young and Mr O'Neill. On a wonderful Wednesday our students all gave their best. There were some great results with 5 students qualifying to represent Horsley Zone at the upcoming Sydney South West Area Championships. 3 students finished in the Top 3 and 2 in the Top 6. Congratulations to all participating students. The teachers were very impressed with the effort, sportsmanship and the outstanding behaviour on the day. Well done on being great ambassadors for Governor Philip King PS.



Congratulations to our latest Horsley Zone PSSA Representatives.

Touch Football : Jeremiah Year 5.

Cross Country : Emily Year 3, Tyler, Sienna, Amina and Vaani Year 4

Last Friday, Stage 2 had an amazing day - learning and exploring our local parklands at The Western Regional Park. They were involved in a 'Smoking Ceremony' from local elders and engaged in Aboriginal cultural activities. Years 3 and 4 went dip netting for micro-invertebrates and participated in tree planting for sustainability. Mud mapping was fun and the students had a ball during free play in the park. What a great experience for our Stage 2 students visiting Lizard Log. This great local natural resource is at our front door. If you haven't explored it, why not go and have a look with your children. A great experience for all.



Hopefully by my next report NSW has defeated Queensland in the State of Origin.

Have a great week

Glenn Hamilton
Deputy Principal

**Only 2 weeks to go! Opera Australia is coming to GPK on
Wednesday 9th June 2021.**



SECOND HAND

BOOK SALE

There are still a lot of books that MUST GO!

Tomorrow, **Wednesday 26th May 2021**, GPKPS will be having another 2nd hand book sale in the hall.

Parents are welcome from 8:30 am – 9:30 am.

If you are unable to attend, your child can purchase books at recess.

Coins are preferred to reduce the amount of change needed.

There will be no card payments.

Grab 10 books for just \$1.00

Funds raised will go towards new library books.

All adults entering the school will need to sign in using the QR code. Students will be able to attend the recess session without a parent. Parents will not be permitted to take students out of class to attend the sale, but they can attend with parents before school.

Mr Juliano Lorello
Teacher Librarian

Mr Jason Corcoran
Principal

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No knives at school – parent factsheet

Health and Safety Directorate

There is no good reason to bring a knife to school.

NSW now has the toughest knife laws in Australia. As a parent, you need to be aware of these laws, as you can also be charged if you allow your child to carry a knife.

No knives allowed at school under any circumstances

If a student has a knife at school the principal may call the police.

The student may be expelled or suspended immediately. Possessing a knife includes your child simply having one in their bag or locker. Having a knife for self-protection is also illegal. If you are concerned about your child's wellbeing or safety, contact the principal.

Tough penalties apply for children convicted of knife offences, including gaol sentences of up to 25 years if someone is injured with a knife during an assault.

Every child has the right to feel safe and secure at school. There is no good reason for a child to ever have a knife at school.

If you want to talk about children and knives at school, please contact the principal.

What kind of knives are prohibited?

As school policy is designed to keep all students safe, no type of knife is allowed at school. That means no butter knives or fruit knives in lunchboxes, or knife tools for craft purposes.

Flick knives, ballistic knives, sheath knives, push daggers, trench knives, butterfly knives and star knives are all prohibited.

Your child cannot bring to school any item that can be used as a weapon (such as a chisel).

In lessons requiring the use of knives, for example cooking or trades, your child's teacher will supply and supervise the use of the tools.

There are some senior subjects, such as hospitality, where children may be required to have their own knives.

Your child's school will advise you about these courses and the procedures for carrying knives legally to and from school.

The law makes parents responsible

You need to make certain your child is aware of the school's rules and the State laws about knives.

If you allow your child to carry or possess a knife at school or in a public place, you can be charged.

The police can search any child they suspect of having a knife. They can confiscate any dangerous object they might find during the search.

Your child must comply with such a police search, or they may be arrested and charged.

It is also illegal for anyone to sell a knife to anyone who is less than 18 years old.

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