



Governor Philip King Public School

Striving for Personal Excellence

Week 9 Term 1
22 March 2022

From the Principal ...

Welcome to Week 9. It is hard to believe the term is going by so quickly. Our community and families have been amazing in keeping us updated about positive COVID-19 cases and in following all procedures and advice in terms of isolation. It has certainly been a trying time for everyone. Your continued support and keeping us informed is greatly appreciated.

Final preparations are being made for our Athletics Carnival next week (Wednesday 30 March). The committee has been working hard to ensure our students have an amazing day. Whilst many COVID protocols have been lifted, we will still be putting procedures in place for everyone's safety at the Carnival. We look forward to sharing many photos of the carnival; keep an eye out on our Facebook page for updates throughout the day.

Our students have been happily playing together in the mornings now that we do not need to cohort our groups during school hours. It is wonderful to see students being imaginative in their game play, and enjoying time spent with their friends each morning before the bell. I am amazed at the confidence of our Kindergarten students who walk into school each morning after saying bye to mum and dad at the front gate.

We continue to have a number of students who arrive after 8.50am each day or leave earlier than the 3pm bell. Students who arrive late miss out on valuable messages and instructions about the day. Quite often teachers have started morning routine sessions and students who arrive late have missed out on revision and consolidation activities or the introduction of new learning. It is also socially embarrassing for students when they are constantly late each day. It is vitally important that students are at school on time each and every day. It is the same for students who are collected early; they are missing out on important learning and instruction in the classroom. Every minute of learning throughout the day is valuable. My staff work hard to provide the best lessons and activities for students across our school. I am challenging our entire community to have students arrive before 8.50am each day; please accept our challenge, even if it means leaving a little earlier of a morning. We are aiming for all students arriving on time to start learning.



A new addition to the GPK family! A big congratulations to Miss Weeks and her partner on the safe arrival of their daughter Zahli Harper born on the 22.02.22. We are thrilled to hear such great news.



Last week I overheard some amazing advice shared by one of our school dads to his son as he sent him through the school gates:

'Have a great day!! Learn lots, fill your brain and keep your ears switched on.'

Awesome advice setting up one of our students for a successful day and reinforcing the value of being an active learner. I think we should all start sharing these words of wisdom with our own kids.

Jason Corcoran
Principal

Deputy Principal's Message ...

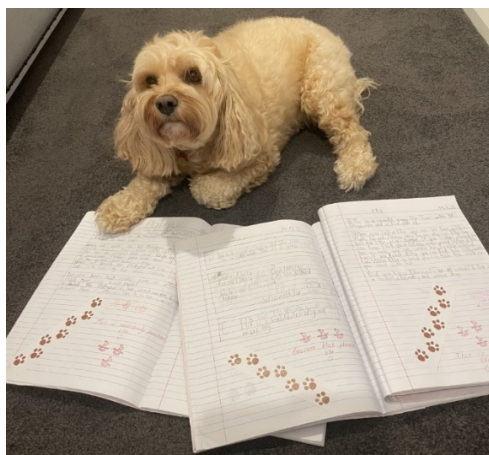
I cannot believe that it is Week Nine already. Term One is certainly moving along quickly. We have a number of exciting events coming up before the term ends, including: Kindergarten Best Start Interviews, 2-6 Athletics carnival, Stage One Excursion to Sydney Zoo, PSSA Gala Day and our K-2 Easter Hat Parade.

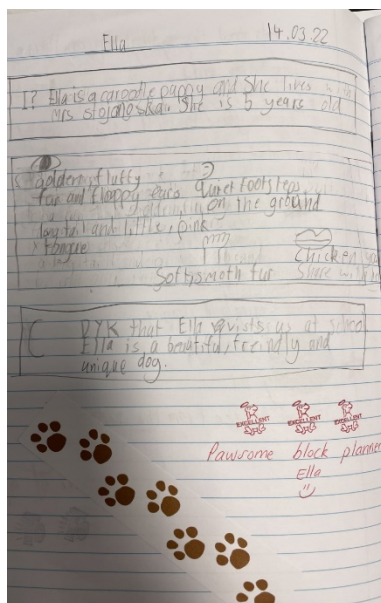
The 2-6 Athletics Carnival is only 1 week away (**Wednesday 30th March 2022**). This is always a great day for everyone involved. Students are encouraged to wear their house colours or their sports uniform. If your child has purchased a sausage sizzle, they will only need to bring recess and plenty of water with them. Please note: there will be no canteen facilities on site.

GO ALEXANDER!!! =)

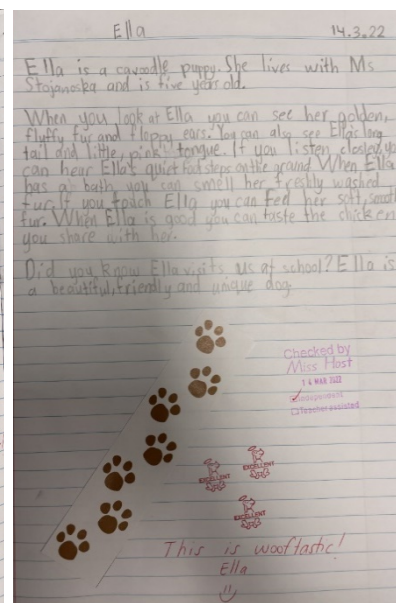
Our long-anticipated Stage One excursion is only 2 weeks away (**Tuesday 5th April 2022**). Our Year 1 and 2 students will be visiting the Sydney Zoo. Please make sure you have paid and returned your permission form by this Friday 25th March.

Two weeks ago, Ella visited the students in Stage One and attended assembly. 2AH decided to write a description about Ella as they have been writing descriptions in class about Australian animals and landmarks. Ella had a busy weekend reading all of their amazing work. Well done 2AH!

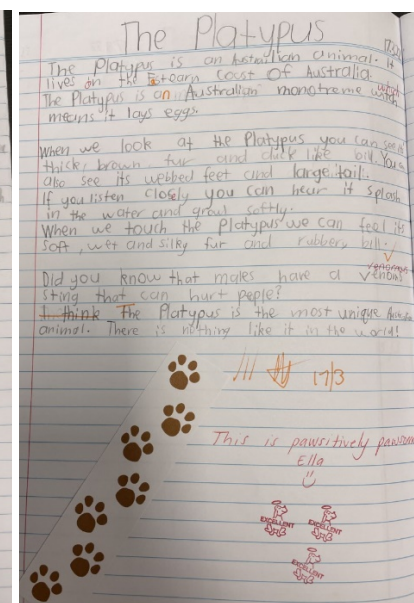




Block Planner



Description - Ella



Description - Platypus

We thank Mrs Kumar for organising the gymnastics program. Our students have thoroughly enjoyed themselves and benefitted greatly by this initiative.



Yesterday we celebrated Harmony Day. It is a day where we think about respecting all of the different people who live in Australia. The children were involved in various activities and lessons. It was so nice to see a sea of orange.

Thank you to Mrs Drca, Mrs Hoyek and Mrs Veloso for ensuring that the 'Little GPK' initiative goes ahead each week. Our Stage One students have been learning athletics skills in preparation for the upcoming Athletics Carnival.



I am pleased to announce that we have opened up our school Library again during recess for students to use. They are encouraged to use this space if they have some research to complete, if they would like to read a book or if they need help with their homework. Each day, a teacher is allocated to the Library as a duty to assist students with any queries.

We are very fortunate to have subscriptions to Reading Eggs (K-2), Scholastic Literacy Pro (3-6) and Mathletics (K-6). Please encourage your child to utilise these programs as they reinforce concepts that have been taught in class. If your child has lost their username and password, you can contact their teacher via the front office.

Have a great week!

Ms Stojanoska
Relieving Deputy Principal

ONLY 14 DAYS TO GO!

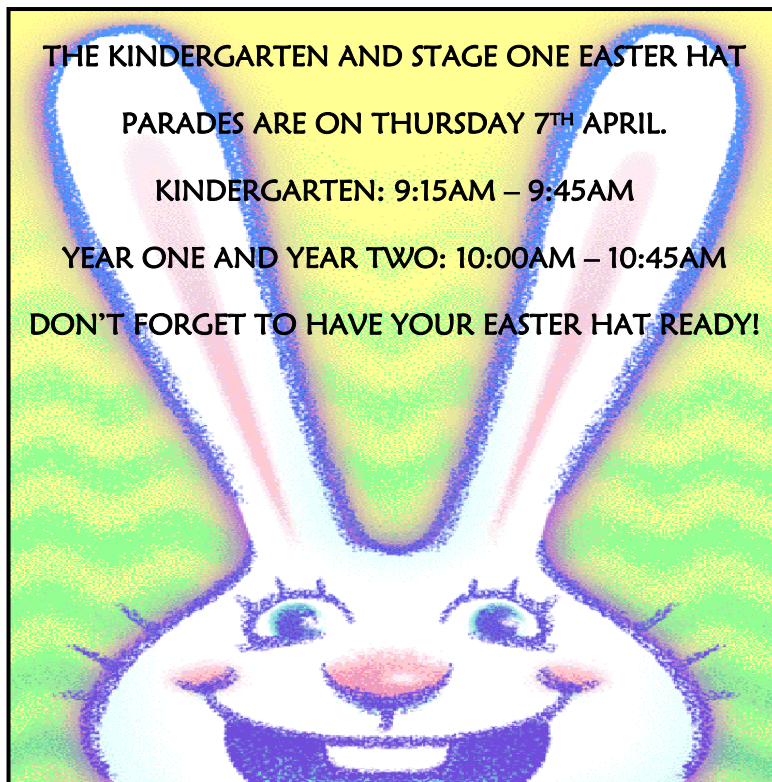
THE KINDERGARTEN AND STAGE ONE EASTER HAT

PARADES ARE ON THURSDAY 7TH APRIL.

KINDERGARTEN: 9:15AM – 9:45AM

YEAR ONE AND YEAR TWO: 10:00AM – 10:45AM

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