



Governor Philip King Public School

Striving for Personal Excellence

Week 3 Term 1
8 January 2022

From the Principal ...

Welcome to Week 3 and the 2022 school year. Unfortunately, we ended our school year last year rather unexpectedly, with a number of positive COVID cases which made our school non-operational. A huge thank you to the Senior Executive team who spent 2 days on site working with NSW Health and the DoE to complete the required contact tracing process at the end of 2021. As we are all aware, we are once again operating under similar protocols to last year. Again, the Senior Executive team worked during the last two weeks of their holiday break to have an effective plan ready for the start of the school year.

Over the last week, it has been wonderful to see our students return after the Christmas break, excited to meet up with their friends, share their holiday stories and prepare for new learning. The staff have returned refreshed and ready for their new classes which were formed yesterday. We were all involved in professional learning for the first two days of term. We are looking forward to another positive and successful year at Governor.

Just a reminder about our organisation for the start of the 2022 school year. We always want to ensure we get the structure and composition of the classes accurate. Due to our numbers, we need to ensure we are accurate in our enrolments before we can place students into their new classes. Our process of holding classes has once again proven to be successful while we finalise enrolments and students who have not returned to school. **Yesterday we formed our new classes.** There were lots of smiling happy faces heading home in the afternoon. This week, parents will receive grade and stage information booklets. This will provide important information about the staff who will be on particular grades/stages, as well as some information about student resource requirements, routines and general information. Overviews will also be sent home outlining the learning that will take place this term across all key learning areas. Please read this information carefully as it will answer lots of questions you may have.

Welcome to our new Kindergarten students and families. Our Kindergarten students have been starting in small groups each day since last Tuesday in order to complete their Best Start Assessment. They started as full classes on Monday. It has been fantastic to see each student arrive and leave smiling and happy with their introduction to 'Big School'. There have been many confident new students we have welcomed into our school so far this year. Our 2022 Kindergarten teachers are Miss Zele (KRZ), Mrs Gaul (KSG), Miss Vella (KSV) and Miss Wallekers (KCW).



Welcome also to all of our new families who have students starting at Governor this year. We are sure you will be happy with our school and the amazing programs, initiatives, staff and sense of community we have.

Also, we would like to welcome a number of new staff to our school. Mr Michael Becvarovski who has been appointed to our school as Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction, Mrs Clarissa Baker as one of our EAL/D teachers and Mrs Dragana Nguyen who is one of our Year 3 teachers in 2022. We also welcome back Mr Adam Vodnik, Miss Stephanie Tran and Miss Dagher who are all in a classroom teacher role for this year.

I am asking our community to work with us to improve the standard of uniform across our school. All students are expected to wear **full school uniform** to school each day. This includes the wearing of **black school shoes** and a **school hat**. I would love to see an increase in students wearing full school uniform. However, I can only do this with the full support and backing of our community. Parents are being requested to stand strong and ensure students leave each morning in the correct uniform and not bow to student pressure about expensive runners or wearing colourful attire that does not meet our uniform expectations.

As we saw at the end of last year with a number of COVID cases, it is vital that we have up to date family information. This is particularly important with mobile numbers and email contacts for parents and carers. We request that parents inform the front office of any changes to contact details which may have occurred over the holiday period. This includes addresses, home and mobile numbers. If there have been any changes with family situations, including custody arrangements, we request that you notify the school as soon as possible.

This term we will be sending out a newsletter in Weeks 3, 6 and 9. This provides us with the opportunity to share student achievements and events taking place across our school. Please be assured, all important dates and upcoming weekly events will still be sent out via Skoolbag and on our Facebook page.

2022 Classes:

Kindergarten	
KCW	Miss Wallekers
KRZ	Miss Zele
KSG	Mrs Gaul
KSV	Miss Vella
Grade Supervisor: Mrs Hosking (DP)	
Year 1	
1HW	Mrs Hoyle (M-Th) Mrs Oraham (F)
1IN	Miss Natali
1JD	Mrs Drca
1NH	Mrs Nastasi (M-W) Mrs Hajradinovic (Th-F)
Grade Supervisor: Ms Stojanoska (DP)	
Year 2	
2AH	Miss Host
2CP	Mrs Perovic
2HD	Miss Dagher
2ST	Miss Tran
Grade Supervisor: Ms Stojanoska (DP)	
Year 3	
3DN	Mrs Nguyen
3KS	Miss Skoric
3LB	Mrs Bullivant
3NS	Mr Samuel
Grade supervisor: Mr Samuel (AP)	
Year 4	
4AV	Mr Vodnik
4KV	Miss Vukovich
4LF	Miss Fitton
Grade Supervisor: Miss Fitton (AP)	
Year 5	
5BH	Mr Hosking
5JM	Mr Mayhew
5SC	Miss Cheng
5KT	Miss Thomas
Grade Supervisor: Mr Hamilton (DP)	
Year 6	
6DY	Mr Young
6IE	Mrs Esquivel
6SS	Mrs Stanger
Grade Supervisor: Mr Hamilton (DP)	

Mr Jason Corcoran
Principal

Important Rapid Antigen Test Information

Please be aware that every student K – 6 will bring home 4 Rapid Antigen Tests on **Thursday afternoon (10 February 2022)**.

The Rapid Antigen Tests will be in your child's schoolbag when they leave school on Thursday. Please ensure they are removed from schoolbags as soon as possible to avoid being damaged. These tests are for students to use at home for the weeks commencing Monday 14 February 2022 through until Friday 25 February 2022.

There is no need to let the school know if a child tests negative to COVID-19.

If a child tests positive to COVID-19 you must notify NSW Health through the NSW Services App and contact the school.

You are reminded that **students cannot attend school if they are showing any symptoms of COVID-19**. These include; fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, loss of smell/taste, muscle/joint pains, diarrhoea, nausea/vomiting, extreme tiredness, unexplained chest pain or conjunctivitis (eye infection).

If symptoms occur at any time, you/your child should not attend school and should undertake a rapid antigen test. If a rapid antigen test is positive you/your child should isolate as someone who has tested positive to COVID-19. If you cannot access a rapid antigen test, you can attend a PCR (nose and throat swab) testing clinic.

Advice and further resources are available on the NSW Health website including COVID-19 guidelines and fact sheets for people who tested positive or were exposed to COVID-19. Additional resources are also available on the NSW Government website.

The safety and wellbeing of our staff and students across NSW are paramount at all times. As such, we will continue to ensure that all necessary health advice is closely followed.

Thank you for your on-going support.

Kind Regards,

Jason Corcoran
Proud Principal
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