



# Governor Philip King Public School

Striving for Personal Excellence

Week 6 Term 2  
31 May 2022

## *From the Principal ...*

Welcome to Week 6 where the weather has turned very cold as we head into the Winter season.

The last few weeks have been very busy here at Governor with a number of events and activities taking place.

The 2-6 Athletics Carnival was a successful and enjoyable day for students and staff. Our team at Governor definitely know how to organise and run an event. Congratulations to the team of teachers for undertaking this huge event. Special thanks must go to Miss Host, Miss Cheng and Miss Skoric for their overall organisation, it was months in the planning but ran very smoothly. As always, our students were fully engaged in activities and events and had lots of fun throughout the day. Thank you to the parents who came along to watch and support this event.

Our Year 3 and Year 5 students recently sat their NAPLAN tests. These results will be sent home to parents later in the year. This year was the first time we completed NAPLAN online. Luckily we had no issues with our technology. Thank you to Mr Samuel for his organisation and planning, this was no small feat as there were so many details and tasks to be completed in the months leading up to the tests. Thank you to Mrs Borg (our tech guru) and Peter (our other tech guru) for ensuring all of our laptops were ready to go and fully operational.

I had the pleasure of recently attending the Stage 2 excursion to Lizard Log in Western Sydney Parklands. Our students had an amazing day and proudly represented our school demonstrating fantastic manners and behaviour. Students learned about Aboriginal culture and planted over 300 trees!! Congratulations Stage 2, your teachers and I were very proud of you.

Next week we have Opera Australia performing Cinderella for our students. These productions are amazing and provide an opportunity and experience our students may not normally get. We have subsidised the cost of the performance to ensure all students can attend. Please return your child's note and \$5 as soon as possible. We want all of our students to enjoy this performance.

Last week the staff were involved in a 2 hour professional learning session with Deadly Ed. This was all about Aboriginal art and culture. The staff got to get very creative with paint and have created an Aboriginal mural which is reflective of our school and community. Many of the designs and symbols represented GPK. The mural was completed in a number of sections with each group of staff being responsible for creating the designs and patterns. Once completed it will be hung on the wall at the end of the Year 1 block of classrooms. So far it looks amazing!!

Please ensure your contact details are up to date with the front office. From time to time we need to contact parents or carers regarding school related matters, and sometimes in an emergency situation. It is vital we have the correct phone numbers and information pertaining to your child/ren. On occasion a staff member may contact you from a private number. We usually leave a message if the call is unanswered. It would be greatly appreciated if parents could then contact the school to follow up the reason for the call.

Congratulations to our students and community on improving both our student attendance rates each day as well as a significant decrease in late arrivals. Let's keep up the great work and continue having our students here each day and being on time of a morning. Very impressive GPK!

Jason Corcoran  
Principal

## *Deputy Principal's Message ...*

### *Half way there!*

2022 is racing along and last week was the half way point of Term Two. Like our community all staff are very busy doing what they do best, providing a safe, engaging and fun environment for the wonderful students of GPKPS.

Classroom teachers are currently completing mid-year reports. These will be sent home towards the end of the term. I strongly encourage you to take the opportunity to book an interview, once bookings are available. This will allow your child's teacher to discuss their progress, outline any concerns and give you a chance to ask questions on how you can assist your child at home. When your child sees you have made the time to have a parent-teacher interview, it sends a very powerful message about how you value their schooling.

### *PSSA*

It has been wonderful to see our students return to the sporting fields on a week-to-week basis with Winter PSSA commencing. GPK makes every endeavour to keep costs to a minimum for our families. It is very important that payments are submitted each Wednesday prior to the Friday. It is okay to pay for a couple of weeks in advance if that suits you. Our school is extremely lucky we have teachers that are very enthusiastic and interested in providing this opportunity for our students.



*1. Mr Hosking and Junior Rugby League*



*2. Mr Young and Senior Rugby League*

We recently held our annual athletics carnival. Thank you to Miss Host, Miss Cheng and Miss Skoric and their team who organised this event. It is always a big event to organise and 2022 saw the added burden of inclement weather. After one false start and then having to wait just 24 hours before the planned day, everything came together and a wonderful day was had by all.



## Great Aussie Bush Camp

Some parents paid a deposit for their child to attend the Great Aussie Bush in Term 4. Part of this arrangement is that regular payments are made throughout the year. If you have already commenced this, thank you. Regular payments are required throughout Term 2 and Term 3 to ensure that all payments have been finalised prior to the camp in Term 4.

## Disco

It is very exciting that we have a School Disco on Wednesday, June 1. K-2 students are to be dropped off at 4:00pm and picked up at 5:30pm. The disco for 3-6 commences at 6pm and concludes at 8pm. All students are to be picked up at the hall. Parents are to drop their child/children off at the time scheduled. Older GPK siblings can't be dropped off at 4pm and younger siblings, K-2, must be picked up at 5:30pm. Students will not be permitted to 'walk out' to meet their parents at the gates.

## Attendance

It has been pleasing to see an improvement in punctuality. Thank you to all the parents who consistently ensure that their child/children are at school on time every day. It is not always easy but the majority of you overcome those hurdles and have the students ready for learning at 8:50am.

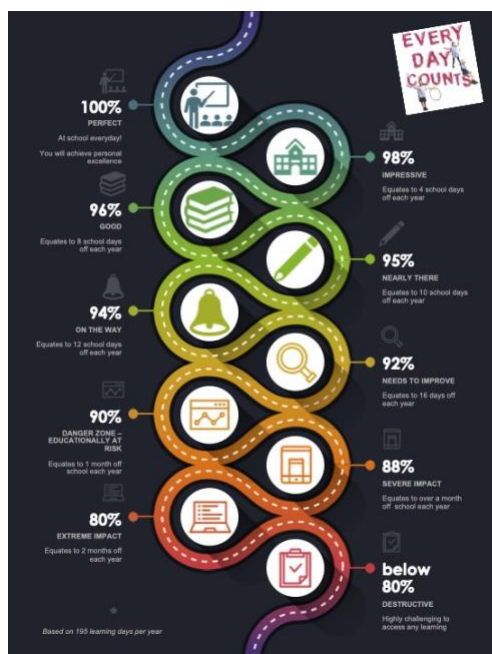
## What is an unexplained absence?

An unexplained absence is one where no reason has been provided for a child's absence from school. When there are a number of these, it becomes a concern for the school. GPK will follow its' procedures to follow these up.

## What is an unjustified absence?

These are absences where the reason provided is not one that clearly explains or does not justify a student missing school. Examples of unjustified absences include travel during the term without seeking Principal approval, weather, siblings are staying at home sick and being tired.

Don't assume 2 or 3 days off a term doesn't have an impact on your child's education. While we all aim to have 100% attendance, it's not always possible. It is never okay to send your child to school sick and we are not talking about those absences.



Glenn Hamilton  
Deputy Principal

Only 9 days to go! Opera Australia is coming to GPK on  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

Permission note and money MUST be returned by Friday  
3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022.





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