



Governor Philip King Public School

Striving for Personal Excellence

Week 6 Term 3
24 August 2022

From the Principal ...

Welcome to Week 6 where we are celebrating Book Week. This year's theme is 'Dreaming with eyes wide open'. We are looking forward to lots of fun activities throughout the week, but particularly our Book Character Parade! Our students and staff always put such a great effort into their costumes.



A huge thank you to our community for the outpouring of support last week for the fundraiser we held for Brooklyn and his family. It was such an amazing and humbling experience. I was beyond proud to be the leader of our school and community. Together we raised in excess of \$10 000 which we will deposit to the GoFundMe page this week. This money will support Brooklyn and his family during this extremely difficult time.

Last week I had the privilege of being asked to attend the Stage 2 Zoo Snooze overnight excursion. Whilst there was little sleep had, the experience for our students was amazing. The night tour of the zoo allowed the staff and students to experience animals active and noisy at night. There was also an early morning zoo tour as well as close encounters with birds, possums and a whole variety of other animals. My highlight was definitely hearing the lions roaring at midnight!! A huge thank you to Miss Fitton and Miss Vukovich for their outstanding organisation, as well as the Stage 2 teachers for giving up time away from their own families to provide this opportunity for our students.



Congratulations to all of the students who represented their class in last week's Public Speaking Grade/Stage Finals. There were some amazing speeches presented which made the judging very difficult. Well done to the following students who won their Grade/Stage Finals:

- Early Stage 1 - Grace Butris
- Stage 1 - Elise Bizaya
- Stage 2 - Emily Barisic
- Stage 3 - Seraya Pierce

As we are all aware COVID is still very active across our community. We have had a number of students and staff away from school, isolating during their infectious period. Please ensure if students are feeling unwell or showing signs and symptoms of COVID, they must remain at home. Please help us to keep everyone safe and healthy.

Jason Corcoran
Principal

Deputy Principal's Message ...

Can you believe that Week 6 is already here? The term is certainly speeding along.

Last week, GPK finalised the 2022 Public Speaking Competitions. Congratulations to all of the students who were selected to represent their class at this level and to the students who are moving to the Area finals. Thank you to Miss Zele, Miss Wallekers and Stage Coordinators for organising the school public speaking competitions.

The following students will represent our school:

- Early Stage One (Kindergarten): Winner: Grace Butris (KSV)
- Stage One (Year One and Year Two): Winner: Elise Bizaya (2CP)
- Stage Two: (Year Three and Year Four): Winner: Emily Barisic (4AV)
- Stage Three: (Year Five and Year Six): Seraya Pierce (5BH)



Last week, the Library was transformed into all things Science. Mr Lorello was a wonderful mad scientist. Throughout the week, students participated in various Science experiments.



This week, we are celebrating all things that are books. The theme for Book Week 2022 is 'Dreaming with Eyes Open'. Students will celebrate Book Week when they visit the Library for their weekly lesson. Students also participated in a Book Character Parade which took place yesterday. Teachers and students took advantage of the theme and showed us their favourite character.



Last Thursday afternoon, our Stage Two campers departed for Taronga Zoo. What an amazing experience these students had from the moment this excursion started. These included setting up their tents, walking around the zoo at night, including meeting some giraffes and a stroll through the tiger enclosure. The morning started at 6am with a look behind the scenes, then a whole day at the zoo. These experiences for the children were invaluable, not only educationally, but socially as well. Thank you to the Stage Two teachers for giving up their time to ensure that this excursion was a great success, but in particular, Miss Fitton and Miss Vukovich, who organised the event.



Today, students who have qualified for the Horsley Zone Athletics Carnival will represent our school at The Crest Athletics Track in Bankstown. We wish them all the best. A huge thank you to Miss Host and Miss Cheng who organised, and accompanied our students.

I would like to thank and acknowledge the great work that SASS Staff do at GPK. We are celebrating SASS Week in Week 8 and are very thankful for the wonderful contributions these staff members make to our school.

Good luck to all of the students who will attend PSSA on Friday.

Ms Biljana Stojanoska
Relieving Deputy Principal

GPK Fathers' Day Stall

Governor Philip King Public school will be holding a Fathers' Day stall in the hall on Friday 2nd September. A note informing families of this event will go home later in the week.

Thank you, Mrs Hosking.



The K-2 Sports Day is coming up - Wednesday 7 September.

All parents are welcome to come and watch the races and tabloid events. You might like to bring a picnic rug or a chair to sit on. It will begin at 9:10am on the top oval. Students are to wear their sports uniform or house colours [Alexander-blue, Scarborough-yellow, Sirius-red, Supply-green], sports shoes, hat and sunscreen. Please ensure that your child's hat and jumper have **names** on them as many get lost on the K-2 Sports Day. Recess, lunch, and drinks need to be in their **school bag** that is labelled with their name and class. Students and parents can order their lunch from the school canteen. However, these orders must be placed either online or in the morning at the canteen before the K-2 Sports Day begins.

Thank you, Mrs Hoyle.

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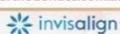
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