

Governor Philip King

Striving for Personal Excellence

Week 9 Term 2 21 June 2022

From the Principal ...

Welcome to Week 9 where we are heading towards the end of another busy but productive term here at Governor. I trust everyone enjoyed the extra day at home last week for the Queen's Birthday long weekend. I know it was well received in my household.

This week our students across K-6 are involved in activities to experience Traditional Aboriginal Games. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students incorporating learning and fun. Thank you to Miss Vukovich for organising this experience for our students. Please make sure you ask your children what they learnt through this event.





Today I hosted our Term 2 SRL morning tea. It is always wonderful to celebrate students who consistently follow our core rules. Once again, this group of students demonstrated why their class teachers selected them to come along to share morning tea with me. I look forward to celebrating more of our students over the next two terms.

Newsletter

Congratulations to Mr Young and his wife on the new addition to their family. Their second daughter, named Bronte Evelyn Young was welcomed to the world on June 5 at 10.30pm. We look forward to seeing Mr Young return to GPK and 6DY tomorrow.



Last week our students enjoyed the Opera Australia performance of Cinderella. I was fortunate enough to attend with classes in Stage 2. The performance was outstanding and enjoyed by all. It is fantastic that we are able to provide these valuable experiences for our students. It was wonderful to be able to subsidise the cost for our students K-6. Thank you to Mrs Hosking for her organisation. We look forward to future performances.



Thank you to all of our parents who have booked interviews with classroom teachers. We currently have 71% of parents attending an interview; this is fantastic! Interviews are a great opportunity to share the successes and achievements of our students and their learning over the last two terms, as well as learning about areas for further focus. Our teachers are looking forward to these discussions throughout Week 10. Please remember to arrive on time for your interview. We need to keep strictly to time to ensure all interviews run smoothly. If you are unable to make your interview please contact the front office as soon as possible so we can inform your child's class teacher. Interview bookings are open until 3pm Wednesday 22 June. Please be aware that Semester One Reports will be sent home with students on Friday 24 June 2022.

We have partnered with <u>'Little Wings'</u>. This amazing organisation will be speaking at our whole school assembly next Tuesday morning. Little Wings are a not for profit organisation run by volunteers. This organisation provides air and road transport for seriously ill and sick children in rural and remote NSW. Little Wings is a children's charity operating in New South Wales with one simple yet important mission; to provide support and care to sick children and their families by minimising the physical, emotional and financial strain of receiving lifesaving medical treatment.

<u>SO; how are we helping Little Wings?</u> We will have some very special bins delivered to our school where our students, staff and community can bring their 10c recycling bottles to the school and place them in the Little Wings recycling bins. A Little Wings volunteer will collect the bin and take the bottles to a local Return and Earn Centre to recycle. Little Wings will receive 10c from every bottle recycled. 20 BOTTLES EQUALS 1 LITRE OF FUEL to keep the planes and ground transport available for children. <u>WE are only the SECOND school in NSW to be part of this wonderful organisation</u>. Please support our initiative which will start in Term 3. Please find below the link for some of the media stories done about Little Wings. There is also a short video on our school Facebook page. Little Wings will be sharing some more information about our involvement in this initiative at our next whole school assembly on Tuesday 28 June.

https://www.littlewings.org.au/media-stories/

OUR STORY



Keep an eye out for the installation of our new Aboriginal mural. As I Shared last newsletter, this mural was created by the staff under the expert guidance of the team from Deadly ED. We look forward to hearing your feedback about our creativity. In the meantime, here is a sneak peek at some of the panels.



Please ensure during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up of students we are all exercising caution on and around the roads. Recently we have had a number of near misses with students and cars after parents have either sent students across the road in between cars OR called students across the road to them. Schools are always busy places, particularly mornings and afternoons. Please take the extra time and care to ensure our students cross at the pedestrian crossing, where it is safe. Be vigilant when driving through school zones, stick to the correct and legal speed (40km/hour). Please be aware with our pedestrian crossing outside the front gates. ALSO; there is a large white line painted on the road on either side of the crossing. This is where cars <u>MUST STOP</u> when the crossing is in use (See image below). Drivers should not be creeping up to the crossing as this is extremely dangerous for pedestrians as well as being illegal (\$450 fine). Please help keep our community safe.



A reminder about school uniform. Here at Governor we take great pride in our students wearing full school uniform to school each day. This includes school jackets and black school shoes or joggers. Please ensure your children arrive each day in full school uniform. As a parent I understand our children try to convince us that it is OK to wear colourful joggers and jackets to school. School uniform assists in developing school pride and shows students how to follow rules and show respect for what is being asked of them. Please support us in keeping our full school uniform at the forefront of setting a great image for our school.

As the term draws to a close I would like to acknowledge and thank my entire staff. This term has continued to be challenging for all schools, and we are no exception. With continued COVID-19 cases (across both staff and students), winter colds and flu and the shortage of casual teachers there have been some extremely challenging days here at Governor. Thank you to my staff who have taken extra split students for the day. Thank you to my staff for dropping their programs and taking classes for the day. Thank you to my staff for looking after each other. Thank you to my staff for doing extra playground duties. Thank you to my staff for being AMAZING and AWESOME. Thank you to my staff for trusting me to lead the way. Each and every one of you deserve to rest, relax and recharge during the upcoming holidays. THANK YOU!!

Last week, as a thank you to the staff, the senior executive team hosted a surprise afternoon tea to celebrate the wonderful staff we have here at Governor. The staff thought they were staying for an afternoon professional learning session! We truly value and appreciate their hard work and dedication in making our school the best it can be every day.





Lastly, I wish our students and community a safe mid-year break. I hope everyone gets some time to relax and do some fun activities together as a family. We look forward to seeing everyone return on Tuesday 19 July 2022.

Jason Corcoran Principal

KINDERGARTEN 2023

Do you have a child who is starting school next year? We are currently taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2023. Please collect an enrolment package from the front office as, in Term 3, information regarding Out of Area enrolments and Kindergarten Orientation will be sent to families.

Deputy Principal's Message ...

I can't believe that there are only two weeks left of Term 2, 2022. Our Kindergarten students are almost half way through their first year of school.

Last week, Opera Australia performed, 'Cinderella'. It was a wonderful experience for all the students who attended the incursion. Opera is a dramatic art form in which actors sing or speak their parts to the accompaniment of instruments. It's not every day that we are able to see a performance of such calibre at school.



Students, who have paid, will be participating in Traditional Indigenous Games this week. Students will be learning and playing four Indigenous games in sessions with their class, which are run by an outside organisation with experienced coaches. Students are encouraged to wear their sports uniform for their sessions. See timetable below.

Monday 20 th June	Tuesday 21st June	Wednesday 22 nd June	Thursday 23 rd June	Friday 24 th June	Monday 27 th June
2ST	5KT	6IE	5SC	KRZ	5BH
2HD	2AH	655	ЗLВ	1HW	5JM
4KV	2CP	6DY	3DN	KSV	4AV
4LF	1JD	KSG	3NS		
1NH	1IN	KCW	3KS		

On Thursday, our School Parliament is holding a fundraiser called Beanies for Brain Cancer. Students are encouraged to wear a beanie to school and bring in a gold coin to donate. All coins will be donated to the Mark Hughes Brain Cancer Foundation.



Parent/teacher interviews will take place next week. These interviews are an important part of your child's education and provide you with the opportunity to discuss your child's achievements and areas of improvement with their teacher. You will receive your child's Semester One Report on Friday 24th June. This will give you the opportunity to read through their report and prepare any questions that you would like to discuss with your child's teacher. If you are unable to attend the interview, please contact the office.

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

I hope all of our students, parents/carers and teachers have a relaxing and safe holiday. Children return to school on Tuesday 19 July.

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