



# Governor Philip King Public School

Striving for Personal Excellence

Week 3 Term 1  
7 February 2023

*From the Principal ...*



Welcome to Week 3 and the 2023 school year where we are looking forward to another busy and rewarding twelve months with the staff, students and community of Governor.

I hope our students had a wonderful break over the Christmas period. My family enjoyed a very relaxing break. We finally got to enjoy our much anticipated cruise around the Pacific for 9 nights (it was postponed twice due to COVID). It was very relaxing and definitely what we all needed. Also, as was posted on Facebook, I got married to my partner Meg the weekend before school came back. Whilst the weather gave us a few light showers during our ceremony we enjoyed photos on the beach followed by a huge party in Cronulla with our family and friends. Thank you so much to everyone who has congratulated us over the last week.

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. Our school teams were busy planning and preparing for the year ahead.

Just a reminder about our organisation for the start of the 2023 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 a lot 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.

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 assessments. They started as full classes yesterday. 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.

Welcome to our new staff, students and parents of our Support Unit. It has been a very busy start to the school year for Mrs Shelton our new Assistant Principal. Her team have been working extremely hard in preparation for our new students who commenced yesterday. We look forward to working with the team and ensuring our new students are settled and welcomed into our school.

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Newsletter

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.

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.

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.

### 2023 Classes:

Kindergarten	
KCW	Miss Wallekers
KSG	Mrs Gaul
KSV	Miss Vella
<b>Grade Supervisor: Mrs Hosking (DP)</b>	
Support Classes	
K6P	Miss Peoples
K6Y	Miss Yin
<b>Grade Supervisor: Mrs Shelton (AP)</b>	
Year 1	
1HW	Mrs Hoyle (M-Th) Mrs Oraham (F)
1JD	Mrs Drca
1NN	Mrs Nastasi (M-Th) Mrs Nona (F)
1ZH	Mrs Hajradinovic
<b>Grade Supervisor: Ms Stojanoska (DP)</b>	
Year 2	
2AH	Miss Host
2IN	Miss Natali
2IV	Miss Violi
2JL	Mr Lorello
<b>Grade Supervisor: Ms Stojanoska (DP)</b>	
Year 3	
3NS	Mr Samuel
3KS	Miss Skoric
3DN	Mrs Nguyen
3/4LB	Mrs Bullivant
<b>Grade supervisor: Mr Samuel (AP)</b>	
Year 4	
4AV	Mr Vodnik
4KV	Miss Vukovich
4MD	Miss Dinkha
<b>Grade Supervisor: Miss Fitton (DP)</b>	
Year 5	
5RZ	Miss Zele
5HR	Mr Hosking (M, T, W, F) Mrs Richter (Th)
5CB	Miss Baker
<b>Grade Supervisor: Mr Hamilton (DP)</b>	
Year 6	
6IE	Mrs Esquivel
6DY	Mr Young
6JM	Mr Mayhew
6SC	Miss Cheng
<b>Grade Supervisor: Mr Hamilton (DP)</b>	

## Deputy Principal's Message ...

Welcome back to all of our students, staff and community. I hope you all had a relaxing holiday and were able to spend some time together as a family.

We would like to welcome our new Kindergarten students and their families to Governor Philip King Public School. All students are starting an exciting journey of learning and making new friends. Our 2023 Kindergarten students attended school for one day last week to complete their Best Start Assessment. All of our Kindergarten students had their first day of school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February and will attend every day onwards. We look forward to sharing a year of fun, friendship and success with all of our new Kindergarten students and their families.

Our 2023 Kindergarten teachers are Mrs Gaul (KSG), Miss Vella (KSV), Miss Wallekers (KCW), Ms Peoples (K6P) and Ms Yin (K6Y).



From Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023, Kindergarten parents/carers are encouraged to allow their child to walk into school with their siblings and/or independently. Of an afternoon, our Kindergarten teachers will walk students to the gates to ensure they exit the school grounds safely. Parents/carers have been informing their child's teacher which gate they will drop off and collect their child from, if a sibling is collecting them in the afternoon or if they are attending after school care. As our student's safety is our priority, Kindergarten teachers and executive staff will be at each entry/exit gate to ensure our Kindergarten students enter the school grounds safely and are collected at the end of the day by a family member.

Congratulations to all of the students who attended the Summer PSSA trials. It was great to see Years 3-6 students getting out to the trials and having a go. Governor Philip King Public School has always been a competitive and valued part of PSSA competitions. Good luck to our teams for their first game on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

Last year, we were able to purchase new furniture for all of our Stage One classrooms. Most of the furniture arrived on our second staff development day which was on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January. The last of the furniture arrived on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February. The new furniture has created a calm and positive learning space for our Stage One students and teachers.



It's back! Our annual Meet the Teacher BBQ will take place on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023, from 5:00pm to 6:30pm.

Parents/carers will have the opportunity to meet their child's teacher, executive staff and other staff members.

An information note will be sent home by the end of this week.

Arriving on time is really important for our students as vital information is given to them first thing in the morning and their learning starts when the bell rings at 8:50am. Also, the morning routine for all students is an imperative consolidation of what is being taught. Fortunately, the majority of our students are on time every day. We are already noticing a small number of students who are arriving late each day. It is crucial that children establish good routines and habits in preparation for the rest of their lives. Punctuality is a life skill that they need to develop whilst they are young. Every minute counts.....



# EVERY MINUTE COUNTS...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour a day	½ a day of learning a week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year.	Over 2 ½ years of learning

*Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...*

**Check the time your school starts.  
DON'T BE LATE!**



**Remember, school starts at 8:50am every day!**

Good luck to all of our students who are attending the Swimming carnival on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February!

Have a great week.

Mrs Heidi Hosking  
Deputy Principal





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If you would like to order from Book Club please use the online LOOP system.

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