Governor Philip King Public School

Striving for Personal Excellence

Week 3 Term 2
9 May 2023

From the Principal …

Welcome to Week 3 where the weather has definitely cooled right down and we are pulling out the winter clothes to stay rugged up and warm.

It has been a very settled start to Term 2. Everyone returned after the holidays refreshed and ready to learn. This term there are many events, excursions and activities planned across the school. Please ensure you read our newsletter, as well as keep an eye on our Facebook page, to see what is happening across our school each week.

Our Staff Development Day was focused on Aboriginal Education. This was a statewide priority for all public schools. The staff at Governor engaged in a livestream broadcast for the morning followed by a trip to Sydney Zoo in Bungarribee. The staff engaged in a Traditional Smoking Ceremony followed by activities where they created aboriginal art and learnt traditional weaving techniques. It was a highly engaging day for the staff.

I received a very exciting piece of mail at the start of Term 2. In September 2022 after the Passing of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, I wrote a condolence message from the staff, students and community of Governor Philip King. We received a beautiful card and message from Buckingham Palace from Prince Charles, now King Charles III. I will have this card framed and displayed in the school foyer for everyone to enjoy.

Our students are excited and curious about the whole school reward day surprise I have organised. Over the term students will collect tokens as part of our SRL program. If we reach 1000 tokens our students will enjoy a special reward to celebrate and recognise our Safe, Respectful Learners. Each time students are caught doing the right thing they will receive a mini on their stamp chart in their classroom, plus a token for the reward box. If we reach our goal, every student will enjoy a special day of fun. However, there are some conditions to receive the reward. Students **must have an attendance rate of 90% or more** and **must not receive 2 playground or classroom reflections this term**. Let's keep up the great work Governor.

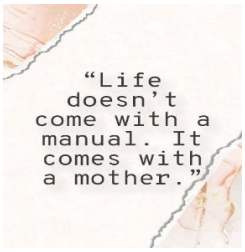
Our ANZAC day ceremony in Week 1 was amazing as always. Thank you to our community for the very generous donations of flowers for our service. We greatly appreciated Mr Nalbandian giving up his time to come and address our assembly. Congratulations to our students who showed respect, focus and amazing manners throughout the assembly.

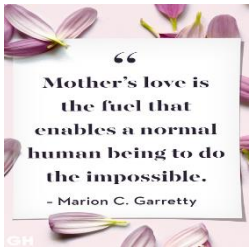
This term we have introduced our new 'Student of the Week' award. It was fantastic to see our recipients for Week 2 and 3 proudly wear their badges. I look forward to recognising and celebrating many more of our students throughout the year.

Please be aware that our gates do not open until 8.30am each day. We are asking parents to avoid dropping off students early outside the gates as there is no supervision until the Executive are on duty at each entrance point. We are also asking parents to remind high school siblings who collect students each afternoon that they need to be at the designated gate no later than 3.10pm. We have had an increase in students being collected late by older brothers and sisters. Your support with this will be greatly appreciated.

Parking around schools causes issues from time to time. We again ask our parents to be considerate, patient and above all else ensure the safety of our students is priority. Last week there were a number of issues around parking in the Community Centre carpark next to the school. It was reported to me that parents parked in the reserved spots for the after-school buses and the carpark became quite chaotic with parents being abusive to each other and not being safe with students around. Please ensure you allow enough time to park your car and be aware that the use of the council carpark is a privilege not a right. Unfortunately, if issues continue I will have no choice but to contact the local council rangers.

Mums play such an important role in our lives, from childhood through to being grown adults, we always need our mum. This special day is about celebrating and recognising all of the wonderful things mums do for us. This Sunday is our opportunity to say thank you and spoil our Mum, Grandmas, Aunts and anyone in our families who is an amazing mother figure to us. Mothers' Day is about spoiling mum with some special gifts that you bought or made and making sure she has a relaxing and enjoyable day. It might be as simple as letting mum have her cup of tea/coffee in peace, or watch her favourite show without being interrupted, washing the dishes, tidying up your room, helping to make lunch or dinner, being on your best behaviour, any gesture that helps mum to have a nice day. We would like to wish all of our Mums and Grandmothers a very happy Mothers' Day on Sunday, we truly appreciate all of the amazing and wonderful things you do.





Jason Corcoran
Principal

ATTENDANCE RAFFLE TERM 1

Last week we placed all students who had an attendance rate of 95% or above into a draw. The prize was a gift card for each grade winner. Congratulations to Ara, Amanda, Emma. Heaven, Christ, Bridget and Ryan who were drawn out for the grade prizes. 'Everyday Counts'

Mr Hamilton & Mr Lorello (Attendance Team)

Deputy Principal's Message …

Welcome to Week Three of Term Two for all of our students, staff and community. I hope you all had a nice Easter and relaxing holiday with your family and friends.

Staff thoroughly enjoyed Staff Development Day on Monday of Week 1. We attended Sydney Zoo and learnt about Aboriginal Culture. Staff participated in weave/basket making and used their skills in creating stories through Aboriginal art. Thank you to Miss Vukovich for organising a great day.

The first week of Term Two saw Governor Philip King Public School commemorate ANZAC Day with a very moving ceremony. Well done to all involved in making this a very special occasion. A very big thank you to Miss Zele, Mrs Hoyek, Mrs Hajradinovic and Mr Mills for all of the organisation, practice and setting up that is involved for the ANZAC Day ceremony. Thank you to the staff for making the beautiful wreaths, and to the community who provided the school with the flowers and greenery. The behaviour of our students during the ANZAC Day Ceremony was outstanding and very respectful. Our guest speaker, Mr Nalbandian, certainly explained the importance of the day to our students, teachers and visitors. Thank you to him for speaking at our ceremony. Well done to our wreath layers and speakers who did a wonderful job.

On Tuesday 2nd May, Stage 3 attended Sydney Zoo for their excursion. Well done to Miss Cheng for the excellent organisation, and the students attending – your behaviour was amazing.

Tomorrow (Wednesday 10th May), students in Years 3-6 will be able to participate in our school Cross Country. Come to school in your sports house colours or sports uniform. Remember to bring extra water and a big smile.

On Friday 12th May, we will be holding a Mothers' Day stall where students will be able to purchase a Mothers' Day gift. There will be plenty of amazing gifts on offer. Please send your child to school with money if you wish for them to purchase a gift for their mother/grandmother. On behalf of all the staff at Governor Philip King, happy Mothers' Day for Sunday 14th May.

Year 4 parents – Please be aware that the 'Intention to apply for Year 5 entry to an Opportunity Class in 2024' will be closed on Monday 15th May. Opportunity classes are offered in Years 5 and 6, with parents/carers applying online in Year 4. Notes were sent home in Term 1. If you have any questions, please contact the school.
How to apply: https://education.nsw.gov.au/oc.
You must use your own email address and not one belonging to your child. The school cannot apply on your behalf.

In Week 4, we will be hosting the NSW Health Dental Van. If you signed and returned the dental note, your child will be able to receive their check up one day throughout the week.

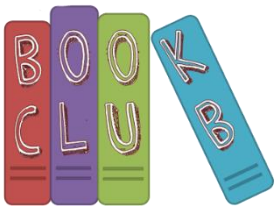
Disco: On Wednesday (17th May), we will be holding a disco in the school hall. The cost will be $8 (this covers entry, packet of chips and a drink). K- 2: 4 – 5:30pm and Years 3-6: 6 – 8pm. Parents please ensure you collect your child promptly from the school hall at the end of their disco session. Students will not be permitted to 'walk out' to meet their parents at the gates.

In Week 5, we will be holding our first Whole School Assembly for the term (Monday 22nd May). Stage 2 will be attending Lizard Log (Tuesday 23rd May) and the Years 2-6 Athletics Carnival will take place (Wednesday 24th May).

PSSA: Well done to all of the students who attended the Winter PSSA trials in Week 2 of this term. 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 12th May (Week 3).

Enjoy your week!

Lauryn Fitton
Deputy Principal – Teaching and Learning



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

Orders are due to Scholastic no later than **Friday 12th May 2023**.

To order using the LOOP system:

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2. Click on **ORDER**

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4. Add your child's **first name** & **last name** (so the school knows who the book is for) (PLEASE NOTE: Your child's details will never be shared with 3rd parties OR used for marketing purposes - this is for distribution purposes only.)

5. Enter the **item number** from the Book Club **catalogue**

All orders are sent directly to the school. Books will be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date.

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