



# Governor Philip King Public School

Striving for Personal Excellence

Week 9 Term 2  
20 June 2023

## *From the Principal ...*

Welcome to Week 9. I trust that everyone enjoyed the extra day at home last week for the King's Birthday long weekend. I know it was well received in my household.

I have spoken to Mr Corcoran. Whilst he is missing GPK, he is having an amazing time in Ireland.



This week, Mr and Mrs Corcoran will be exploring Dubai. He will return to GPK on Monday in Week 10.



Today I hosted our Term 2 SRL morning tea. It is always wonderful to celebrate students who consistently follow our core rules of being safe, respectful and a learner. This group of students demonstrated why their class teachers selected them to come along to share morning tea with me.

Congratulations to Mrs Hajradinovic and her husband on the safe arrival of their son. Hamza was born on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 5.32pm weighing 4.3kg. The whole family are doing well. It's wonderful news to welcome a new addition to the 'Governor Family'.



Congratulations GPK, the SRL token box is almost full!!!

I am looking forward to the GPK Rewards Day which will happen next Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June. It is a day where our students are recognised for their positive behaviour and attendance. Mr Corcoran has informed me of the surprise and the only clue that I can give out is that the students are guaranteed to have FUN! It will be an outdoor event that involves physical activity, so please ensure students are dressed appropriately.

Thank you to all of our parents who have booked interviews with classroom teachers. 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 Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Please be aware that **Semester One Reports** will be sent home with students on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**.

As the term draws to a close, I would like to acknowledge and thank the staff of GPK. This term has continued to be challenging for all schools, and we are no exception. With the shortage of casual teachers there have been some extremely challenging days here at Governor. Staff have taken extra split students for the day, put their programs on hold to take classes for the day, done extra playground duties, the list goes on and on. Thank you to each and every one of you! You all deserve to rest, relax and recharge during the upcoming holidays.

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. I know I am looking forward to the next four weeks as I will be taking my daughter to Macedonia on a family holiday. I will be on leave until Term 3, Week 3. In my absence, Miss Fitton will look after my Stage One team. **Students return on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023.**

Ms Biljana Stojanoska  
Relieving Principal

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

I can't believe that there are less than two weeks left of Term 2, 2023. Our Kindergarten students are almost half way through their first year of school.

Last week, a number of our students attended the Area Cross Country Carnival. Their outstanding performance is to be commended, with several of our runners achieving top 20 finishes. A special congratulations to Emily, who placed 3<sup>rd</sup>, and will now represent Sydney South West at the upcoming State Championships. Well done everyone involved.



In Week 7, Stage 2 attended the Hyde Park Barracks and the National Maritime Museum. They enjoyed learning about the life of a convict, exploring the Endeavour Ship, as well as discovering some amazing facts about Australian History. Congratulations to all students - your behaviour and inquisitive questions were fantastic! Thank you to Mrs Bullivant and Mrs Nguyen for organising such a successful excursion.





Congratulations to our amazing debating team. They successfully won their last debate against Bossley Park PS. We were the affirmative team with the topic of 'School Uniforms Should be Banned'. Good luck on Thursday at your next debate.



#### Reading Eggs (K-2) and Literacy Pro (Years 3-6)

One of the greatest gifts we can give children is to instil a love of reading. It is not enough to simply teach children to read. We need to provide them with a variety of literature that will make them wonder, make them laugh and take them to other worlds. We are fortunate enough to have two amazing programs that support our students and their reading. Congratulations to all of our incredible readers. As a school (Years 3-6), we have read 66 million words in total. That is impressive!

Congratulations to our *Millionaire Club* Students. These students have read over one million words in Semester 1. What an achievement! A special mention to Hunter, for reaching over two million words. Keep reading and working hard everyone.



### Parent/teacher Interviews

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 23rd 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.

### Rewards Day

Not long to go until our amazing 'Rewards Day' in Week 10 - Wednesday 28 June. We are so excited to recognise and celebrate our students for their positive behaviour and attendance. Remember to wear suitable mufti clothes and sports shoes on this day.

I hope all of our students, parents/carers and teachers have a relaxing and safe holiday. Children return to school on **Tuesday 18 July**.

Miss Lauryn Fitton  
Deputy Principal



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