From the Principal...

Happy Easter - I hope everyone enjoyed the long weekend and had the chance to enjoy some time with family and friends. I hope the Easter bunny visited our families and everyone indulged in some chocolate.

End of Term - Please be aware that the last day for this term is Friday 12 April. School will resume for students on Wednesday 1 May. Next term all schools will engage in a second staff development day specifically for the professional development around the new curriculum documents. Our staff will be involved in a 2 hour presentation with our surrounding local primary schools, followed by a focus on the new English K-6 syllabus.

Easter Hat Parade - It was wonderful to see our K-2 students enjoying the Easter hat parade last Thursday. The hats looked amazing, and some looked very delicious!! Thank you to all of the parents, relatives and friends who came along to be part of the audience. Congratulations to the 68 Easter raffle winners. The first three prize winners were:

1st Prize – Miss Morcom
2nd Prize – Enrique Yalda (6SR)
3rd Prize – Samer

Most Tickets sold – Samantha Hutchison (KIE)

Congratulations to all of our raffle winners. A full list of the raffle winners will be on display in the front office window later this week.

Thank you to our families who supported our raffle, the funds raised will be used to purchase additional resources for students to access in classrooms. Thank you to the P&C for the amazing job they did creating the prize baskets and preparing them for the raffle winners.

Stage 3 Camp - This morning our senior students left for their 2 night camp at Collaroy. There are lots of great activities planned and I’m sure lots of great memories will be created of their time away with friends and teachers. I am so appreciative of the staff who leave their own families for a few nights to provide this opportunity for our students.

Contribution Fees - Thank you to the families who have already paid their contribution fees. Please keep in mind that this money provides additional opportunities and resources for your children above and beyond those provided through our global budget. The voluntary portion of the levy will be used for specific purposes again this year. Governor Philip King Public School made a commitment to ensuring all classrooms were air conditioned and every classroom had an interactive whiteboard installed. Along with these benefits for our students come running costs and maintenance. The school’s funding does not stretch to cover these additional costs. Although it is wonderful to have air conditioning and interactive whiteboards across the school they are expensive pieces of equipment to run, maintain and replace, a cost which the school does not receive funding for. Unfortunately if we do not have the funds to repair and maintain these items they will need to be removed as they break down. Air conditioning and Interactive Whiteboards provide a comfortable, engaging learning environment for all students, however, they are not mandatory pieces of equipment. We anticipate that parents will appreciate the extra resources available to enhance their child’s education and support the school by paying their full school contribution of $60 per student by Friday 10 May 2013.
K-2 Easter Hat Parade - Thank you to all the students, teachers and families who were involved in the K-2 Easter Hat Parade. The Easter hats looked fabulous. A special thank you goes to the Easter bunny who took the time to visit us. An extra special thank you to the P&C for supplying the students with yummy Easter eggs. Mrs Hosking.

April School Holidays - Have you got April school holidays organised yet? It’s not too late to book for a Sport and Recreation Kids’ Camp. Watch the video to see how much fun these kids are having. Find out more: http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps/

Parent-Teacher Interviews - Have you got a parent teacher interview coming up? Here are some tips for getting the most out of these important meetings. Prepare a few questions to ask, and walk away with a plan. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/homework-and-study/planning-for-the-future/parent-teacher-interviews

School Calendar - What’s on when? Stay on top of school holiday, term and state examination dates across NSW. Find out more: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/calendar/?do=setViewPeriod&categoryId=2&viewType=yearView

P&C News - Mothers’ Day - There has been a good response so far for Mothers’ Day gifts. Please return your orders and money to the office by Friday 5 April and help make Mothers’ Day more special.

Facebook - Search for Governor Philip King Public School on Facebook and “Like” us to get regular updates. Thank You. SUPPORT OUR KIDS AT GPK. P&C President - Mark Cavanaugh.

Values Education - The value for Week 10 is Inclusion. Inclusion is where everyone belongs, is accepted, and supports each other. The philosophy of inclusion is the merging of the special and the general. It is also having all “gifts” of life. Inclusion is both an environment you create and an attitude you carry with you. The impact of inclusion on family and friends is immense. Hence, please encourage your child/children to practise different aspects of inclusion in your family situations. Mrs S. Kumar, Student Engagement.

Girls’ Winter Pinafore - We are now taking pre-paid orders for the girls’ winter pinafores. Please try these on the children before ordering as there will be NO refunds or exchanges. Orders will be taken on Uniform Sales days, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 7:30a.m. to 2:15p.m.

Old Style Track Pants Sale - We still have 7 Size 6 old style track pants available, selling at $10.00 each. There will be no refunds or exchanges given and no Student Assistance funds will be available for these purchases.

PSSA Results - Round 7 - This week we play Canley Heights at Brennan Park (bottom).

Have a great week!

Jason Corcoran
Principal
School Photos

School Photos will be taken on Thursday 9 May. To assist parents we have included a sample payment envelope which shows this year's packages and costs. An envelope will be sent home in Week 1 next term. It is to be returned on photo day completed with the correct money enclosed.

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Anger Management for Women

During this 8 week group you will cover the following topics:

- Causes of anger
- Passive, aggressive and assertive behaviour
- Attachment in children and adults
- Identifying belief patterns
- Rewriting family history
- Effects of anger on children
- Communication and conflict-resolution skills
- Building healthy relationships

When: Every Friday (10am-12pm) with Helen Dwyer
The course starts on Friday 3rd May and finishes on 21st June 2013
Where: 675 Cabramatta Road, Cabramatta West.
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