From the Principal...

P&C - A huge thank you to our P&C who presented me with a $10,000 cheque for the school at the last meeting. This money will be used to purchase additional reading resources for students to use in classrooms. We greatly appreciate the hard work and fundraising the P&C do for our school and students.

Kindergarten Orientation - Our Kindergarten Orientation process has once again been a huge success. We have the final visit and parent information session this Thursday. We look forward to welcoming our new students in 2015.

Scripture Morning Tea - Today we held a morning tea to thank the wonderful volunteers who come to our school every week to provide scripture for our students. Today marks the last scripture lesson for the year.

Parking - There have been some concerns raised by the Before and After School Care about the safety of students being dropped off and collected from the car park located next to the school. There have been a number of incidents where parents have reversed out of the car park almost hitting students and parents walking past. Please be aware of how busy the areas surrounding our school are of a morning and afternoon and how vital it is to drive safely and within the speed limits (40km/hour) set around all schools.

Little Aussie Songsters Competition - An Australia Day competition where primary students can video their singing of our national anthem. For further details, visit http://www.aussievault.com.au/vault/136/detail/little-aussie-songster. The competition is now open and will close on Saturday 14 February 2015.

Ready for High School - Just to let you know that the Transition to high school, Ready for High School Checklist is now available in 36 languages. Search by language: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/languagesupport/documents/start_ss/rfhsc.php

Selective High Schools application: Entry to Government Selective High Schools for Year 7 in 2016 - Online applications are now open. Applications are required by 17 November 2014 for parents or carers of Year 5 students who wish their children to be considered for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2016. Application information booklet is available on the Department's internet at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

All applications must be made online. There are a limited number of information booklets available at the front office. These applications are for academically selective high schools.

2015 Enrolments - We have started looking at structures and staffing for the 2015 school year. We are requesting any families with students who will start Kindergarten next year to collect an enrolment form from the front office. This ensures students are included in the kindergarten orientation process which has commenced and allows our school to be staffed based on accurate numbers.

Library News - Parent Borrowing - There will be no further parent borrowing from Friday, 14 November. Please return all books by then as we will be commencing our stocktake on Monday, 17 November. Thank You. Ms Halabe.

A Night of Stars - Don’t forget to buy your tickets for this fabulous GPK talent show. There are 2 shows: Monday, 1 December and Thursday, 4 December. Remember, there are limited tickets. So, buy your tickets early to secure your seat. Tickets are only $2.50 (per person). All children must be accompanied by an adult! We hope to see you and your family there to support our wonderfully talented students at GPK.
Values Education - The value for Week 6 is Compassion. Compassion is clarity of recognition with a warm heart of other people's suffering, their needs and pain along with a practical & sustainable determination to do whatever is possible in order to help ease their suffering. It is being aware of how others think and feel. It is feeling sorrow and sympathy when others are distressed. Please encourage your child/children to be compassionate to others. Mrs S. Kumar. Student Engagement.

Safe, Respectful Learner Program - The focus for Week 6 is 'Be a Learner - Seek good role models'.

Throughout our lives we learn many new things by watching others or listening to people such as teachers, parents, coaches and so on. We also learn many things from friends, peers or by using technology. However, we must learn to carefully choose whom we learn from and where we go to for help or information. Talk with your child/children about the importance of choosing good role models and being careful where they look for information. Ms A Dolz and Student Engagement Team.

P&C News - The K-2 Athletics Carnival was cancelled for this year, however this Wednesday, 12 November the P&C will go ahead with the sausage sizzle that was originally planned for the Carnival. Students who have ordered a sausage sizzle will receive them in their classrooms on the day. Years K-2 will receive their orders at recess and Years 3-6 will receive them at lunch time.

Year 6 students this is your last chance to order a Graduation Autograph book at a cost of $7.

The next P&C Meeting is on Tuesday, 2 December and will be the Annual General Meeting where the new committee will be elected. I urge all parents to come along and take part in the group that supports your children’s education and learn what goes on in the school. The Meetings are relaxed and informative evenings and we always have an enjoyable time at the events throughout the year. Get to know other parents, and have fun supporting your children. Your children will spend over 70% of their early life at school and most will stay at the one primary school for all seven years. Please consider becoming a part of these vital years of your children’s school life. Come along and have your voice heard, be part of the school community and help support the education of your children. Looking forward to seeing you there.

We will be holding the last Second hand Uniform stall of the year on Thursday, 27 November at 9am outside the office.

If you have a P&C enquiry please contact me on 0428 475 252 or email on gpks.pc@gmail.com, Mark Cavanaugh, P&C President.

PSSA Sport – Results – Semi-Finals

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The finals will be played at Endeavour Reserve from 9:30am – 11:00am.

Have a great week!
Jason Corcoran
Principal

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Where do they all grow?

In the Year 4 fruit and vegetable garden!

This year, 4KT, 4SK and 4LT have worked very hard to produce an awesome garden. We have built, planted, fertilised, weeded, watered and harvested our crops. We have learnt so many things.

We had to battle aphids because they swarmed in to eat our plants. Luckily, we found a cure in the 4KT garden bed... GARLIC! Aphids HATE garlic, we crushed it and mixed it with water and sprayed our plants.

We had CRAZY carrots. They came out looking like a witch’s nose. They were long, thin and pointy but they also had hairy roots sticking out of them. We weren’t sure when to harvest them. At first, when we pulled them out they were too small. It was OK though, we re-planted them and they kept growing.

Instead of wasting all our food scraps we have been putting them in the worm farm. We collect the worm juice and pour it on our plants. It sounds disgusting and it smells disgusting too but it is really good for the plants. The plants grew REALLY big. When we line up in front of 4LT we pick the snow peas and they taste really good. We got to take home broccoli, pumpkin, bok choy, garlic, chives, carrots and leeks. The strawberries didn’t get to go home though because we ate them all.

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