From the Principal...

**Easter Raffle** - Thank you to our wonderful families and students for the donations to our Easter Raffle. We are hoping that the donations continue to arrive at school so we can create a large number of prizes for the raffle draw on Wednesday 9 April at the Easter Hat Parade. All donations can be placed in the basket in the front office. All sold and unsold raffle tickets are due back to school by Wednesday, 2 April. There will be a prize for the student who sells the most raffle tickets.

**Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival** - Tomorrow we will be holding our annual athletics carnival. All Years 3-6 children are expected to attend. Athletics is part of the school curriculum and children have been involved in lessons to ensure they are able to participate in all events and activities. Please ensure students are dressed in their sports uniform or house colours. Students need to be at school by 8.45am ready to walk to Bosnjak Park at 8.50am. As always, we hope to see many parents come along and enjoy the day.

**Sick Bay** - Recently we have had a number of students present at sick bay in the morning with various illnesses. There is nothing worse for a child than having to come to sick bay because they have arrived at school unwell. Please ensure that if your child is sick they are kept at home to avoid spreading illnesses to other students and school staff. It is expected that if you are contacted to collect your child from school due to illness that either a parent, family member, neighbour or friend comes to collect the student as soon as possible.

**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. Again in 2014, we will be utilising part of the contribution to cover the cost of maintenance and repair for the air conditioning which is available in every classroom. We are also looking at purchasing grade sets of ipads (approximately 7 sets of 6) for classes to access and use to strengthen curriculum links with technology. Any family experiencing financial difficulty can come and speak to Mrs Wignell. We have limited student assistance money that can be used to support families or individual students. Please don't hesitate to contact the school for support.

**National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)** - If your child is currently in Year 3, 5, 7 or 9, they’ll sit NAPLAN tests this May. And despite what you may have heard, there’s no reason to panic or start an intensive study schedule for your child. Find out more: [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/all-about-naplan](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/all-about-naplan)

**School A to Z app** - Do you struggle to understand your child’s homework? Does your child need to practise their spelling and times tables? Are you looking for inspiration for projects and assignments? This free homework helper app provides maths and English glossaries, assignment starters and more. Find out more: [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/school-a-to-z](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/school-a-to-z)

**Wild Australia app** - Your child can use this terrific app as an interactive educational tool at Taronga Zoo in Sydney or at Taronga Western Plains Zoo, Dubbo. Wild Australia can also be used at home to discover more about the zoos’ amazing animals and interesting keepers. Find out more: [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/zh/homework-and-study/educational-games/taronga-zoo-wild-australia](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/zh/homework-and-study/educational-games/taronga-zoo-wild-australia)

**Active Challenge** - Active Challenge will be cancelled this Thursday, 20 March due to an Active Challenge excursion. Miss Taylor and Miss Shabaz.
**Values Education** - The value for Week 8 is Understanding. Understanding of oneself and others is the knowledge that we all have equal worth. We all play a valuable part in the world. Each individual is unique with his/her own talents. Please promote Understanding of each other in the home environment and encourage children to practise it. They will be better people if they can practise understanding towards others and the environment. Mrs S. Kumar, Student Engagement.

**2015 High School Expression of Interest Forms** - All high school application forms must be returned by Friday 21 March.
Mr Hamilton.

**Years 5 & 6 Canberra - Snow Excursion** - Attention Year 5 and 6 Parents the note for Canberra will be handed out on Monday 24 March. Payments can be made from the 25 March. Thank you.
Mr Hamilton.

**PSSA Results - Round 4**

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This week we play at Brenan Park (top and bottom).

**P&C News - Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival** - Tomorrow, Wednesday 19th March. Sausage sizzle orders are now closed. The students will be served in two sessions, Years 3 & 4 at recess and Years 5 & 6 at lunch. Any parents who would like to help on the day please come along.

**Grandparents’ Day/Harmony Day - This Thursday, 20 March** - The P&C will be holding a second hand uniform stall from 9a.m. near the front office. If you would like to donate second hand GPK uniforms in good condition, please put them in a bag and bring them to the office.

**Mothers’ Day** - Don’t forget to order your Mothers’ Day gifts as stocks are running low.

Don’t forget to check out our P&C Facebook page for updated information and events - just search Facebook for "Governor Philip King Public School" and ’like’ the page for regular updates.

You can contact me on 0428 475 252 or email on gpks.pc@gmail.com. Support our kids at GPK. Mark Cavanaugh, P&C President.

**School Photographs** - Our photo day for class groups and sibling photos will be in Term 2 on Thursday, 8 May. Envelopes for class photos will be distributed to each child on Tuesday, 29 April.

We are sending you a copy of the photo package choices so that you are aware of the costs well in advance of photo day.

Please do not send any money until after you receive the envelope on Tuesday, 29 April.

Have a great week!

Jason Corcoran
Principal
Harmony Day 2014 - Everyone Belongs

Harmony Day is a celebration of Australia’s cultural diversity. In 2014 the Harmony Day theme is “Together We Can.” It recognises the important role and positive influence that cultural diversity has in our multicultural nation.

Harmony Day is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. By participating in Harmony Day activities, we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and make it a better place.

GPKPS will be making a special effort to recognise Harmony Day on Thursday, 20th of March, 2014. As the official Harmony Day colour is orange, students are encouraged to wear something orange on this day to show their support for the idea of living in harmony. This will be a mufti day for all students, but no money is required.

ESL&CL Teachers