Primary Athletics Carnival - Congratulations to our students on their participation and behaviour at last week's Athletics Carnival. I was very impressed with the students' enthusiasm and willingness to part of the day. A huge thank you must go to the primary staff for their hard work in ensuring a successful carnival. Some staff being at the grounds from 7am to set up and staying behind to ensure all equipment was returned to school. Particular thanks must go to Ms Stojanoska and Miss Fitton for their outstanding organisation for the event. These events do not happen without many weeks of preparation. Thank you to all of the parents and families who came down to be part of the day, your attendance was greatly appreciated.

Grandparents’ Day – It was fantastic to see so many visitors to our school last Thursday helping us to celebrate Grandparents' Day. It is always wonderful to have visitors come into our classrooms to celebrate the great things we do at Governor Philip King.

Stage Three Cake Stall - Thank you for the amazing support Stage Three received last week for their cake stall. There were a huge selection of cakes, slices and donuts available for purchase. I am pleased to say that all items were sold (some at a reduced price by the end of lunchtime), raising a total of $1200. Thank you to the parents and families who sent in items, to the students and visitors who purchased cakes and particularly to the students from other grades who wanted to provide items for Stage Three to sell. Everyone's support was greatly appreciated.

Parent Information and Update of Emergency Contact Information - Important information was sent home with all students a number of weeks ago. These forms were due back last Friday, 21 March, if you have not returned these forms please take the time to complete them accurately and return them to school as soon as possible. This will ensure the students at Governor Philip King Public School receive the funding they are entitled to. Please be assured the information you provide us remains confidential and is collated by myself, Mrs Power and Mrs Wignell and does not leave the school. Parents are also asked to ensure all emergency contact details are accurate and up to date.

2014 Easter Raffle - Thankyou to the parents and children who have already sent in donations for our Easter Raffle. Please keep your quality eggs and chocolates coming in. The more donations we receive, the more prizes we can draw. Donations can be delivered to the basket located in the front office up until this Friday, 28 March. Please remind students to drop off the eggs and chocolate first thing in the morning to avoid melted chocolate in school bags. There will be a prize for the student who sells the most raffle tickets. Additional tickets can be obtained from the front office. All sold and unsold tickets should be returned to the front office by next Wednesday, 2 April.

P&C Meeting - The next P&C meeting will be held next Wednesday evening, 2 April in the staffroom. The meeting commences at 7pm.
PSSA - Our students have the chance to participate in PSSA throughout the year. PSSA provides a great opportunity for students to strengthen their sporting ability in a competitive manner with other local schools. While PSSA is competitive, it is also an opportunity for students to be part of a team and develop and learn new skills. I need to remind parents that teachers umpire or referee all games. Parents are requested to be respectful of the decisions made on the field and to interact with all DEC employees (both Governor staff and teachers from other schools) in an appropriate manner. The sporting field is not the place to be rude, aggressive or threatening to staff who are trying to provide opportunities for students to be involved in sporting activities. The DEC Inclosed Lands Act can also be applied to school activities taking place outside of the actual school grounds. It would be disappointing for parents to miss out on watching children play sport due to offensive or inappropriate behaviour around students or staff. Please keep this in mind next time you are watching sporting activities involving your child who is representing our school. You may have seen this recently on Facebook in relation to children’s football, I thought it was applicable in relation to children’s sport in general.

Dad and son time - A series of adventure-filled camping weekends for fathers and sons are being run at Sport and Recreation centres. With no computers, phones or TVs, dads and their boys will be able to spend time together, building a healthier relationship. Find out more: http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/youngstars

Motivating lazy children - All kids are born active. Some just learn lazybones habits and need a nudge. Find out ways to encourage your child to get up off the sofa and get a little physical. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/zh/wellbeing/fitness/motivating-lazy-children

Homework for little kids - Schools develop homework policies with the help of teachers and parents. These are used as a guide and are based on common sense. If you find homework is becoming too much or is too difficult for your child, have a chat with your child’s teacher. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/homework-for-little-kids

Helping your child to become a good speller - What do you do when your child is struggling with spelling? Should you let your child use a spell checker, for instance? Here are a few tips and techniques to make spelling easier. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/getting-your-child-used-to-writing

Values Education - The value for Weeks 9 and 10 is Cooperation. Cooperation is working together willingly with patience and affection to achieve a common goal. It is everyone helping to get something done. When we cooperate we bring our special strengths and talents to the group. Students are always working together in the school environment. We hope that parents will discuss the importance of working cooperatively and encourage their children to participate in family activities cooperatively at home as well. Mrs S. Kumar, Student Engagement.

PSSA Results - Round 5

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This week we play at Brenan Park (bottom).

Permission to Film Notes - Please return all signed Permission to Film notes for our fitness sessions by next Tuesday. It is important for our WHOLE school to be represented on the Department’s website. All students from K-6 are to wear their sports uniform on the day. If you have any questions please see me. Mrs Jones.
P&C News - Primary Athletics Carnival Sausage Sizzle - The P&C Sausage Sizzle was a great success with over 450 sausages sold. A huge thank you to all of the wonderful P&C parents who assisted at the Sausage Sizzle on the day. Thanks also to Miss Fitton and Ms Stojanoska for an enjoyable smooth running carnival.

Second Hand Uniform Stall - The stall held last Thursday was popular again. Thanks to the P&C parents, Mrs Siracusa and Mrs Saldias who took time out to run the stall.

Mothers’ Day Gift Orders - Don’t forget to order your Mothers’ Day Gifts. Stocks of some of the gifts are running low. Last day to order is Friday, 4 April 2014.

All payments related to P&C fund raisers (such as Mothers’ Day gift orders), are to be placed in a separate envelope. These payments are handled by the P&C, separate to school related payments. Thank you for your cooperation.

The next P&C meeting will be on Wednesday, 2 April at 7pm in the Staff Room. All are welcome.

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.

Have a great week!

Jason Corcoran
Principal

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