From the Principal...

Kindergarten Baby Day – Last week, Kindergarten had a taste of what an important job parents have looking after their children. As part of their Science Unit call “This is me”, all students brought in their special soft toys to participate in their “Baby Day” activities. Students washed their babies, fed them, dressed them, cooked meals for them, played games with them and then dressed themselves as mothers and fathers. It was a great experience and all students were thoroughly engaged.

School Disco - Tomorrow, Wednesday (21 May) Stage Three will be hosting a school disco in the school hall. The times for the disco are: K-2 from 4:00pm - 5:30pm and Years 3-6 from 6.30pm - 8.00pm. The cost for the disco is $6 per student. We hope to see many students attending and coming along for some fun.

Canberra - Snow Excursion - Students who paid a deposit for this excursion need to make sure they are making regular payments to ensure they have paid in full before the due date. Thanks Mr Hamilton.

PSSA Sport Payment Reminder - The last day for payment of the PSSA sport levy is this THURSDAY, 22 May. If payment is not received by this date your child will not be able to participate in a Winter PSSA Sport Team.

Winter Pinafore Orders - Orders for pinafores will close on Thursday, 29 May.

School Website Class of the Week - Visit our school website to see the exciting learning happening in 2SV.

Instructions: Visit - [http://www.govphilkin-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/](http://www.govphilkin-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/) Click on ‘School Years’ tab. Click on side tab ‘What’s Happening in 2SV’. Click on your grade under ‘School Years’ tab if you missed seeing your class!

2015 Kindergarten Enrolments - We have already had a large number of parents making enquiries and completing applications for enrolment for Kindergarten in 2015. Please be aware that the DEC is currently in the process of changing school enrolment forms. This means we are unable to hand out enrolment forms to parents. However, parents are still able to come in and complete the expression of interest form and provide all of the usual documentation for their child to start Kindergarten in 2015. This will ensure you and your child is included in all important Kindergarten information sent out, particularly for Kindergarten Orientation. I would encourage families to have their child listed on our paperwork to ensure placement is available, particularly families seeking out of area enrolments. If you have family or friends whose child will be starting Kindergarten next year, please make them aware of the expression of interest process for enrolment at Governor Philip King.

Head Lice - Parents are warned to check the heads of all their children as we are aware that pediculosis (head lice) is prevalent in some classrooms. Students should not return to school until all nits and eggs have been removed. An egg is dead when it can be slid along the hair. If it will not move it is still alive.

Your local chemist will provide you with the appropriate treatment.

Values Education - The value for Week 4 is Responsibility. Responsibility is being able to take care of your duties. We need to be reliable and honest. It is an accountability that commits us to fulfil our obligations and be trustworthy to carry out a course of action. Ecological responsibility relates to what we do and do not do to sustain, conserve and enhance our natural resources. Parents will understand the need for children to be responsible for their actions as well as use our renewable and non-renewable resources responsibly. Please have discussions with your children about these important aspects of responsibility. Try to give children some responsibilities at home so they can understand what it means. Mrs S Kumar. Student Engagement.
Walk Safely to School Day - WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY, 23 MAY 2014. Well, it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking! Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. Although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes, it also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Each student will receive a stencil to enter our GPK Walk Safely to School Day colouring in competition. Hand your completed stencil to a parliamentarian at one of the school entrances on Friday. Remember to include your name and class on your stencil. A 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize will be won in both infants (K-2) and Primary (3-6).

1st Prize - School Hat
2nd Prize - Stationery
3rd Prize - Handball

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 23 May 2014! For more information, visit www.walk.com.au

P&C News - Second hand uniform stall was held last Friday. Thank you to the P&C ladies who helped and to the parents who attended. It was a quiet day, so I hope this means that everyone has all the uniforms they need at present. Thank you to the families who have donated second hand uniforms, keep them coming in. Please let us know if you have a preferred morning or afternoon of the week to hold the stall.

At the special meeting last week the membership voted unanimously to proceed with becoming an incorporated association. This will provide many advantages to our small P&C association and to the school.

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.

Safe, Respectful Learner Program - The focus rule for weeks four and five is 'Be Safe, Choose healthy food'.

Please discuss this with your children and ensure they have healthy food to bring to school each day.
Ms Dolz, Student Engagement Team.

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This week Years 3 & 4 Netball will play against Prairievale, Years 5 & 6 will play against St Johns Park and Rugby League will play against Harrington Street at Endeavour Park. Soccer has a bye this week. Basketball will play against Harrington Street at GPK.

Have a great week!
Jason Corcoran
Principal
Stewart House: Collection 27th May 2014 - 6GH

Stewart House is asking for our help to collect clothing that your family does not need anymore. They collect and use this clothing with the Smith Family to raise money to support their programs. Stewart House provides health care and short-term respite care for children in need who are enrolled in public schools in NSW and the ACT. It is called a "Preventorium," because it aims to prevent chronic health problems. In 2013 they received $18,930 from these collections - a vital part of their income.

Bags are available from each class teacher and must be returned by Tuesday 27 May 2014. If you don't have a bag, please donate in any plastic bag.

Stewart House will be collecting them on Wednesday morning. Please send all bags to the wet area in the room 6GH.

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Governor Free Choice Disco

Dear Parents/Careers

Stage 3 at Governor Phillip King will be holding a disco afternoon/evening and we are letting the students choose what to wear! They might wear a costume and dress up or simply wear their party clothes – it’s free choice! (Of course, you still need enclosed shoes and to follow school guidelines).

So come along and join us for a fun afternoon/evening of dancing to your favourite songs!

Where: School Hall
When: Wednesday 21st May 2014
Time: Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 4pm to 5.30pm
Years 3 – 6 6.30pm – 8.00pm

Cost: $6 which includes a drink and a packet of chips.

• Children are to arrive only a few minutes prior to the commencement of their disco.
• Parents are asked to pick up their children promptly at the conclusion of each session INSIDE THE HALL. Children will not be allowed to go home alone.
• All Year 2 students must be collected at 5.30pm
• 3-6 students must not arrive before 6.25pm
• Parents, toddlers or ex GPK students ARE NOT allowed to enter the disco during the running time.

Looking forward to seeing our students at the free choice disco, ready to dance and have a great time.

Mr Coscoran
Principal

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