From the Principal ...

School Disco - Thank you to all of the students who came along last week to our K-2 and 3-6 discos. Our students were outstanding, as always, with their behaviour, manners and participation. An enjoyable night was had by all in attendance raising funds for Stage 3. Thank you to all of the teachers who gave up time away from their own families to ensure the evening was a success.

New Garden Beds - You may have noticed our new garden beds outside of the Year 4 classrooms. These gardens have been planted with a variety of vegetables, herbs and even some strawberry plants. Our students will be tending to and maintaining these gardens throughout the year planting appropriate crops for each season. A huge thank you to Mr Gee for the amazing job he has done in designing and constructing the new garden beds. This was a major project which took many hours of hard work, digging and constructing. The end result is fantastic.

Too sick for school? - As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It's often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety's sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice. School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hytn2E

Mental Maths Strategies - We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we're helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of "number" which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here: www.bit.ly/JkiUsY

Does speaking another language at home confuse children? - Are your children fortunate enough to be growing up in a home where two or more languages are spoken? Many parents worry that bilingualism can cause confusion and even delays in learning for their children, but according the Raising Children Network, that's not the case at all. A good knowledge of your native language can actually help your child with learning English. Bilingual children who are read books and spoken to in their in their native language find it easier to learn to read and write in English when they get to school. More information is at www.bit.ly/Im0qnk

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, 29 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 this 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.schooless.org.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.

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Walk Safely to School Colouring Competition - Congratulations to the winners of the Walk Safely to School Competition. It was extremely hard to decide amongst all of the amazing artists we have here at GPK.

Infants Winner (K-2)
1st - Valeska KBM
2nd - Huey Ha 2SV
3rd - Samantha Hutchison 1VS

Primary Winners (3-6)
1st - Nicholas Cavanaugh 6SR
2nd - Miranda Tran 4LT
3rd - We have a tie! Thomas Esho 5SM and Krystal Nguyen 3HM.

Values Education - The value for Weeks 5 and 6 is Freedom. Freedom is the state of not being imprisoned, enslaved, or otherwise constrained. It is having free will to control our actions, decisions and choices. Freedom is when we experience liberation and a feeling of no limits as if the earth, the skies and the seas are at our service. Freedom is not simply granted by rules and legislation. It is connected to social justice which is the ability to live with basic necessities and good health, that is, a life of choices and opportunity free from discrimination. Parents know that nowadays children are demanding more and more freedom in all aspects of life. It is important for them to understand that with free choice comes responsibility and consequences. Please encourage your children to discuss about freedom and the related responsibilities. Mrs S Kumar. Student Engagement.

P&C News - The next P&C Monthly Meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th June at 7pm in the staff room. We will be discussing the events for Term 3, including our major fundraiser for the year and Fathers' Day.

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 week 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.

Governor’s Buzz - Guess what? Governor’s Buzz is coming!

When: Week 8 & 9
What will be in this issue: Articles, photos, comic strips, jokes and more!

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There is no PSSA sport this week due to the Zone Cross Country Carnival.

Have a great week!

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Principal

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