From the Principal...

Semester One Reports - Student reports for Semester One will be sent home to parents on Wednesday (18 June). Please ensure you take the time to read the comments and look at your child's achievements in the six Key Learning Areas. Notes regarding parent teacher interviews have also been sent home. We encourage parents to book a time to discuss the progress and achievements of your child.

General Information about Head Lice - Over the last week we have had a few isolated cases of head lice. It is therefore timely to review some of the information in regard to treating your child's hair.

- Head lice are not related to bad health or hygiene habits.
- Head lice are small parasitic insects that feed on human blood.
- Head lice live among the hairs on the head staying close to the scalp.
- Itching of the scalp is usually the first sign noticed.
- Head lice are transmitted by crawling from head to head or via objects - they do not jump or fly.
- Would you please check your child's hair as soon as possible and continue to do so, on a regular basis. If head lice or nits are detected, you can choose to buy prepared chemical and natural solutions in bottles and commence a treatment.
- Treat all bed linen, brushes, combs, etc.

Or use the following steps as recommended by NSW Health which suggests a quick, safe, cheap method of locating and vanquishing head lice. The steps are:

1. Apply plain white conditioner liberally to hair;
2. Cover scalp to the ends of the hair and leave in hair for 5 minutes;
3. Comb through with a fine comb, wiping the conditioner from the comb onto a tissue and look for lice and eggs (nits);
4. Remove all nits to assure total lice treatment.
5. Rinse conditioner from child's hair and clean the comb thoroughly.
6. Check your child's hair regularly - when you go to the dentist and have no cavities, it doesn't mean that tooth brushing stops. If you are clear of head lice, it doesn't mean that you stop checking.

Treat only if there is evidence of head lice.

A preventative measure for the spread of the infestation of head lice could be keeping your child's hair short or worn close to the head. Another effective measure is to discourage your child from sharing headwear, brushes and combs.

Contribution Fees - It would be appreciated if families could attempt to finalise 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. Any family experiencing financial difficulty can come and speak to Mrs Wignell, Mrs Power, or myself. 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. Thank you to the large number of families who have already paid their contribution fees, this enables us to plan and order the additional resources utilised in our classrooms and across the school.

School Car Park - Parents are reminded that the staff car park is not an area to drop off students in the morning or collect students in the afternoon. Our car park has limited space considering the large number of staff we have here at Governor Philip King. We are requesting that parents do not drive into the school in the morning or the afternoon. The safety of our students is our number one priority. Parents driving in and out of the car park pose a significant risk to both students and parents using the pedestrian access.

Contributions are due by: 18 June 2014

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Week 7 Term 2
10 June 2014
**P&C Meeting** - There will be a P&C this Wednesday 11 June. The meeting will commence at 7pm in the staffroom. All parents are welcome to attend.

**Donations for Stage 3 Mini Fete** - In Term 4, Stage Three will be holding a mini fete. We are asking our community to assist us in the lead up to this fund raiser. Many people have a variety of contacts and people who work for various companies. If you know someone who may be able to make a donation to this fund raiser, or if you yourself are able to donate items, prizes or things that we could raffle, we would greatly appreciate hearing from you. Please contact Mr Hamilton, Mr Corcoran or any of the Stage 3 teachers.

**Book Club** - Book club forms have been handed out to the students. If you would like to place an order, fill out the form with your child’s name, class and order. Clearly label an envelope with your child’s name, class, book club and amount of money included. Drop your envelope in the money slot located in the office. These are due back NO later than Friday, 13 June. Orders take up to 2 weeks from the closing date to be returned to students.

**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, 12 June. If payment is not received by this date your child will not be able to participate in a Winter PSSA Sport Team.

**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.

**Values Education** - The value for Weeks 7 and 8 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 weeks six and seven is ‘Be Safe, Share the playground’.

We need to learn to share the space, include others and choose safe games to play with our friends. Please discuss this with your children. 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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**PSSA SPORT Round 6** - This week Years 3 & 5 Netball play against Harrington Street, Years 4 & 6 Netball play against Bossley Park and Rugby League play against Prairievale at Endeavour Park. Soccer will play against Cabramatta West at Allambie. Basketball will play against Fairfield West at GPK.
School Website Class of the Week - Visit our school website to see if your class is the class of the week!

Instructions:
Click on ‘School Years’ tab
Click on side tab ‘What’s Happening in …’
Click on your grade under ‘School Years’ tab if you missed seeing your class!

Have a great week!
Jason Corcoran
Principal