From the Principal...

Semester One Reports - Reports take many hours of work to complete by staff. They provide a sound indication of what your child has achieved so far this year. Staff utilise assessment and evaluation information, as well as classroom observations, collection of work samples and their professional judgement to provide an accurate picture of your child. Student reports will be sent home tomorrow (Wednesday 18 June). All reports will be sent home in an envelope. Please take the time to read the full report and use it as an opportunity to discuss with your child their achievements, success and areas for further development.

Parent/Teacher Interviews - Staff are now finalising their interview times for next week. Thank you to the parents who returned their request slips to attend an interview with class teachers. Please be aware of the interview time you have been allocated. It is important that parents arrive on time. If you arrive late, teachers will not be able to squeeze you in as it then impacts on the parents following, resulting in interviews running late. Late arrivals may need to book another day and time. If you are unable to make your interview time please contact the front office to avoid teachers waiting unnecessarily.

School Public Speaking - The finals of our school public speaking competition will be held this Thursday. The quality of all speakers is extremely high. Mrs Power, Mrs Halabe and myself will be judging each of the finals.

Anaphylaxis - As mentioned previously in the school newsletter, we have a number of students who have severe allergies to various food products. These students have specific health care plans in place to ensure their safety and appropriate medical care if required. These allergies are extremely serious, and as most of us can only imagine, worrying for parents. We are asking parents to be extremely mindful of the food products that are sent to school. It would be greatly appreciated if parents can avoid products such as peanut butter, nutella or any nut product. If we work together as a community and support these students and parents we can avoid creating a severe medical situation.

Keeping your child safe - Parents are asked to help us to keep their children safe by ensuring they have appropriate supervision arrangements for their children before and after school. Students should not be at school before 8:20 am as there is no staff supervision available. If you need help with before and after school care you may want to consider booking your child into the Outside School Hours Care provided by Allambie Road Before and After School Care (located next door to Governor Philip King). If you want your child to access this program please call Allambie Road Before and After School Care directly (98234262) and request a place.

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 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. We are asking that all contribution money is finalised by the end of this term.
School Uniform - At Governor Philip King Public School we take great pride in our school uniform. The uniform is a reflection of our school. Please support our high standards and insist that your child wears their correct full school uniform each day. This includes the correct school hat and either black school shoes or black supportive joggers.

Writing notes - If your child has missed school, you need to provide a written note with the following information:

1. include your child's name and class
2. include the date/s and number of days your child was away
3. explain why your child was away
4. include other information as needed.

If your child is going to be away for more than three days please let the school office know. You will still need to write a note when your child returns.

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/1kiUeY

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 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/1m0aqnk

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.

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.

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 Week 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 Second hand uniform stall will be Wednesday 18th June between 8.30 and 9.30am.

Thank you to the families who have donated second hand uniforms. If you would like to donate any second hand uniforms, please place them in a plastic bag and bring them to the front office.

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.

Active Challenge - Active Challenge finishes for Term 2 this week. There is no Active Challenge next week. It will re-commence in Week 2 (commencing 21 July) Term 3. Miss Shabaz & Miss Taylor.
Safe, Respectful Learner Program - The focus rule for weeks eight and nine is ‘Be Safe, Put yourself in their place’.

Before we exclude others, tell them they are not our friends, tease or bully others, we should put ourselves in the other person’s place and consider how we would feel. Treat others the way you would like them to treat you. 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 Results**

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This week Netball play against Cecil Hills and Rugby League play against Fairfield Heights at Endeavour Park. Soccer will play against Fairfield Heights at Allambie. Basketball will play against St Johns Park at St Johns Park.

**PSSA Reminder**: Round 8 is on the last day of this term (June 27).

**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

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