From the Principal...

P&C BBQ - Being part of a diverse multicultural community means that we are accepting, respectful, aware of and celebrate the differences that make Governor Philip King the amazing place it is. We are inclusive of all races and religions, creeds and beliefs. Our attitudes shape and define those of our own children and the students we come into contact with every day.

The variety of cultures we have at Governor makes us unique, and nothing better demonstrates this than our Multicultural Day celebrations. This is a day when we share food, information and our cultural backgrounds with each other. Multicultural Day is highly valued by students, staff and the community, a day where we are proud of our cultural heritages and learn from one another.

As with all previous sausage sizzles our K-2 Athletics Carnival is no different. The P&C will cook and serve Halal meat as has been done previously, for many years, at events such as Years 3-6 Athletics Carnivals, Commonwealth Games-A-Thon, Mini Fetes and other school events. The only difference being for this event the P&C have specifically noted Halal meat in an attempt to avoid numerous phone calls and enquiries.

In most major supermarkets, butchers and deli's there are many meat options ranging from Halal to gluten free.

I hope that parents continue to support the fundraising efforts of our hard working P&C, and continue to teach our students the importance and value of being part of a multicultural school and society.

School Uniform - Here are some good reasons for wearing a school uniform:

1. It saves arguments between parents and children about what is to be worn to school.
2. It stops children pestering their parents to buy expensive clothes just to keep in fashion.
3. Students are easily identifiable, especially on excursions. This helps us not to lose any!
4. Uniforms create a sense of school pride and identity, especially at sporting events or music festivals.
5. It's cheaper. Good clothes are kept for special events whereas it doesn't matter if paint or glue is spilt on a uniform. Just throw it in the wash and wear it again!

I wonder if you can think of any more!

Head Lice Check - They're back! Please help us by checking your child's hair every Friday. This is best done by combing through some conditioner with a fine tooth comb. Check the comb with each stroke to see if there are any head lice present.

Checking weekly will help us to keep them out of our school!!

If lice are found please:

- talk to the Chemist about an appropriate product to treat your child's hair and, treat in accordance with the directions on the bottle.
- remove all eggs (nits). This helps to ensure that you can more easily detect a new outbreak.
- wash all hats, pillows, sheets etc.
- check your child's hair every few days after treatment to ensure that they have not been re-infected.
- talk to the chemist and ask for a product with a different active ingredient, if you are having difficulty controlling the problem as Head Lice can develop a resistance to treatment products.

Stage 3 Canberra - Snow Excursion Countdown - 20 days.
Years 1/2 Excursion to Featherdale - This excursion was postponed due to the poor weather. It has been rebooked for Wednesday, 8 October (Week 1, Term 4) as this was the first available date. A note will be sent home in the next few weeks.

2015 Enrolments - We have started looking at structures and staffing for the 2015 school year. We are requesting any families with students who will start Kindergarten next year to collect an enrolment form from the front office. This ensures students are included in the kindergarten orientation process and allows our school to be staffed based on accurate numbers.


The P&C will be running a sausage sizzle for K-2 students and parents/carers. All K-2 students will need to pre order as usual.

Please put the order in a separate envelope marked with child’s name, class and “P&C sausage sizzle”. Please ensure that your child’s order form is signed, as the order will not be processed without a parent/carer signature. Orders close on Friday 22nd August.

Parents/carers will be able to purchase on the day. We will also be selling water for $1 per bottle.

On the ‘K-2 Athletics Carnival Note’ it was mentioned that the sausages are halal beef. We were regularly asked about the sausages and in order to assist our parent community we decided to include it in the note. Nothing has changed, we just thought that this would be helpful. The sausages are an all round friendly sausage, they are pork free, gluten free and have no added preservatives which accommodates the majority of students at our multicultural school. We apologize if it appeared misleading. The sausages are the same as always, and they have been bought from the same local butcher for many years.

Fathers’ Day - Fathers’ Day Orders have been extended until Wednesday 27th August. The gifts will be given to your child during the week before 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.

Bracelet Found - A bracelet has been handed into the office. If you think it is yours, you will need to be able to give a detailed description of the bracelet as well as when and where it was lost.

Stage 3 Canberra - Snow Excursion Countdown - 13 days. All payments due by this Friday, 15 August.

Book Week Character Picnic (Tomorrow - Wednesday 20th August) - Due to the weather, we have slightly modified our activities for the Book Character Picnic. We will no longer be picnicing on the grass areas.

Students are still requested to come to school dressed as a book character. They will need to be able to bring along the book they feature in, or a copy of the book cover. Students from K-6 will need to be able to discuss their character with their peers, as well as their buddy classes.

From 10am, classes will meet up with their buddies. Location will depend upon the weather. If the morning is relatively dry, classes will meet their buddies under shelters around the school. However, the option may still be meeting and discussing their characters in classrooms, if the weather is unfavourable. Ms Halabe.

Active Challenge - There have been some changes to the Years 3 & 4 Active Challenge times this term.

Week 6 - Active Challenge will be cancelled.
Week 8 - Active Challenge will take place on the Monday NOT the Thursday. Miss Shabaz & Miss Taylor.

Values Education - The value for Week 6 is Concentration. Concentration is when we direct all our thoughts and efforts towards something. It is the ability to use intense mental efforts and give complete attention to focus steadily on a task, subject or idea.

Concentration:

- Leads to using our energies to learn more effectively
- Improves memory and mental poise
- Enables us to gain a sense of achievement and be the best we can
- Helps us to achieve our goals
- Can help others get inspired to concentrate and achieve their goals.

Please help your child/children to realise the benefits of concentration by practising it, maybe when they are completing their homework this week. Mrs S. Kumar, Student Engagement.
Safe, Respectful Learner Program - The focus rule for Week six is 'Be Respectful, Support and include others'.

We feel happier when others are friendly, help us and include us in their games and discussions. It is important to treat others in the same manner. Please discuss this with your children. Ms Dolz. Student Engagement Team.

**PSSA Semi-Finals - Results**

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This week the following teams will play in the Finals. Year 6 Netball and Years 3 & 4 Rugby League teams will play at Endeavour Reserve. Senior Boys Basketball will play at Smithfield Public School and Senior Boys Soccer will play at Brenan Park.

**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!

**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, 25 August. Orders take up to 2 weeks from the closing date to be returned to students.

Have a great week!
Jason Corcoran
Principal

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