From the Principal…

2016 Organisation - Our staff are currently working on plans and structures for classes for the 2016 school year. In a school the size of ours this can be a time consuming process. We want to ensure we get the structure and composition of the classes accurate. Due to our numbers we need to ensure we are accurate in our enrolments before we can place students into their new classes. This is why it has been so vital and important that parents notify us if they are extending their holidays into term one next year. When students return after the Christmas break they will return to their 2015 class group. This will remain the same for the first two weeks. The reason we have decided to start the year this way is to avoid establishing classes and then needing to restructure the school if we don’t receive our anticipated number of enrolments. Our teachers are currently planning the units of work which will be completed over this period. Work will be of a substantial nature following on from concepts covered this year. I wanted the community to be aware of our plans in advance so students can be prepared when they return after the holidays. I am anticipating parents will again understand the need to structure our school in this manner for the first few weeks. Our aim is to ensure we get it right and once classes are established they will remain the same for the entire school year. This process has proved successful at the beginning of the last five school years and ensured once classes were formed they remained the same.

2015 Presentation Day Assemblies - Our formal presentation day assemblies will occur in Week 10. These are an opportunity to recognise students for their hard work, commitment and dedication to learning throughout 2015. The assemblies are as follows:

Wednesday 9 December - Year 5 and 6 assembly starts at 9am
Year 1 and 2 assembly starts at 11.45am
Thursday 10 December - Year 3 and 4 assembly starts at 9am
Kindergarten assembly starts at 11.45am
Friday 11 December - Sports Assembly 9am
Wednesday 16 December - Year 6 Graduation Assembly.

Please be aware that these assemblies are formal occasions.

Toddlers and young children need to remain seated and quiet and the expectation is that all mobile phones will be switched off at the start of the assembly. We are looking forward to seeing lots of parents and family members at our presentation day assemblies.

Parliament Elections - Good luck to our parliament candidates as they prepare for the staff and students to vote this week. I congratulate all nominees on their efforts over the last few weeks during their election campaigns.

Library News - Parent Borrowing - Please return all books to the library by this Friday, 27 November. Thank you. Ms Halabe.

Reading Club - Reading club will end on Thursday, 26 November. Please return all reading club sheets to your teachers no later than Friday, 27 November. Thank you to all those parents who encourage their child to read every day.

Book Club - Book club forms have been handed out to 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 27 November. Orders take up to 2 weeks from the closing date to be returned to students.
**Parks Area Debaters** - Last week I had the great privilege of watching our school debating team convincingly win the debate final. The team went through the entire competition undefeated. Congratulations to the Governor Philip King debating team, but also, thank you and congratulations must go to the debating coaches Mr. Samuel and Miss Foat for the many hours of hard work and dedication in working with and preparing the team for each debate.

**Parent Helper Morning Tea** - Invitations were sent out a few weeks ago to parents who have assisted the school/classes during 2015. If for some reason you have not received your invitation but have assisted in class or at school, please see Mrs. Power before this Friday 27th November as you are most welcome to attend. The morning tea is in the hall on Monday 30th November at 11am. If you have received your invitation but have not replied yet, can you please do so by Friday 27th November at the latest so that catering can be organised.

**Walkathon** - Last Thursday we had the school walkathon. The students had an enjoyable time walking our school track and were entertained around the track by bubbles, music and water sprays. The P and C provided a cold drink at the end of the walk. Fortunately the walk was completed early and avoided the heat of the day. Many thanks to all the students and parents who sponsored the walkathon. The final money collection, highest money winners and tickets for the draw have been finalised and we hope to have the draw take place tomorrow. All winners will be notified and published in next week’s newsletter. We greatly appreciate the parents and students who support our school as the money raised goes directly back to support the education of all the students at our school.

**Parent Surveys** - Every family will receive a parent survey along with this week’s newsletter. We understand that you are very busy. However, your thoughts and feelings are of value to our school so please take the time to complete the parent survey. Your feedback will allow us to report on parent satisfaction in the areas of learning, teaching and leading for our 2015 Annual School Report. Also, your feedback helps us to determine future directions for the students, staff and community of Governor Philip King Public School. Please return the parent survey to the front office by Friday, 4 December 2015. Thank you. Mrs. Heidi Hosking, Assistant Principal.

**Values Education** - The value for Week 8 is Caring. Caring is a feeling of reverence and an attitude of care and regard towards someone or something. It acknowledges the unique dignity in everyone. We are practicing caring when we treat everyone the way we would like to be treated. Caring for property is an attitude of responsibility towards our own and other’s property. Being caring includes self-respect.

Please help your children develop a caring attitude towards others by practicing the same. Mrs S Kumar, Student Engagement.

**Safe, Respectful Learner Program** - The focus for Week 8 is ‘Be a Learner – Be a problem solver’.

When we are young, we rely on our parents, family and teachers to look after us and to solve any problems that we may encounter. However, as we grow older, we must learn to find answers and solutions for the many problems or questions that we might be faced with. Help your child/children to become a problem solver by encouraging them to take on small responsibilities at home and by giving them simple things to problems to solve at home. Anna Dolz, Student Engagement Team.
Upcoming Events -

**Week 9**
- 30 November - Parent Helper Morning Tea - 11am in the hall.
- 4 December - P&C Annual General Meeting - 9am in the Staffroom.

**Week 10**
- 7 December - Reports will be sent home.
- 9 December - Years 5/6 Presentation Assembly - 9am in the hall.
  - Years 1/2 Presentation Assembly - 11:45am in the hall.
- 10 December - Years 3/4 Presentation Assembly - 9am in the hall.
  - Kindergarten Presentation Assembly - 11:45am in the hall.
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Have a great week!

Jason Corcoran
Principal

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**Advertisements**

**FAIRFIELD CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE**

Governor Philip King and all other schools in the area have been asked to collect groceries and gifts to support the Fairfield Uniting Church Diner, which feeds more than 300 people of all ages and backgrounds each week.

*After our AMAZING efforts over the past years, with a donation of 23+ trolleys, the Departments of Social Justice and Environment in our School Parliament have taken up the challenge.*

We are asking all families to donate an item, to help support the needy people with the Fairfield area this Christmas and in 2016.

Deliver your groceries and gifts to the box provided to your classroom before **Tuesday 1 December**.

Please bring in at least one item each, to help feed hungry people in our community.

**ITEMS NEEDED**

- **TINS**
  - vegetables
  - spaghetti
  - tuna
  - ham
  - baked beans
  - soups
  - fruits
  - cereals
  - soap
  - sauces
  - flour
  - jelly
- **noodles**
- **juices**
- **all types of pasta**
- **long life milk**
- **tea**
- **coffee (jars)**
- **cordials**
- **biscuits**
- **lollies**
- **fruit cakes**
- **chocolates**
- **rice**
- **sugar**
- **pasta sauces**
- **cake mixes**
- **toys for children-babies to 10 years-boys and girls**
- **small gifts are also welcome**

**NO PERISHABLE FOODS PLEASE**

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