Welcome Back - The start of a new school year is always an exciting time for parents and students. There were many happy parents last week as students returned after the Christmas holiday break. To the new families who have started here at Governor Philip King we say welcome and we look forward to developing strong relationships. To our returning families it is great to see you back. I am looking forward to talking with many of our students and hearing about the interesting things they did throughout their holidays. This year is already shaping up to be quite busy with lots of things planned for our students and new initiatives being looked at across the school. We are looking forward to another successful and productive year.

2015 Class Structures - The formation and structure of classes is always based on student numbers. Students will remain in their 2014 classes this week, with the aim of forming new classes by Friday. As I stated in the newsletter at the end of last year, the reason we are holding off on class formation is that we want to ensure we get the structure and composition of the classes accurate. We are trying to avoid establishing classes and then needing to restructure the school if we don’t have our anticipated number of enrolments. 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. Throughout the process of developing classes we have taken into account parental requests and input which were provided last year. We expect that this will cause minimal disruption to class structures and will mean there will be no need to move students once classes are formed. Last week and for the remainder of this week students are involved in mini units of work developed by our teachers.

School Uniform - I am asking our community to work with us to improve the standard of uniform across our school. All students are expected to wear full school uniform to school each day, this includes the wearing of school shoes and a school hat. I would love to see an increase in students wearing full school uniform, however, I can only do this with the full support and backing of our community. Parents are being requested to stand strong and ensure students leave each morning in the correct uniform and not bow to student pressure about expensive runners or wearing colourful attire that does not meet our uniform policy (see attached).

PSSA Trials - Students will continue trials for Summer PSSA teams throughout this week. Those students who are successful in gaining a place in one of the teams will bring home permission and code of conduct notes shortly. Please be aware that there is a financial commitment to these teams and students will be expected to pay the full cost up front in order to be able to participate.

Student and Family Information - We request that parents inform the front office of any changes to contact details which may have occurred over the holiday period. This includes home and mobile numbers. If there have been any changes with family situations including custody arrangements we request that you notify the school as soon as possible.

Anaphylaxis - 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.
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.

The school uniform policy states the following points in particular:

- Sports shoes which are not black can only be worn at sport times.
- Jewellery is not part of school uniform. Earrings should be studs or small sleepers. Watches are acceptable jewellery.
- As part of the ‘sun safe’ policy the school also has a ‘no hat no play’ rule. School purchased hats must be worn. This avoids a variety of colours and logos.

We are asking for parental support in upholding the uniform expectations of the school. Do not let your child convince you that alternative uniform items are acceptable. Please see below the full uniform requirements and expectations. If you are unsure or have any questions about our school uniform please contact the school office.

School Colours  | Blue and Gold
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Uniform

**Girls**

**Summer**  | Blue/white/gold check dress, white socks, suitable black footwear.

**Winter**  | Royal blue tracksuit with emblem on sloppy joe, long/short sleeve gold polo shirt underneath or
A-line school tunic, long sleeve gold polo shirt, blue tights/stockings or white socks. (The tunic does not take the place of the tracksuit but may be worn by students as an alternative).

**Boys**

**Summer**  | Grey shorts, blue polo shirt, grey socks, suitable black shoes.

**Winter**  | Grey slacks/shorts or royal blue tracksuit with emblem on sloppy joe, long/short sleeve gold polo shirt or blue polo shirt underneath. Zip front jackets with emblem on side front for both boys and girls.

**Sports  Infants and Primary**

**Girls**  | Royal blue unisex shorts, gold polo shirt, white socks and suitable sports footwear.

**Boys**  | Royal blue unisex shorts, gold polo shirt, white socks, suitable sports footwear.

Uniforms Available from School

Sloppy joes with school emblem, track pants, zip front jackets with school emblem, sports socks, polo shirts, short (gold and blue) and long sleeved (gold), sports shorts, hats (boys and girls), metal badges, girls’ summer uniforms, checked tunics for Winter.

Boys grey shorts are readily available at any major department store.

Hats

The wearing of school hats in the playground and during all outdoor activities is compulsory. Children not wearing a school hat will be restricted to shaded areas only.

Bossley Park High School Gifted and Talented Program - Information, including application forms and important dates regarding the Bossley Park High School Gifted and Talented Program for students commencing high school in 2016 can be found at the following: [http://bossleyparkhigh.pagevine.com/#/gifted-and-talented/4548491153](http://bossleyparkhigh.pagevine.com/#/gifted-and-talented/4548491153)

There is an information night to be held at Bossley Park HS regarding the Gifted and Talented programs on Wednesday 18 February 2015 at BPHS at 6pm in the MPC.

If you have any specific questions regarding these programs parents need to contact Bossley Park HS.

High School Information Session for Year 5 and 6 Parents

There will be an information session for parents of Year 5 and 6 students regarding applying for a high school on 17th February 2015 commencing at 4:00pm at GPKPS. More information regarding this session will be sent home early in Week 3. It would be very beneficial if at least one parent from each family could attend this important information session.
P&C News - Next Monday 9th February at 9.00am will be the first Meeting of the P&C for 2015. This meeting will also be a special meeting for the election of a new President.

It is important that somebody comes forward to take the position or the P&C may be forced to close. Please think about the good that can be done for your children and put your hand up.

If you are interested in discussing the position before the meeting please call me 0428 475 252.

If you have a P&C enquiry please contact the P&C through the office or by email on gpks.pc@gmail.com. Former P&C President. Mark Cavanaugh.

2015 Sport House Captains - Congratulations to the following students on being elected Sport House Captains for 2015.

**SCARBOROUGH**
Vice Captains: Baylee Brugadac, Noah Bilotta
Captains: Paula Mallowi, James Shemoon

**SIRIUS**
Vice Captains: Eran Moffat, Logan Sharpe
Captains: Patricia Moser, AJ Iese

**ALEXANDER**
Vice Captains: Linda Hoang, Jacob Chandra
Captains: Zeyneb Yilmaz, Yousif Lalo

**SUPPLY**
Vice Captains: Ajla Krak, Timothy Davidoff
Captains: Luisa Siracusa, Xaviour Saveski

Have a great week!
Jason Corcoran
Principal

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**SCC Netball**
is looking for new and experienced players. Our club is focused on fitness, family and fun

Ages 5yrs – Seniors welcome.

Come along to one of the following registration days

- **Saturday, 7th February 2015**
  Endeavour Sports Reserve
  Maud Street, Fairfield West: 10.00am – 12.00pm

- **Monday, 9th February, 2015**
  St. Gertrude’s Primary School
  11 Justin Street Smithfield: 3.10pm – 5.00pm

Please bring a photocopy of your Birth Certificate to register, along with full payment to qualify for the Early Bird Discounts.

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