From the Principal...

**Easter Raffle** - Thank you to the families who have donated eggs and chocolate for the Easter Raffle. We are still looking for all of our families to make a contribution to ensure we have many prizes on offer. Easter Raffle donations can be delivered to the front office or to classroom teachers. Yesterday all students received their book of raffle tickets to sell to family and friends. Once sold, the tickets and money will need to be returned to the front office in a labelled envelope. All raffle tickets sold and unsold will need to be returned to school by Monday 30 March 2015. We will keep a record of all money returned. The child who sells the most raffle tickets will receive a 'delicious prize'. Additional raffle tickets can be requested through the front office. Tickets will be $1 each or 3 tickets for $2. Each raffle book will contain 15 tickets. The raffle will be drawn at the K-2 Easter Hat Parade on Wednesday 1 April 2015.

**Reminder** - A reminder that the next P&C meeting will take place on Friday 20 March. **COME ALONG TO HEAR** our Get Reading Right consultant Jo Dooner addressing parents about reading, reading levels and lifting the expectations for students. This will provide you with valuable information to assist and benefit your child as well as an opportunity to ask questions about the reading process and development of your child.

**Collection of Students** - We have an increasing number of students who are being collected late of an afternoon. Parents are reminded that school finishes at 3.00pm and it is expected students are collected promptly. We understand that on occasion parents may be late due to unforeseen circumstances. A phone call is always appreciated in these situations. If parents are not able to collect students or organise collection of students at 3.00pm the after school care facility located next to the school may be an option worth investigating.

**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 2015, 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 as well as the maintenance of our interactive whiteboards. A huge thank you to the families who have made additional anonymous donations, it is greatly appreciated!!

**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.

**Mathematics** - If you've forgotten 3/5 of primary school maths and 7/8 of high school maths, what's left? Ah ha! Kids need help learning how to add fractions too. The only thing left is to print these fact sheets. Find our more: [https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/eppcontent/glossary/app/resource/factsheet/4013.pdf](https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/eppcontent/glossary/app/resource/factsheet/4013.pdf)

**Reminder** - Permission notes and emergency contact update forms - Please complete all information and sign where indicated on forms. Permission notes and money must be returned together in an envelope to the office. Thank you.

**Grandparents' Day** - Grandparents' Day is on Thursday 19 March this year. Grandparents are invited to attend their grandchild's classroom from 10-11am.

**School Disco** - Stage 3 would like to thank all the families that supported the school disco last Tuesday. We had a terrific number of students attend the disco. Thank you. Stage 3 students and teachers.
Year 6 Cake Stall - Year 6 will be holding a cake stall this Thursday at recess. Cakes will be priced at 20c, 50c and $1.00. It would be appreciated if you could bring your small change in coins, as we will not be able to change notes. Remember to buy your cakes this Thursday at recess, near the canteen, under the pavilion and in the front playground.

Working With children Check - Declaration for Volunteers and Contractors - New regulations by the Department of Education & Communities now apply to all parents/carers who assist with students during any school activities. If you have not already completed the Declaration for Volunteers and Contractors form, please collect a form from the front office.

Amazing Art - Autumn's the perfect season to take a trip to a gallery. The popular ArtExpress exhibition connects us to the inner lives and self-expression of high school students. Amazing works are on show throughout NSW. Check out the calendar. Find out more: http://artexpress.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/

Bookclub - Bookclub 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, bookclub and amount of money included. Drop your envelope in the money slot located in the office. These are due back NO later tomorrow, 18 March. Orders take up to 2 weeks from the closing date to be returned to students.

Values Education - The value for Week 8 is Friendship. Friendship is a positive and loving relationship based on loyalty, love, respect and trust. Friendship between two or more individuals is having similar interests, mutual respect and strong attachment with each other. It is a dynamic, mutual relationship and is for companionship and socializing with them. It is important for family and friends to have friendships. Please encourage your child/children to develop new friendships. Mrs S. Kumar, Student Engagement.

PSSA Round 4 - Cancelled
This week all sports will play at Endeavour Reserve.

Harmony Day 2015 - Everyone Belongs

In 2015 we celebrate 15 amazing years of Harmony Day...and it’s all because of you. Wednesday, 18th of March, 2015. Term 1, Week 8.

Harmony Day is a celebration of Australia’s cultural diversity. In 2015 the Harmony Day theme is ‘Everyone Belongs.’ This year is our 15th anniversary. We want to take this opportunity to thank all of the communities and people who have made the day what it is, and look to our shared future. It recognises the important role and positive influence that cultural diversity has in our multicultural nation.

Harmony Day is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. By participating in Harmony Day activities, we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and make it a better place.

GPKPS will be making a special effort to recognise Harmony Day on Wednesday, 18th of March, 2015. As the official Harmony Day colour is orange, students are encouraged to wear something orange on this day to show their support for the idea of living in harmony. This will be a mufti day for all students, but no money is required.

ESL&CL Teachers

Have a great week!
Jason Corcoran
Principal