From the Principal...

Mothers’ Day Assembly - Our Mothers’ Day assembly last Friday 8 May was a huge success. We were very excited to see so many mums and visitors attend so many we ran out of chairs! Our students showcased their talents with Kindergarten dancing to L.O.V.E, Year 1 presenting a poem titled “A Tribute to our mums”, Year 2 singing “A Mothers’ Love” and all students singing “Skinnamarink”. Our students showed off their language skills with “Mum I love you- Happy Mothers’ Day” in our 5 community languages and then in English. The assembly was followed with a visit to the classrooms for a surprise - the students had made a portrait of their mums. We hope all mums had a great day on Sunday. Thank you to all those who were able to attend the assembly. Thank you to the students and teachers for their efforts in preparing for the special event.

Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival - Finally we were able to hold our carnival yesterday. Although it was a windy day, the sunshine was very welcome. The grounds were dry and proved to be a great new venue for our carnival. Students had a fabulous day and many smiling faces were seen at all events, even if they were not a winner. Congratulations to all students for their excellent behaviour, sportsmanship and house spirit. Many thanks to the parents who braved the wind to watch their children compete in the variety of events. A special thank you to the parents who provided the sausage sizzle and assisted with the running of events. Also, a huge thanks to all staff involved in the organisation of the carnival, but especially to Ms Stojanoska and Miss Fitton for their brilliant efforts in the overall organisation and ensuring the carnival ran smoothly.

Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival - Congratulations to all of the students who attended the Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival. The behaviour, team spirit and sportsmanship displayed was outstanding. The carnival was a huge success because every student gave it their all.

We would like to thank:

- all the teachers, office staff and Mr G.
- P&C for cooking the delicious sausages.
- our parent helpers - Mr Brugudac & Mrs Filippin for stepping in at the last minute.

Congratulations
SIRIUS 488
The winner of GPK’s 2015 3-6 Athletics Carnival
2nd - Supply 353
3rd - Alexander 301
4th - Scarborough 293.

Miss Fitton & Mrs Stojanoska

URGENT Allambie Road Staff Carpark Driveway - It is very important that parents do not use the Allambie Road Staff Car Park Driveway for any purpose at all. Parents who continue to use this driveway are putting all students’ safety at severe risk. A number of concerned parents have approached the school about people dropping children off in the entrance and then reversing out when children are entering the school. Last week a parent reversing from this driveway almost hit a child. Parking and walking an extra 100 metres is preferable to causing serious injury to a child.

PLEASE CONSIDER THE SAFETY OF OUR STUDENTS AT ALL TIMES

Reminder: Year 1 Excursion to Sydney Aquarium/Wildlife Sydney Zoo, Darling Harbour is on this Friday. Students are to be at school by 8:00am as buses will depart at 8:15am.
P&C News - Thank you to the parents who assisted at the Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival sausage sizzle. Your help was greatly appreciated. Ferah Yilmaz, P&C President.

Mufti Day - The P&C are organising a Mufti Day next Wednesday 20 May. Note this is not tomorrow but Wednesday next week—Week 5. This will be a combined mufti and crazy hat day. Students can come to school dressed in mufti and/or wear a crazy hat. Remember to wear suitable clothing and closed footwear. If you do not wear a crazy hat you need to wear your school hat when in the playground. A gold coin donation will be collected in the morning.

NAPLAN - The National Assessment Program—Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an annual event since 2008.

Today, Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 May, students in Years 3 and 5 will take the 2015 NAPLAN tests. NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test but rather shows how students are progressing in literacy and numeracy against national standards for all Australian children. It also provides valuable information that allows schools and governments to better target support to help all students achieve their potential and acquire the basic skills to help them build successful and happy lives.

All students are expected to participate in the tests. Some students with very specific circumstances may be exempted from participating in the tests.

NAPLAN tests fundamental skills rather than specific content, and as such is not a test for which students can study. The best way to help your child prepare for these tests is simply to encourage them to do their best on the day.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year when we receive them from the test centre. Parents can use the results of these tests to monitor their child’s progress and to identify any areas of concern. They may also wish to discuss their child’s results with teachers.

Values Education - The value for Week 4 is Doing Your Best/Excellence. Doing your best means putting in your best effort in anything you do. Excellence is when we have the capacity to achieve goals, delay gratification and act according to a set of priorities. It is an exercise of internal control over one’s actions. It is creating good constraints for us. When we use the strength of our mind we say we have will power or self-will. It leads to self-improvement and self-regulation. Doing your best does not always lead to excellence but gives you satisfaction that you did your best.

Please discuss the importance of your child/children doing their best at all times and possibly reaching excellence. Mrs S Kumar, Student Engagement.

Safe, Respectful Learner Program - The focus rule for Weeks four and five is ‘Be Safe, Choose healthy food’.

Please discuss this with your children and ensure they have healthy food to bring to school each day. Ms Dolz, Student Engagement Team.

Opportunity Classes for Year 5 in 2016 - Applications have now opened if you would like your child to apply for the Year 5 Opportunity Class in 2016.

As stated in the note sent home last week, these classes are not located at Governor Philip King Public School. Applications opened on Monday 27 April and close on Friday 15 May 2015. They will not accept late applications.

All applications must be made online. You can go online now and apply for these classes. You will need an email address, access to the internet and a printer. Detailed instructions can be found at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplactment. Please let Miss Thomas know if you do so, so she can follow up the application and submit further information on behalf of the school.

Students must sit a test on Wednesday 22 July 2015 and parents are responsible for arranging transport to and from the venue.

If you prefer to read the information from paper rather than the internet, we have a small allocation of information booklets. These can be obtained from the front office. However, remember that this is not an application form and applications are only accepted online. See Miss Thomas if you have any questions or require any further information.

Hearing Clinic of Fairfield Health Service - The Hearing Clinic at Cabramatta Community Health Centre has now been relocated to Fairfield Community Health Centre, 53-56 Mitchell Street, Carramar, 2163. Telephone: 0794 1700. To make a booking for the hearing clinic please ring 9794 1700.
Girls’ Winter Pinafore - We are now taking pre-paid orders for the girls’ pinafore. Orders for these must be tried on before ordering. There are no refunds or exchange.

Have a great week!

Judy Power
Relieving Principal

WE’RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY 22 MAY 2015

Well it’s that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking! Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn’t realistic for many of us, it’s quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family’s daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Each student will receive a stencil to enter our GPK Walk Safely to School Day colouring in competition. Hand your completed stencil to a parliamentarian at one of the school entrances on Friday. Remember to include your name and class on your stencil.

A 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize will be won in both infants (K-2) and Primary (3-6).

1st Prize – NED Yo-yo
2nd Prize – Primary (Years 3-6) Stationery
3rd Prize – Primary (Years 3-6) Handball

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so plan your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 22 May 2015!

STEWART HOUSE DONATION

Remember to help with the STEWART HOUSE DONATION Drive – Donate a $2 coin and you have the chance to win a $4000 family holiday to a destination of your choice.

Fill in your details and return the ENVELOPE to the front office by Friday 15th May 2015, to enter the draw. Thank you for your support.

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