From the Principal…

Leave - After taking 2 weeks long service leave, it was great to return to Governor last week, however, the weather left a lot to be desired after being spoilt with tropical weather averaging 28 degrees each day. Thank you to Mrs Power for relieving as Principal and Mr Hamilton relieving as Deputy Principal in my absence. I returned and had the opportunity to be part of the Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival. I was highly impressed with the level of preparation and organisation by Miss Fitton and Miss Stojanowska. At the start of next week (Monday 25 May) Mrs Power will commence long service leave. In her absence Mrs Hosking and Miss Usher will share the role of Deputy Principal.

Sick Bay - As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. We already have a number of staff who have been absent as they are sick with colds and flu, as well as a constant stream of students arriving at school unwell. Recently we have had a number of students present at sick bay in the morning with various illnesses. There is nothing worse for a child than having to come to sick bay because they have arrived at school unwell. Please ensure that if your child is sick they are kept at home to avoid spreading illnesses to other students and school staff. It is expected that if you are contacted to collect your child from school due to illness that either a parent, family member, neighbour or friend comes to collect the student as soon as possible.

Anaphylaxis – As mentioned previously in the school newsletter, 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.

Contribution Fees - It would be appreciated if families could attempt to finalise 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. Any family experiencing financial difficulty can come and speak to Mrs Wignell, Mrs Power, or myself. We have limited student assistance money that can be used to support families or individual students. Please don’t hesitate to contact the school for support. Thank you to the large number of families who have already paid their contribution fees, this enables us to plan and order the additional resources utilised in our classrooms and across the school.

School Car Park – Parents are reminded that the staff car park is not an area to drop off students in the morning or collect students in the afternoon. Our car park has limited space considering the large number of staff we have here at Governor Philip King. We are requesting that parents do not drive into the school in the morning or the afternoon. The safety of our students is our number one priority. Parents driving in and out of the car park pose a significant risk to both students and parents using the pedestrian access.

Food Allergy Week 17-23 May - Did you know that 1 in 10 babies born in Australia will develop a food allergy? The Food Allergy Week website has lots of great information, ideas and resources to help you be more allergy aware. Find out more: http://www.foodallergyaware.com.au

Is your child making friends at school? - Kids who get on at school tend to be more engaged in learning. Here are some ideas on how to help your child with social skills: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-friendships-boost-your-childs-learning

Mastering Spelling - Are you checking your child’s weekly spelling homework? Try talking to your child about how you spell, and what you do when you don’t know how to spell a word. Here’s some advice about how to help your child master spelling. Find out more: www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/getting-your-child-used-to-writing

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Mufti Day - The P&C are organising a Mufti Day tomorrow Wednesday 20 May. 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.

Values Education - The value for 5 and 6 is Happiness. Happiness is a joyous sense of spontaneity, lightness and fun about life’s events and situations. It is a feeling of gladness. It is inherent in all of us. It radiates out when we feel loved and supported. Happiness can be attained by seeing the positive side of things i.e being optimistic rather than pessimistic.

Please discuss how Happiness makes us feel good and encourage your child/children to be happy at home and school. Mrs S Kumar, Student Engagement.

Safe, Respectful Learner Program - The focus rule for Week 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.

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.

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!

School Zone Offences - Police are urging parents and motorist to slowdown in school zones. Schools zones are areas around schools where, at certain times motorist need to reduce their speed to 40km/hour from 8.00am to 9.30am, 2.30pm to 4.00pm. Speed limits, pick up, and drop off, parking rules exist to keep children, parents and care givers safe. These rules also apply to prevent traffic jams around schools. Fairfield Crime Prevention officer Senior Constable Ece Hasan offers some safety tips for parents and motorists as police will be monitoring school zone offences very closely. Parents and motorists need to comply with these traffic rules or traffic infringement notices may be issued for non compliance.

Traffic infringements
No Stopping maximum penalty $415 + 2 demerit points
No Parking $173 + 2 demerit points
Bus zone $311 + 2 demerit points
Double Parking $311 + 2 demerit points
STOP on or near children’s or pedestrian crossing (within 20m on approaching & 10m on departure side of crossing $415 + 2 demerit points
STOP on path/strip in built up area $173 + 2 demerit points
(Fines are subject to change without notice)

Let your children off on specified drop off /pick up zones, or on the side of the road never stop in the middle of the road to let down children.
Never let your children cross the road on their own, always meet your children at the schools entrance
Never call out to your child from the other side or the road as the child may run across the road without looking for cars
Always walk your child across the road and ensure you use the pedestrian crossing
Try to leave home early to avoid arriving at peak hour where traffic is heavy
Park a safe distance from all crossings to enable pedestrians to see on coming vehicles
Do not double park as this can create traffic jams, and accidents
Always obey the directions of all signs.

PSSA Sport - There is no PSSA sport this week due to the Horsley Zone Cross Country Carnival.

Have a great week!

Jason Corcoran
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!