From the Principal...

**Semester One Reports** - Staff are currently busy compiling assessment data and gathering information about your child’s academic learning and writing Semester One reports. Each student’s progress is assessed against syllabus outcomes and objectives. Reports take teachers many hours to complete and provide a picture of student progress for the first half of the year. In Week 10 of this term parents will have the opportunity to attend parent/teacher interviews to further discuss student progress and areas requiring additional attention. Further information about parent/teacher interviews was sent home yesterday. I encourage all parents K-6 to make the time to come along and discuss your child’s progress, achievements and future directions.

**Reporting Student Achievement** - Our school report reflects student achievement on a scale from Outstanding to Limited. Overall, sound represents what is expected of students in a particular grade. So what do each of the achievement levels mean?

- **Outstanding** - The student has an extensive knowledge and understanding of the content and can readily apply their knowledge. In addition, the student has achieved a very high level of competence in the processes and skills and can apply these skills to new situations.

- **High** - The student has a thorough knowledge and understanding of the content and a high level of competence in the processes and skills. In addition, the student is able to apply this knowledge and these skills to most situations.

- **Sound** - The student has a sound knowledge and understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills.

- **Basic** - The student has a basic knowledge and understanding of the content and has achieved a limited level of competence in the processes and skills.

- **Limited** - The student has an elementary knowledge and understanding of content and has achieved limited competence in some of the processes and skills.

**Save the Date - Thursday 25 June** - Our amazing consultant Jo Dooner will be again presenting an information session for our parents/interested community members. Jo presented to parents last term on how to assist children with reading. This session was highly valued by those parents who attended, and provided some valuable assistance and information for parents. The feedback was outstanding. We are pleased to be able to offer these information sessions, and hope our parents and community take advantage of this opportunity. The session will commence at 9.00am in the school library.

**P&C Meeting** - The P&C meeting has been moved to Friday 12 June. The meeting will take place in the staffroom commencing at 9.00am. All interested parents are invited to attend.

**Active Challenge** - Reminder: If you would like to participate in after school Active Challenge this year, please bring your note to Miss Taylor or Mrs Kumar by this Thursday, 4 June. We will finalise the groups this Friday and let you know what day to attend.

**Mini-Fete 2015** - This year the mini-fete will be conducted in Term 3, Wednesday 2 September 2015. At this stage we are seeking assistance from parents and community members who may have contacts to help Years 5 and 6 with sourcing prizes and other materials that may be useful. Your help in this area will be greatly appreciated by the students. Even if you don’t have a child in Years 5 and 6 this year, you will one day. So if you have any contacts and can assist Stage 3 please contact your child’s teacher. Mr Hamilton or Mr Corcoran. Thank you.
Recently 3 students from GPKPS were selected to play for Horsley PSSA U11s Rugby League Team. They competed at the Sydney South West Area PSSA Championships. The boys did a great job. Horsley Zone made it through to the grand-final. Unfortunately this game couldn’t be completed due to an injury. They were declared joint-premiers. Well done boys.

Simati Tuitino played in the Opens’ Side and was selected in the Sydney South West team to participate in the State Championships at Cronulla in Week 9, Term 2. Good luck Simati.

School Contributions - We have extended the date for families to finalise their school contribution fees of $60. The incentive draw will now take place on Monday 22 June. Unfortunately we currently have 30% of our students who have not made any payment. It is important that our community understands and supports the initiatives and additional programs and opportunities students at our school are provided with. Many of these opportunities are not available in other schools. I would like to remind parents how the school contribution money is used across the school:

- The voluntary component of this money is used to maintain and replace the air conditioning which is installed across the school. Without this contribution we are unable to continue running and maintaining the aging system.
- The technology component enables us to provide new computers, update software, run and replace interactive whiteboards, purchase projector globes, purchase new ipads and laptops and ensure our students have access to current technologies.
- The resource and paper levy allows us to provide students with new resources to use in the classroom across a variety of key learning areas. The levy also provides for paper for photocopying and printing of classroom resources and student work.

Values Education - The value for Weeks 7 and 8 is Sharing. Sharing is an act of allowing others to use something which belongs to us or giving a portion of our possession to others out of love and kindness. It is being generous with others who may not have the same good fortune. Sharing can also mean participating in an activity. It is giving love, help and service. Mrs S Kumar, Student Engagement.

Safe, Respectful Learner Program - The focus rule for Week Seven is ‘Be Safe, Share the playground’.

We need to learn to share the space, include others and choose safe games to play with our friends. Please discuss this with your children. 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!

PSSA Sport - Round 5 - This week Football play against Harrington Street at Brenan Park (bottom), Netball play against Canley Heights and Years 3 & 4 Rugby League play against Prairievale at Endeavour Reserve. Years 5 & 6 Rugby League have a bye. Basketball will play against William Stimson at William Stimson.

Have a great week!

Jason Corcoran
Principal