From the Principal...

**Term 3** - Welcome back to all of our students after the two week break. We hope our students had the opportunity to rest, relax and recharge the batteries ready for another busy school term. This term there are many exciting and wonderful events that will take place. Some of these events include Education Week, Book Fair, Book Week, Multicultural Day and the Mini Fete. Keep an eye out for additional information in the newsletter, on the electronic sign, on the school website and through the new Skoolbag app.

**Staff Development Day** - Yesterday our staff were involved in professional learning which focused on the new curriculum and reviewing units of work that are used and implemented across the school. The staff were also involved in work around the targets we have set for our school plan. It was a very worthwhile and productive day for all involved staff.

**School Photos** - All school photos went home at the end of last term. Once again our photography company has done a great job with our class, individual and family photos.

**Parent/Teacher Interviews** - Thank you to the many parents who took the time last term to come along and meet with class teachers regarding your children’s achievements and progress. Interviews provide the opportunity to celebrate the successes your child has had in their learning while identifying areas for further development and focus.

**School Uniform** - Here are some good reasons for wearing a school uniform:

1. It saves arguments between parents and children about what is to be worn to school.
2. It stops children pestering their parents to buy expensive clothes just to keep in fashion.
3. Students are easily identifiable, especially on excursions. This helps us not to lose any!
4. Uniforms create a sense of school pride and identity, especially at sporting events or music festivals.
5. It is cheaper. Good clothes are kept for special events whereas it doesn’t matter if paint or glue is spilt on a uniform. Just throw it in the wash and wear it again!

I wonder if you can think of any more!

**Book Fair News** - Scholastic Book fair will be arriving at our school this week. Students will be given the opportunity to view the books and write out their wish lists towards the end of next week. The Book fair will be running in Week 3 -from Monday 27th July till Monday 3rd August.

Every year this event brings families and students together to promote reading, books and lifelong learning. Books encourage children to be excited about reading and learning. Proceeds from the fair will help generate funds for library resources. Looking forward to seeing you at our Book Fair. Ms. Halabe.

**Home Parent Borrowing** - Parents please note, due to the Book Fair, Parent Borrowing will cease on Friday 17th July and resume on Friday 7th August. Thank you for your understanding. Ms. Halabe.

**Active Challenge** - Active Challenge for this term will commence on the following dates:

- **Year 1** - Monday 27 July
- **Years 2,3 and 6** - Tuesday 28 July
- **Years 4 & 5** - Thursday 30 July.
Stage 3 Mini Fete - White Elephant Stall - We are asking for donations of unwanted items that could be used for the White Elephant Stall. Please send them to 5SM. Thank you. Ms McMahon.

Values Education - The whole school approach to values education is continuing in Term 3. We hope you have been engaging in meaningful discussions with your child/children about the values covered in Term 2. We encourage you to continue having discussions about the following values which will be covered in Term 3:

Weeks 1 & 2 - Assertiveness
Weeks 3 & 4 - Perseverance/Determination
Weeks 5 & 6 - Patience
Weeks 7 & 8 - Generosity/ Giving/ Helpfulness
Weeks 9 & 10 - Empathy

Assertiveness is the direct and honest communication of your opinions, feelings, needs, and rights in a way that does not violate the personal rights of others. It involves standing up for things you strongly believe in, while acknowledging the rights of others, and working towards a win-win solution. Assertiveness improves our communication skills, self-esteem, and decision-making ability. Being assertive in difficult situations reduces anxiety so we are in control. As you will agree, children need to be assertive in many situations at home, in the classroom and the playground. Teaching them to be assertive will allow them to overcome feelings of shyness, anger, frustration and anxiety. It will help them to become self-confident. Please ask your children what they have learnt about assertiveness in their classes. Mrs S Kumar, Student Engagement.

Safe, Respectful Learner Program
The focus for weeks one and two is 'Be Respectful, Say please and thank you.'

We are showing good manners and politeness if we say please whenever we are asking for anything, or if we say thank you when we are given items, help or encouragement. Please discuss the importance of good manners with your children. Ms Dolz, Student Engagement Team.

GPK Public Speaking Competitions - This term all students will be involved in class Public Speaking Competitions.

Each student will be required to prepare and present a speech to their class. Students will be preparing these speeches both at school and at home.

Please help your child to choose an interesting topic that is appropriate for their audience and practise their delivery of the speech. All students must be able to deliver their speech without reading it. They need to memorise sections and use palm cards to prompt them.

Maximum time of Speeches:  
Kinder - 1 minute  
Years 1 + 2 - 2 minutes  
Years 3 + 4 - 3 minutes  
Years 5 + 6 - 4 minutes

Winners of class competitions will then present their speeches at stage assemblies.

School Disco - Guess what? The school disco is coming up next week! All GPK students will be allowed to wear pyjamas, onesies or if necessary mufti, with enclosed shoes.

Tuesday 21st July 2015.

K-2: 4pm-5:30pm  
3-6: 6pm-8pm

The cost will be $6 including a drink and a packet of chips. The money raised will help support Yakobo, our World Vision sponsor child from Tanzania. Parents are asked to drop their children at the hall a few minutes before the disco starts and to pick up their children at the conclusion of their disco. Hope to see you there!

PSSA Sport - This week Football play against Cecil Hills at Brenan Park (Top), Netball will play against Canley Heights and Rugby League will play at Endeavour Reserve. Basketball will play against Bossley Park at GPK.

Have a great week!

Jason Corcoran
Principal
This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards).

Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it’s complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school.

At the end of the promotion, we’ll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you’d like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn
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