From the Principal…

**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 value for Week 2 is Assertiveness. 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.

**School Disco** - Guess what? The school disco is on **this afternoon**. All GPK students will be allowed to wear pyjamas, onesies or if necessary mufti, with enclosed shoes.

- **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 Canley Heights at Brenan Park (Bottom), Netball will play against St Johns Park and Years 5 & 6 Rugby League will play against Fairfield West at Endeavour Reserve. Basketball to be advised.

**Safe, Respectful Learner Program**

The focus for Week 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.
Library News

Library Book Fair is open for everyone!
Books inspire young minds and give children educational advantages. A successful book fair will not only benefit our school, but it will also help your child discover the rich rewards of reading.

Why not buy a book for your child and one for the school library! Any donations purchased from the Book Fair would be greatly appreciated. Your child’s name will be noted on a Book sticker in the front inside cover, of your donated book. Please note, we will be running a raffle during the Book Fair. Purchases over $20 will entitle the purchaser to a raffle ticket. The winner will receive $60 worth of books chosen from the Book Fair. Good Luck everyone! A free book mark with every book purchase. Ms Halabe.

Book Character Picnic - As part of the Book Week celebrations this year, once again, we will be having a Book Character Picnic. This will be held on Thursday 27th August 2015.

Students will need to come to school dressed as a book character, with the book/copy of the book they feature in. Students from K-6 will need to be able to discuss their character with peers, as well as with their buddy classes.

So start THINKING, READING, and PREPARING for the Book Character Picnic.

Education Week 27th July – 31st July 2015

The following outlines activities that will occur during Education Week 2015:

Monday 27th July 2015
* Book Fair Opens and remains open every day until Monday 3rd August 2015
* Stage One Assembly 2:10pm – 2:55pm in the hall

Tuesday 28th July 2015
* Kindergarten Assembly 12:45pm – 1:25pm in the hall
* Book Fair open

Wednesday 29th July 2015
* Multicultural Day, including performances in the hall
* Book Fair Open

Thursday 30th July 2015
* Open classrooms for Parents/Carers 9:00 – 10:00am
* Stage Three Assembly 12:35pm-1:25pm in the hall
* Book Fair Open

Friday 31st July 2015
* Stage Two Assembly 10:00am – 10:55am in the hall
* Book Fair open

Parents/carers, you are welcome to attend Assemblies, the Book Fair, your child’s classroom on Thursday 30th July 9:00am – 10:00am, Multicultural Day Performances in the hall on Wednesday 29th July and to have lunch with your child(ren) on Wednesday 29th July for Multicultural Day.
Multicultural Day – One World, Many Stories

Governor Philip King will be celebrating Multicultural Day on Wednesday, 29th July 2015. The theme for the day is One World, Many Stories. On this day, the students will be learning about various countries and cultures from around the world. They will also be watching a range of cultural ballet dance performances in the hall by our students.

REMEMBER TO:-
- WEAR YOUR NATIONAL COSTUME OR COLOURS,
- BRING A PLATE OF FOOD TO SHARE WITH YOUR CLASS AT LUNCH,
- BRING A PLASTIC PLATE, FORK/SPOON AND CUP.

Your parents are welcome to come to the hall and see the dance performances, bring in food at lunch and join your class for lunch at 1pm. The canteen will be closed on this day.

TIMES FOR VIEWING THE GPK DANCE PERFORMANCES:
- Years 5 and 6 at 9.00 - 9.40am
- K/1/2 at 9.40 - 10.15am
- Years 3 and 4 at 10.15 - 10.50am

Multicultural Day Committee

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