From the Principal...

Welcome - Yesterday we welcomed a new addition to our front office staff, after Mrs Erdman’s retirement last year. Margaret Norton joins the Governor team as our new School Administrative Officer. Margaret comes to us with a wealth of knowledge, experience and enthusiasm. I am sure our students, staff and community will make Margaret feel very welcome.

Education Week - This week marks the celebration of public education. We are so lucky to operate within a school where our students have the opportunity to be involved in so many amazing initiatives and programs. One of the main reasons parents express when seeking enrolment, particularly for out of area students, are the programs we offer at Governor. This week recognises the hard work and dedication that takes place in public schools across Australia. I hope parents and community members are able to visit our school at some stage this week to enjoy some of the celebrations and events that are planned.

Multicultural Day - Tomorrow 29 July is our school Multicultural Day. This day celebrates and recognises the diversity of cultures we have across our school. Classes are busily preparing displays for our students to visit, and activities which will take place throughout the day. Please note, due to our shared lunch, where children bring in food, the canteen will not be in operation for the day.

P&C - Please note there will be a P&C meeting this Friday 31 July. Meetings commence at 9am in the staffroom. All interested parents are welcome to come along.

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.

Hand, Foot & Mouth disease - The school has been informed that a few students have been diagnosed with Hand, Foot and Mouth disease. Some useful information is included below:

What is Hand, Foot and Mouth disease? It is generally a mild illness caused by a number of enteroviruses such as coxsackieviruses. It is usually not a serious illness and occurs mainly in children under 10 years of age. It is not related to the foot-and-mouth disease that affects cattle.

What are the symptoms? There may be no symptoms at all or only very mild symptoms. When symptoms occur, they include blisters that start as small red dots. Blisters appear inside the cheeks, gums, and on the sides of the tongue, as well as on the hands and feet. Children can sometimes have a low fever, irritability, sore throat, tiredness, feel off colour and may be off their food for a day or two.

How is it spread? It is usually spread from person to person through faecal contamination (which can occur from using the toilet and not properly washing hands afterwards), spread through respiratory secretions of an infected person or direct contact with the fluid from the blisters.

How is it treated? There is usually no treatment needed. Allow blisters to dry out naturally. Do not burst blisters. Paracetamol will relieve fever and discomfort. Do not give children aspirin. If the headache is severe, if fever persists or if you are worried about other symptoms, consult a doctor.

Further information can be found on the NSW Health’s website: www.health.nsw.gov.au
Values Education - The value for Weeks 3 and 4 is Perseverance/Determination. Perseverance is the ability to persist at what we have chosen to do even in the face of difficulties. We work steadily one step at a time until we have accomplished our task. Determination is having the will power and strength of mind to resolve to be set on a task until it is completed. What does Perseverance/Determination look like?

- Trying and working hard
- Being patient and strong
- Showing endurance and strength
- Not giving up, trying again and again
- Overcoming difficulties and obstacles to achieve a goal

Children are always learning in a variety of situations such as in the classroom, on the sports field, at home, in the kitchen or playing, at friends' houses, at cousins' houses, in the shopping centre and so on. Many children give up easily when there are minor problems and don't try hard and long enough. By learning about perseverance and determination they can understand why they should not give up easily. Please have discussions with your children about these values and the importance of not giving up easily. Mrs S Kumar, Student Engagement.

Safe, Respectful Learner Program - The focus rule for weeks three and four is 'Be Respectful, Speak politely to others'.

We are able to achieve more in life if we use a polite, respectful attitude and tone when we speak to others. Think about how you would like to be spoken to and always treat others in the same way.

Please discuss this with your children. Ms Dolz, Student Engagement Team.

Library News - Book Fair is here! Come along to the Library this week and see the Library transformed into a Book Shop. The Book Fair is open for sales starting Monday 27th July and finishing on Monday 3rd August. (8:00am – 3:00pm) The Book Fair is open for everyone! Come along anytime of the day. Our friendly staff would love to assist you in choosing a book for your child.

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. Any donations purchased from the Book Fair would be greatly appreciated.

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. This will be drawn on Monday 3rd August.

We are also giving away a free book mark with every book purchase.

Looking forward to seeing you at our Book Fair.

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:

**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.

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**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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Have a great week!

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