



Governor Philip King Public School

Striving for Personal Excellence

Week 4 Term 3
13 August 2019

From the Principal ...

Welcome to Week 4 where our students across the school are participating in their stage Public Speaking Finals. Congratulations to all students who have made it this far, we look forward to seeing which students represent Governor at the next level.

Last Friday I had the pleasure of attending the conference day launching our involvement in the GEMS project. Our entire Kindergarten and Year 1 team attended along with Mrs Hosking, Ms Stojanoska and Mrs Sarkees. It was a highly engaging day with a lot of reading, discussion and planning for our school project. Congratulations to our team for their on-going dedication to their professional learning, with the wider aim of improving learning outcomes, projects and initiatives for our students.

We are looking forward to our Book Character Picnic next Monday (19 August). The theme this year is 'Reading is my secret power'. I can't wait to see the creative and interesting costumes our staff and students will come up with.

Last week we celebrated Education Week. Thank you to the many visitors who came along and joined our whole School Assembly, Open Classrooms and stayed for morning tea. It is always wonderful to be able to share our amazing school with the community, and celebrate the wonderful learning that takes place here at Governor every day.

A special thank you to the Kindergarten classes. Over the last few weeks they have been learning about communicating through technology. Each class has emailed me with some very interesting questions they would like me to answer. It has been wonderful to read how inquisitive they are, and how keen they are to know more about Mr Corcoran. I am looking forward to visiting the classes during their library lessons over the coming weeks.



Have a great week!

Jason Corcoran
Principal

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Newsletter

Deputy Principal's Message ...

What an amazing Education Week!

I would like to thank our supportive community for taking the time to come to Governor Philip King during Education Week. The theme for 2019 Education Week was 'Every student, every voice'. It is a celebration of student empowerment and how the NSW public education system gives students the skills they need in order to have and express a voice during their own education.

All of the GPK staff are proud of the programs that they have developed and offer to our students. The teachers thoroughly enjoyed showcasing the highly engaging lessons. We had an increase in the number of families in our classrooms. Our students loved having you all there, and we believe that this partnership is vital in a child's educational journey.

It was wonderful to see all of our students, staff and families at our annual Education Week Assembly. Congratulations to all of the Education Week and Citizen of the Month award recipients.



On Friday, our Kindergarten and Year One teachers were involved in the 'GEMS Project'. Our school was asked to join this project because of the amazing synthetic phonics program offered at GPK in the early years. This project will run for the remainder of the year and the focus is on evidence informed teaching.



This week we will be holding our Public Speaking Finals. The judges will make their decision based on the matter, manner and method the participants employ in presenting their speeches. They are required to give equal consideration to the prepared and impromptu speeches in making their decision. Good luck to all of the finalists.

Stage 3 Public Speaking Finals were held on Monday. Congratulations to the following grade winners:

Year 6 winner: Jordan Chandra

Year 6 runner up: Addison Brgudac

Year 5 winner: Aleksia Stojanoska

Year 5 runner up: Daniel Sabato



Have a great week and good luck to all of our PSSA students on Friday who will play a wet weather round.

Ms Biljana Stojanoska
Deputy Principal

Winter PSSA Sport - Wet Weather Round 1 was called off. PSSA payments that have already been paid will be carried across to Wet Weather Round 2 this week.

This week Football will play at Brenan Park (bottom), Brenan Street Smithfield, Netball and Rugby League will play at Endeavour Sports Reserve, Maud Street Fairfield West.

Values Education - The value for Week 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, in 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 not 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.

Safe, Respectful Learner Program - The focus rule for Week 4 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.

Upcoming Events

Week 4

Wednesday August 14 - Stage 1 Public Speaking Final at 12.30pm

Thursday August 15 - Stage 2 Public Speaking Final at 9am

Friday August 16 - Winter PSSA

Week 5 - Book Week: Reading is my Secret Power

Monday August 19 - Book Character Picnic at 10am in the Top Oval

Wednesday August 21 - 'By the Light of the Moon' payments **DUE**

Zone Athletics Carnival payments **DUE**

Friday August 23 - Fathers' Day Stall from 9am to 11am in the Hall

Winter PSSA

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