PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 17 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form is being sent home with students in Years 4-6. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Friday 14th August. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

The Partners in Learning parent feedback survey

Our school will also be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents’ and carers’ perspectives on their child’s experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school’s support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 17 August and 16 October. Participating
in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.


I am also delighted that so many students are receiving their Gold tickets for consistently being Respectful to everyone, Responsible for their learning and behaviour, Resilient and Co-operative with their peers and their teachers.

Malachi Drury would like to thank Mrs Ramires and the students in 5/6R for welcoming him into their classroom. He is doing very well and he is very excited by this opportunity.

Thank you to Mrs Clifton for arranging an excursion to Bundanon today. The students at this school are very fortunate to have such an opportunity. Uniforms are being worn by most students all of the time. Please support your school community by sending your child in the correct uniform each day. If you need assistance to provide a uniform for your child, please ring me so that we can assist.

Thank you to parents and carers who have been attending review meetings and parent/teacher interviews. I hope that you are finding these discussions informative and useful for progressing your child’s education.

Thank you again to our canteen volunteers. Please read the information from the P & C regarding the canteen and consider giving-up some time to help take orders, prepare food or sell during the first break. It is a wonderful way of supporting your school and getting to know other parents.

Have a brilliant week everyone!

Julie Ashby
Principal

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**POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR SUCCESS**

**Superstar Award/Trophy**

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You are invited to our Character Dress Up Day on Tuesday August 25 at 9.30 am in the hall.

Watch our students celebrate much loved stories dressed up as a favourite book character or representing the “Books Light Up Our World” theme.

Book awards will be presented to students who promoted the theme in an outstanding way. Drop into the library after the parade to browse at the Book Fair where new children’s books, posters and stationery are for sale. Support our school through this fundraiser.

At fruit break the whole school will attempt a 10 minute “read-a-thon”.

If your child is in year 6, consider a book donation to the school as a farewell gift.

See you there.

Mrs Clifton

BOOK FAIR
Come and visit!!!!

New children’s books, activity sets, posters and stationary for sale. Support our school by buying or donating an item. Commission will be used to extend the library’s book collection. Drop in to the library and browse on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays 8.30am - 3.30pm. Tues August 11 – Thurs August 27

Mrs Clifton

PREMIER READING CHALLENGE 2015
The Premier’s Reading Challenge is drawing to a close it ends on Friday 28th August. All students must complete their online Student Reading records by Friday 21st August. If you have any questions please drop in to the library and see Mrs Clifton.

SCHOOL BANKING
Banking day is every Friday. Don’t forget to put your bank books in the banking box at the canteen. Banking resumes Week 4 on Friday.

HELP NEEDED
We are looking for someone to either do every second Friday for School Banking or, who may be able to take over the role of School Banking Co-ordinator, please contact Catherine Cross.

CANTEEN NEWS
The good news is that the canteen is making a profit and we’re continuing to receive great feedback on the menu. Unfortunately we are running on the bare minimum of volunteers. If you can support your children and the school community by volunteering in the canteen please let us know ASAP. Without more volunteers we will have to consider closing the canteen.

Although the canteen is making a profit the school population is not big enough to support paid canteen staff. Instead, money raised by the canteen is used by the P&C to purchase items identified by the school as being needed. Last year these included class readers and sports equipment and many other items.

UNIFORM SHOP
We have had to change our uniform supplier for dresses and tunics but will be getting as close to the current uniform as we can. This may mean a price change. We will inform you of this as soon as possible.

We are also making the uniform a discussion priority at the next few P&C meetings, so if you want to have a say in what your children wear...
to school please come along at 7pm on Tuesday 18th August.

P&C NEWS
Father’s Day Breakfast to be held on Thurs, 3rd September 2015, more details to follow.

SCIENCE FAIR
Three students from North Nowra Public School completed their science fair entries on time. Their work will be on display at the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre on Thursday 13th August 4.30 – 6.30pm. Award presentation will be at 6.00pm. We hope lots of families will take a look at the many entries from local schools. Congratulations to Keturah, Teisha and Nathan B.

Kids Matter at North Nowra term 3 week 5
Last term we looked at Kids Matter and the first of four key areas addressed the need for a sense of community. Our second key area aims to develop social and emotional skills: addressing mental health, self-esteem, learning and relationships. We all want students to recognise and manage their emotions, develop caring concern for others, make responsible decisions, establish positive relationships and handle challenging situations effectively. By discussing emotional wellbeing students gain opportunities to practise and transfer their social and emotional skills. We teach through role-play and social turn-taking games, how to create and maintain friendships, how to express feelings respectfully, to negotiate conflict, and how and when to ask for help. Children who are able to express their feelings, ask for help or engage positively with others are doing their own mental health maintenance work. Parents can help their children by providing positive social interaction time out of school.

FREE Event, EXPO - Options for People with a Disability.
This is a community event where people can come along and find out about the wide range of services, supports and community connections that are available in the Shoalhaven. Expo highlights include local schools performing, information, products and services from local business plus much more! Expo will be held on Wednesday 12th August at Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre from 10.00am – 2.00pm.

Woolworths Earn & Learn is back! So start collecting Earn and Learn stickers by shopping at Woolworths and placing completed sticker cards in the Woolworths Earn and Learn box located in the school office foyer. The program kicks off from Wednesday, 15th July.