TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEY

Last year, our year 4, 5 and 6 students participated in the Tell Them From Me Survey which gave us valuable information about student engagement, wellbeing and effective teaching practices from the perspective of our students. This year, the survey will be completed by our 4, 5 and 6 students again. There is also a parents’ survey that I am hoping that you are able to complete to help us gather important information and feedback that will help to inform our future planning. The link for the parent survey is contained in this newsletter with further information.

Jane Martyn

Sports Report

Today, our year 2-6 students participated in the Milo T-20 Bash at Connell Park in Bellingen. It was a fantastic day and the students had a great time, even getting a chance to meet some of NSW’s current cricket stars.

Our Daily Fitness sessions have been used to improve our dancing in preparation for the Spring Fair. All students have enjoyed these dances and can’t wait to perform them at the Spring Fair.

Stay healthy and keep active,
Matt Neal
Sports Coordinator

CENTENARY SHIRTS

We have a new supply of Centenary Shirts in Size 4, 6, 8 and 10. You will need to get in quickly as we only have 5 of each size.

HAMPER ITEMS FOR THE CHOCOLATE WHEEL—CENTENARY

We urgently need items for the class hampers which will be prizes for the chocolate wheel at the Centenary Spring fair. If you have not already done so could you please send in items for your class hamper.

Kindy– Kitchen products
1/2/3—Garden products
4/5/6—Pamper products

Principal’s Message

CENTENARY
Our exciting Centenary weekend is fast approaching - Friday night 18th September Dinner with Tallowood Bush Band – have you got your tickets yet? Saturday 19th September Spring Fair from 9am -2pm. Everyone is busy putting the final touches on our preparations for these events that we have been working towards for the last 2 years. We hope that you can join us.
Class 1/2/3 has been studying the Earth’s Surface this term and this week presented their home projects and speeches.
You’re invited to participate in the Tell them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey designed for parents and carers. This survey complements the TTFM student and teacher surveys, which focus on student engagement, wellbeing and effective teaching practices. All Department of Education schools have the opportunity to participate if they choose.

Why should I participate?
Parents and carers are an important and valued part of the school community. Schools can use survey feedback to make practical improvements and inform school planning.

What does it involve?
This online survey takes about 15 minutes to complete. It is anonymous and voluntary. If you have more than one child at this school, and feel that your children’s experiences differ, you can complete the survey more than once.

How can I participate?
https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com
User name: parent 18189 Password: Rep2955
You can access the survey in your own time, between 17 August and 16 October 2015.
More information on the Partners in Learning survey can be found on the NSW Department of Educations’ TTFM website:

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ROAD SAFETY REMINDER FOR FAMILIES
With the school holidays approaching, daily routines will soon change. Different play locations and holiday destinations means different traffic environments.
So to help keep our children safe, families are reminded about these key road safety points:
Stop, look, listen, think every time you cross the road.

If your child is aged 8 years or younger hold their hand when walking near or across roads. If your child is 9-10 years old always actively supervise them.

It’s the law that everyone wears a helmet when riding a bike in a public place.
It makes sense to wear a helmet when riding scooters and skateboards too!

Click clack front ‘n back every person for every trip.
Everyone in the car must be securely buckled up in the right seatbelt or child restraint.

Talk to your child about being a safe road user.
Reinforce safe road behaviours by being a good role model! Children learn safe road behaviours from the adults who care for them. Talk about what you are doing to be safe when near roads, in the car and when riding.

Point out road safety differences and dangers in new environments.
This is especially important when on holidays in different surroundings. Roads, footpaths, parks, car-parks, bike tracks and bike lanes may look different in holiday areas.

The best way to keep your child safe is to actively supervise them.
Talk and teach your child about road safety every time you are out an about.
Remind other adults who care for your children to do this too.
Have a safe holiday break!

As you know, our school has been participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. The program has now finished for this year, so a big thanks to everyone who supported our school.
We’re now at the important stage of the program where the Sticker Sheets are collected and lodged as our Earn & Learn claim. We will then be able to get new educational equipment for our school. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. So this week, please send in your Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheets and any loose Earn & Learn stickers you may have. Remember to check your handbag, the car glove box or they maybe stuck on the fridge. Every little bit helps. Thanks again for all your support!
CENTENARY NEWS

Keeping you up to date | Centenary Fair | Dinner dance

Less than two weeks!

Parking on the day of the fair:

We are expecting a lot of people at the Fair. Doug Sawtell (local farmer and ex-Repton student) has kindly allowed the use of a large paddock for parking, just down the road from the school. Please park in Doug’s paddock under the direction of our local Rural Fire Service volunteers.

Please slow down as you approach the school as there is likely to be a lot of pedestrians about!

We need someone to help with face painting on the day of the fair. If you can help out, even for just an hour, please contact Jo Fitzgerald on 0408 823 299

Also please contact Jo if you can help with making curry or nachos.

Key dates

18 & 19 September
Centenary Weekend

Nearly there

The countdown is nearly on. Just ten more sleeps!

Things are coming together really well for our big weekend. The dinner dance is going to be fantastic and the fair will be wonderful. The weather is warming up and spring is in the air.

Some people might remember our last spring fair in 2013. The Sumo wrestling was a big hit and is back this year by popular demand. There will also be lots of other stalls, activities, performances and food and drink.

This is the last week to purchase tickets for the dinner dance. As we are catering for the event we have to submit final numbers several days before the big night. For this reason we will be unable sell tickets at the door.

Tickets to the dinner dance are on sale via the school website or the school centenary FaceBook page. It will be a great night with good food, good company and great fun dancing. Tickets are $50 each and include a free drink on arrival, three course spit roast dinner and a great night of dancing with bush band Tallowood. The theme is Sawmill. The local op shops and costume hire stores are reportedly doing a brisk trade in early 20th century outfits!