Appendix to Newsletter

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 and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Friday 7th August. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

Kindergarten Philanthropy Project

Kindergarten teachers and students are raising money for the Humpty Dumpty Foundation for their philanthropy project. This foundation support hospitals by providing medical equipment for children who are sick or injured in Australia. You may have heard the representative explain it at the last meeting.

We chose to support the Humpty Dumpty Foundation as it relates to student’s needs and links with the outcomes in our health program. For more information please visit www.humpty.com.au.

Kindergarten teachers will be selling paper ‘bricks’ during the morning from 8:30 – 8:50AM until all bricks are sold out, outside the Kindergarten classrooms. Using the bricks you decorate, we will create a wall for a Humpty to sit on in the hall.

There are 3 types of bricks that can be purchased.

White brick - $1
Gold brick - $5 *These will be limited in availability.
Platinum brick $10 *These will be limited in availability.
Please send the donation with your child to school from Monday 17th August. They will receive the brick in exchange for your donation. Then simply decorate it as you wish, and return to the office for displaying in the hall.

Thanks for your support,

The Kindergarten Teachers

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**Book Week Parade 2015**

Book Week will be celebrated from 17th-21st August. The theme for this year is ‘BOOKS LIGHT UP OUR WORLD’.

We will be celebrating our Book Week parade on **Tuesday, 18th August at 12:30pm**, in which parents and carers can attend. Students are encouraged to dress-up as their favourite book character. There will be judges on the day and students will have the opportunity to win a book prize for ‘Best Dressed’ in their year.

**Extreme Reading competition**

Students are being highly encouraged to enter our **Book Week photo competition - ‘Extreme Reading!’**

This involves students taking pictures of themselves reading in unusual ways, spaces and costumes. Remind your kids to take a book with them everywhere that they go, because you never know when a photo opportunity will arise! The photos will be displayed on a slide-show during our Book Fair and winners of the competition will take home a movie pass.

Photos can be emailed to Miss Sawyer at [hp.extreme.reading@gmail.com](mailto:hp.extreme.reading@gmail.com). Students will need to remember to include their full name, class and the title of the book they are reading in their photo. They may even like to include a brief book review with their email. Entries for the photo competition will close **Friday, 14th August**.

**Book Week- Book Fair 2015**

There will be a **Book Fair** running every day from 17th-21st August. The Book Fair will be open from 8:30-9am, every lunch-time and after school until 3:30pm.

**Premiers Reading Challenge**

Just a reminder that the Premiers Reading Challenge closes on the 21st August. Students need to complete their online Student Reading Record before this date.

Happy Reading!

Miss Sawyer