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.


Library News

We have a busy and exciting time planned in the library this term. So just a few highlights and reminders...

- The **Premier’s Reading Challenge** is drawing to a close and students need to have finalised their entries by 21 August (11:59 pm). So don’t forget to log on and record the books you have read this year.

- Week 6 is **Book Week**. The Children’s Book Council of Australia celebrates its 70th Anniversary this year and the theme is *Books Light up Our World*.

- Tuesday 25th August is our annual **Book Week parade** and book celebration day. Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character.

- Friday 28th we will be travelling to Robertson to hear the well-known author and illustrator, **Stephen Michael King**. If you would like to pre-order one of Stephen Michael King’s books, which has been short listed for this year’s CBCA awards, please send your order form to the school before this Friday 7th August.

- On Wednesday 9th September we will be travelling to Sydney to see a stage production of the very popular book by **Andy Griffith**, *The 52 Storey Treehouse*!!

- The library will be closed for an annual **stocktake** from Wednesday 2nd – Friday 4th September. It would be helpful if students could return any overdue loans prior to that date. Many thanks in anticipation. Lyn
Bowral’s Got Talent
On Friday evening Nathan, Darcey and Ryan performed at the Bowral’s Got Talent Show. All of the children performed with great poise and confidence. They were wonderful ambassadors for our school. Well Done!

KO ANGUS (Fri 21st Aug)
Please find attached a form regarding KO Angus HELPERS NEEDED! If you can remember what slice/cake and sandwiches you provided last year, please do the same again this year (as the amounts were perfect last year)!
Thanks, Annie & Carmel

District Athletics Carnival
On Friday a number of our students competed at the Wingecarribee District Athletics Carnival. All of the children displayed fantastic sportsmanship. We would like to congratulate Henry who came 3rd in the 11 years Boys Discus and our PP5 Relay team of Alfie, Darcey, Jordan and Alistar who won their event. Our relay team will now compete at the Regional Athletics Championships in Canberra later this month.

VP Day
Mittagong RSL Sub-Branch will be conducting a Victory in the Pacific (VP Day) Service on the Saturday, 15th August, 2015 at the RSL Club at 10.30am. This will be followed by morning tea in the Club.
Everyone is invited to attend. Monica is looking for an expression of interest from any school families interested in attending this service.

Canteen
Over the past few weeks some foreign currency has been used to order lunches and purchase goods from the canteen. Would you please check that you are sending Australian coins in with your lunch orders?
Thanks, Kerrie

COMMUNITY NEWS

Mittagong Blue Light Disco
Venue: Mittagong RSL
Date: Saturday 29th August
Times: 4pm to 6.30 pm
Cost: $5.00 per child 4 – 14 years
Parents and children under 4 free.

All races are now close to capacity – ENTER NOW!!

The Southern Highlands Challenge
Trail Running Event
Sunday, August 30
Wingello State Forest
1 km, 7 km, 24 km and 49 km
There is an event for everyone in the family and food, drink and family activities for runners and spectators.

Medals for finishers, age awards and a prize for the school that has the most entrants per enrolment.

Visit: www.southernhighlandschallenge.com or
For more information contact SHC local liaison
Linda Christison lkcdigitalmedia@gmail.com

Accept the Challenge!