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Wingecarribee Swimming Carnival

We would like to congratulate our PP5 relay team (Alifie, Maddison, Ryan and Lincoln) who came first in their 4 x 50m relay at the district swimming carnival last week. The team will compete at the regional carnival in Dapto next Tuesday. Congratulations to Alfie who also came 2nd in his 50m age race. Alfie will swim in the 50m freestyle age race as well.

Ethics Update

Ethics is underway for 2016! We extend a warm welcome back to Melissa Beville and we welcome an additional three students to our classes.

The senior ethics class is commencing the topic ‘Boasting/Bragging’ and asking questions such as… Is it ok to brag? How does it make you feel when someone brags?

The junior ethics class is looking at ‘Being Similar & Being Different’ and asking questions such as… Do we know everything about a person just by looking at them? What does it mean to treat a person fairly?

Our volunteer teachers always encourage children to discuss topics with parents, carers, family and friends.

Please visit www.primaryethics.com.au to see a class in action & more!

The Tell Them From Me Student Feedback Survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others 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 our school 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 and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for parents/carers about the survey are being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school by Friday 11 March. The FAQs and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website above.
Moving into Year 7
Attached to this newsletter is an expression of interest form for Year 7 placement in 2017. It is very important that these forms be returned as soon as possible by all of our Year 6 students – even if they are going to a non-government school.

Excursion to the Whatman Dairy
We are really looking forward to our excursion to the Whatman’s dairy tomorrow. Transport will be by private vehicle. We would like to thank the Whatman family for allowing us to come and see how the dairy works and all of the parents who have volunteered to assist with transport.

Girls League Tag Gala Day
Next Friday our senior girls will be participating in the first girls’ only league tag gala day. The day is being run by the NRL at Loseby Park in Bowral and will be attended by girls in Years 5, 6, 7 and 8. We would like to thank Benjamin Hansen who has volunteered to manage and coach our team. Good luck girls!

Voices of War
On Thursday 10th March, Geoffrey Graham from Dinkum Oz School Performance will present ‘Voices of War’ to our students. Geoffrey weaves stories, verse and songs about WWI to engage students in a greater understanding of the war. This includes the elements of mateship, valour, suffering, bravery and humour. The presentation will start at 9.30 am in the library and parents are most welcome to attend.

Science and Engineering Challenge
On Monday our Year 6 children will participate in the Science and Engineering Challenge Day. The day is a competition designed to provide Year 6 students with a positive experience of science and engineering. Our students will work as a team with children from Avoca, Burrawang and Glenquarry schools on two half day activities. They will be supervised by Neil Waterman from Avoca Public School.

Academically Gifted Class
This week Claudia, Summer and Maddison have had their intensive introduction to the One Day Per Week Academically Gifted Class at Bowral Public School. From all accounts the girls have settled in well and have been engaged in some fantastic activities. The girls will continue to attend the class once a week for the next 21 weeks.

Newsletter Attachments
- Tell them From Me Survey Note
- Text Book Invoice
- P and C meeting minutes
- Principal’s Report
- Expression of Interest for Year 7 2017
- ICAS Competition Note
- Health Care Plans for Allergic Reactions and Asthma
- Scholastic Book Club

Kangaloon Uniting Church
Sadly, the Kangaloon Uniting Church is closing. We are having a family friendly Easter Day service commencing at 11.30 am. There will be an Easter egg hunt and other activities for the children following the service and lunch will be served. The closing service will be held on Sunday 15th May. Already we know that there will be a number of descendants of the pioneers who established and built this historic church attending. It is the wish of our congregation that as many people as possible, who have had contact with our church know of this event, spread the word and attend the closing service. For further information please contact either Narelle Schofield 4883 4260 or Rev. Michael Earl on 0422004330569.