The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey

This term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities 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 the 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 9 March and 2 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

Judy Graham

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Parents are invited to hear a short overview of the new planning model at the Annual General meeting of the P&C to be held on Wednesday March 4. The views of all stakeholders are sought in this new model.

This year Ben Venue welcomed 18 new students to the school apart from the 2015 Kindergarten cohort. I am sure that they have made new friends already. I welcome these families to the Ben Venue School Community. It was great to see some familiar faces return after moving town and then returning to Armidale and Ben Venue.

Judy Graham
89 The Corner Store
Weekly Special
Lasagne and a Popper or Flavoured Milk
$ 6.00
Please ring through your order on 6772 5571
Lunch orders are only available on Wed, Thurs and Friday

Parent Club Meeting
Tuesday 17 February
10:30am
in the Staffroom
All Welcome

P & C - AGM
7:00pm 4 March 2015
in the Staffroom
All Welcome!!!

East Armidale Football Club
‘Come and Try Day’ Sunday February 28 from 9:30am—12:30pm
at Doody Park, Canambe Street
Mini games, training and a free sausage sizzle and a drink
Registration Day March 7 and 14 at the Armidale Ex-Services Club
between 10:00am—12:00pm or contact Steve Davies on 0411 814 934

Swans Stars to conduct Kids’ Clinic
When: Monday 23 February 2015
Where: Bellevue Oval at UNE enter on the corner of Handel St and Meredith Road
Time: 4:00pm—5:30pm
Rachel Thorsen: 0400 663 071
David Thorsen: 0413 407 242

Around the Classroom
1M Mrs McClelland and Mrs Porter have both been impressed with the maturity of students in 1M.
They have made an excellent start to Year 1 with keen enthusiasm.
We have been enjoying the weird and wonderful world of Dr Seuss as our English focus this term which has already generated some fabulous writing and interesting artist creations.
Students are settling into the class routines well and we will confirm PE, Library and music times when the school timetable is adjusted and finalised.
We have a wonderful year of teaching and learning planned and look forward to meeting parents on Tuesday evening (17 February).
Mebby McClelland and Michelle Porter

4H students have settled in well and are looking forward to an exciting year. Some students are already thinking about the Athletics Carnival!
The students had a wonderful day at the Swimming Carnival and thoroughly enjoyed Mrs O’Connell and Mrs Bishop’s novelty events.
We have started work on our HSIE Unit, ‘Who Will Buy?’, so you may find your children have quite a few questions regarding shopping in the times before they were born.
It has been interesting finding out how tall the students are and comparing their heights to everyone else in the class. We have some quite tall people and some not quite so tall people in 4H this year. But for all of them it is certain that the only way is up and we will measure again in Term 4.
Robyn Hegney

Absences
Just a reminder that a note is required to explain all absences from school. If your child is away please ensure that you send a note to your child’s teacher explaining this absence or alternatively, phone the school and leave a message at the office. If your child is sick for more than two days a doctor’s certificate is required.
If your child is late to school they must report to the front office to sign in and this is a good opportunity for them to deliver a note explaining the lateness.

Visitors
Parents and visitors remember that if you are visiting the school during the day it is necessary for you to report to the front office and obtain a visitors badge. Adults in the school grounds without a badge will be approached by a teacher or staff member inquiring about their presence. Please do not be offended if this happens, the safety of all students at Ben Venue is our primary concern.

Dropping off and picking up students
Anyone who has dropped off or picked up students from Ben Venue will have noticed how busy these areas are each morning and afternoon. Please be aware of the parking restrictions in regard to these areas, as frequent visits from local traffic warden, have resulted in heavy fines.
Parents are reminded that supervision is only provided at the front of the school for 20 minutes after release from class at the end of the day. All students should be collected from this area by 3.40pm.

Anne Lewis

From the Deputy’s Desk

Demon Knights Football Club Inc
Registration Day
Register online myfootballclub.com.au
or at the Wicklow Hotel Courtyard on March 14 or 21, 2015
between 10:00am—1:00pm
demonknightsfc@northerninlandfootball.net.au

2014 Presentation Day Photos
Available from the Office