HEAD LICE

From time to time head lice can be an issue in most schools. Parents are requested to be vigilant and check their children’s heads carefully. If lice are found, parents should take the appropriate action. Special preparation shampoos which kill the lice and their eggs are available from pharmacies. Students can return after one treatment. A follow-up treatment is strongly advised.

Tips for tackling kids head lice

Use hair conditioner and a fine head lice comb. Apply conditioner to the hair and comb through with a wide-toothed comb to remove the tangles. Then use a fine metal lice comb to remove the lice and pull the nits off the hair. The conditioner helps slow down the louse and makes it easier to comb out. Keep a neat tidy hairstyle with a light spray of hair spray.


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**Pick up at the BBQ area**

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**Welcome to Week 5 Term 1**

February 22, 2016

Congratulations to all our Zone swimmers who represented Ben Venue last Thursday. From all accounts it was a great day. Last week we held parent information sessions; thank you to all those parents who were able to attend.

**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 is 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 26 February. The FAQs and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website above.

**Kindergarten Photos**

Kindergarten school photos will be held on the morning of Tuesday, March 8. Please ensure all students are dressed in full school uniform. An order form will be distributed soon.

**Visitor Procedures**

All visitors to our school must come via the school office, sign in and get a visitor’s pass. Please do not go directly to classrooms or into the playground. This is a mandatory WHS requirement.

**School drop off and Pick up**

Last week I received a phone call informing me that a car was parked in the driveway of a house across the road. Please be considerate of this.

The area at the front of the school is a drop off and pick up zone only. Please do not get out of your car. This has the potential to create a safety issue for students.

**School Planning Workshop**

I will be holding a series of school planning workshops with members of the school community and teaching staff over the next few weeks. The information from these workshops will be used to determine our school planning for the next few years. This will ensure that we are being responsive to community needs and continue to be a school of excellence where good things are always happening.

**More information to follow**

Lou Moffatt
From the Deputy's Desk

Visitors

Just a reminder….when parents and visitors are visiting the school during the day you must report to the front office and obtain a visitors badge. When collecting your child early from school, you must sign your child out. This way we can account for all students and their whereabouts. Sometimes parents collect students without alerting the school, causing great concern about the child’s safety and welfare. So, please just take a few minutes to either pick up a visitors badge or sign your child out at the front office.

Thanks
Ann Lewis

PSSA Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all our winners

A big effort from some of our Year 6 students who have raised over $1000 so far for the Pankhurst Family – Laps for Leukaemia. Charlotte Hall, Brielle Ball, Lucy Mair, Lydia Byerlee, Ella Russell, Lillian Bridge, Elise Champion de Crespigny swam 50 laps continuously over an hour to raise this money. Well done girls!!

4/5/6M, has students who are enthusiastic and keen to work, which makes every day an enjoyable one for me.

We are looking at Sustainable Living this term and as part of this unit we are hatching out some chickens. Last Friday we put our chickens in the incubator and we are carefully monitoring them, trying to ensure the conditions will allow them to develop adequately so they hatch around March 11-12. We have designed cages and have built models. Over the next three weeks we will renovate the chicken cage at the school to make it suitable for tiny chickens to live in during the day. The chickens will probably stay at school until the end of term. Depending on what’s happening and how big they are, they may be ready to give away by then or we may have to wait until the beginning of the next term.

We will be connecting with Korea this year sometime during March. Students will introduce themselves to the Korean students and the Korean students will introduce themselves to us. The students will be paired with a Korean student to email and have special contact to at the beginning of each connection.

We have worked out our Kidpreneur groups and students have started to think about what their business may be. We will have our market day in term three. Also, students will be negotiating with each other to work out which charity we will support with our profits.

Mary O’Connell

SHOW BAGS….there are still some available. Mrs Porter will be in her room on Wednesday morning to sell the remaining show bags from 8.30-9.00. Pirates, Princess Rock, Totally Boys, Girls Only, Rock Star, Glowbag and Fizzers for $8.00 Chupa Chups $6.00.

There are only limited numbers left so get in quick!!