Principal     Jonathan Moxon

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 and Communities initiative: the ‘Tell Them From Me’ student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measure 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 9 March and 2 April. 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 27 February. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

Changes to the Department of Education and Communities Attendance Policy

It is important that students attend school every day where they are fit and able. If your child is away due to illness or an unavoidable event please ensure that a note is submitted to your child’s classroom teacher within 7 days of the absence. Otherwise the absence becomes listed as unjustified and staff are required to contact parents/carers where several unjustified days have been recorded next to a student name. This is a legal requirement.

If you are planning to take leave for 5 or more consecutive days, please contact the front office to complete an application for leave form.

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Did you know that if your child attends school for:

90% of the school year they actually miss around 20 days;
85% of the school year they actually miss around 30 days; (That is over half a term)
75% of the school year they actually miss around 50 days; (That is a full term)

If your child’s attendance drops below 85%, staff are required to make contact to see if we can assist with the situation, to help get all students to school every day that they are able.

Q&A Session for new families to KVPS with the Principal and P&C

If you are new to the KVPS family and are keen to find out more about our wonderful school, we encourage you to attend the informal Q&A session with me and some of the P&C. Please send back the attached form if you are able to attend. We look forward to seeing you soon.

When: February 26
Time: 10am
Location: KVPS Staffroom

Allergy and Anaphylaxis Management

The Department of Education and Communities have asked all Principals to remind their communities that all schools will have policies and procedures in place for students who have known allergies and anaphylaxis needs. It is also common practice not to use peanuts, tree nuts or nut products in teaching and learning activities, including as rewards or treats. This does not include foods labelled as ‘may contain traces of nuts’. If you have any concerns, please contact your child’s classroom teacher or make an appointment with me to discuss your child’s health needs.

Band 2015 with Ms Karen Williams

Once again KVPS will be able to offer our band program with Ms Karen Williams in 2015. If you are interested in learning to play any of the following instruments: Trumpet, Trombone, Clarinet, Saxophone, Flute, Bass Guitar, Drums or Guitar this program might be for you. Enrolment conditions apply and tuition fees are $150 per term. Students are encouraged to purchase their own instrument, but there is an arrangement for a limited number of instruments to be available for hire. Places are limited and if you are keen, please contact the front office and ask for an information sheet. As this is a private program run and operated by Ms Williams, no KVPS staff will be present for active supervision. All lessons this year will be conducted during the lunch time period. NO class time will be missed.

Quality work with Mr Moxon

Late last week Mason W and Jindamarra T of 4/5BM visited the office to show me some of their outstanding writing samples. Both students displayed good sentence structure, punctuation and grammar. Well done boys, keep up the great work.

Have a great week Killarney Vale!

Mr Moxon
60 Seconds with...

This year we are planning to interview a few more members of staff for the popular 60 Seconds with segment in the newsletter. If you would like a member of staff to be interviewed, please submit your request.

I would like to see if ______________ could be interviewed.

Parent Information Evening

Next Tuesday 24th February we will be having our Parent Teacher Evenings. This is an allocated time to meet with your child's teacher in their classroom to hear about the routines and organisation of the whole class.

Parents are always welcome to make appointments to speak with their child's teacher if there are any further questions or concerns.

Kindergarten: 6pm
Years One and Two: 5pm
Years Three and Four: 5:30pm
Years Five and Six: 4:30pm
4/5BM: 4:30pm

We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday.

Q&A Session – Thursday February 26.

I ___________________ parent of ___________________

in class ______

Will be in attendance.

Please return C/o the front office.
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS BELOW WHO HAVE RECEIVED ASSEMBLY AWARDS

1RS Malachai Being a brilliant member of 1RS
1RS Jamie Great work in reading groups
1M Caitlin A beautiful painting of a butterfly
1M Harlan A super scientist
1/2K Lana A bright and cheerful student, ready to learn!
1/2K Hunter Displaying quality bookwork
2GB Jackson For being a steady, consistence worker with lovely manners
2GB Sophie For always completing quality work
2P Lucas Always on task and completes activities
2P Dominic Impressively neat book work
3L Aiden Being word smart in literacy
3L Piper Working well in co-operative maths groups
3B Tiana Awesome quality work
3B Nathaniel Responsible, respectful STAR
4/5BM Siena Astonishing artwork
4/5BM Noah Astonishing artwork
4P Michael Working hard in mathematics
4P Charlotte Amazing writing
5/6C Tabitha Confidently sharing ideas and opinions during discussion
5/6C Joshua Willingness to take on challenges in maths
5/6E Mycaela A responsible, dedicated start to Year 6
5/6E Serena Impressive spelling results
5/6R Paige Excellent work in class
5/6R Chad Fabulous work in literacy
K/1P Talia For always completing her best work
1/3W Aaron Outstanding behaviour
School Swimming Carnival
The P&C are proud to support the school swimming carnival once again by providing coloured wrist bands for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place getters in every race. We hope this encourages participation and that by the end of the day, every child is wearing at least one blue, red or green band acknowledging their success. Good luck to all competitors.

P&C Meeting - Thursday 26 February
Our first P&C Meeting for 2015 will be held next Thursday 26 February commencing at 7.15pm in the teachers staff room. If you would like to hear what is happening in our school and what the P&C are planning for 2015 we would love you to come along and meet our dynamic group of caring and supportive parents. If you are unable to attend the meeting but would still like to be informed of P&C activities, please complete and return the P&C membership form included with this newsletter to receive regular communications from your P&C.

Election Day Markets and Book Stall - Saturday 28 March
Bookings are now being taken for our Election Day Markets with sites selling quickly. Booking forms are available from the canteen or email the P&C and we will forward one to you. The P&C will be conducting a book stall for which we would greatly appreciate any donations. Please bring any books to the canteen. Do not hesitate to contact us via email or sms 0408 894 841 if you have any questions.

Canteen News
Thompson’s Pies Order forms now available from the canteen or email the P&C and we will forward one to you.
Sticky Beaks Reusable Lunch Bags Available for purchase from the canteen in a range of cool colours. $9 each.
Apple Slinking Machines If you would like to purchase a quality apple slinking machine, contact Rhonda in the canteen. Machines are $30 each and will be available from the canteen in a few weeks.

Canteen Roster
19th Thur Joy/Natalie/Vicki 20th Fri Katrina/Mel/Hazel (PM Charmaine)
23rd Mon (9 -10 Mary) Sheridan 24th Tue Nari/Mel 25th Wed Lesley/Anita (PM Karen)

Commonwealth Bank School Banking Account Opening Day
The Commonwealth Bank will be holding an account opening day on MONDAY 2ND March from 8.30am – 9.30am. If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child please bring along your current driver’s licence or another form of photographic identification. No identification is required for your child attending school, as the school will confirm their identity. Alternatively, you can open an account at any branch, by calling 13 22 21, or online if you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer. **Pat the dog will also be visiting everyone at assembly on Monday 2ND March to relaunch the School Banking program for 2015.**

School Disco Wednesday 18 March and Easter Raffle
Preparations for our Term One Disco and Easter Raffle are now underway. More information in next week’s newsletter.
ELECTION DAY MARKET STALLS

Saturday 28 March 2015

General Information/Terms and Conditions

Location: Market stalls will be set up on the grounds of Killarney Vale Public School in the primary assembly area in front of the school office.

Hours: Market stalls can trade from 8am until 3pm. Polling booths are open from 8am until 6pm.

Access: Access is via the front gates of the school on Henricks Road.

Sites: Each site area is approximately 3m x 3m. All sites are open air. Sites will be allocated by us on a first in basis in a designated area that does not impede the movement of voters to and from the polling place.

Fees: $20 per site.

Payment: Cash or cheque made payable to Killarney Vale Public School P&C Association. Bookings and site allocations will not be confirmed until full payment is received. Payment is non-refundable.

Set up / Pack up: Set up is available from 7.30am. Stallholders must be packed up by 3pm. All rubbish must be removed from the school grounds.

Vehicles and Parking: No vehicles are permitted on site. Parking is available on Henricks Road and in nearby streets.

Equipment: No equipment is provided with your site. Stallholders are required to provide their own equipment. Power is not available.

Saleable Items: For insurance reasons, no electrical items are permitted to be sold. Killarney Vale Public School will be conducting a BBQ and other food and beverage stalls. No other food or beverage items will be permitted for sale unless by prior arrangement. We will also be conducting a book stall and any donations to this would be greatly appreciated.

Security: Stallholders are responsible for the security of their own stall and their stock. Killarney Vale Public School is a smoke and alcohol free area.

Liability: Killarney Vale Public School and Killarney Vale Public School P&C Association will not accept responsibility for your items or items sold by you, your equipment, vehicles or persons. Stallholders are expected to take responsibility for work health and safety within your site area and any injuries sustained by anyone due to your negligence.

I agree to the terms and conditions as outlined above: The signing of this document means you have read, understood and agree to the above terms and conditions.

Print Name: ___________________________ Signature: ___________________________

Mobile No: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

Company/Stall Description: ___________________________

Contact Person

Company Name

Address

Mobile Phone: ___________________________ Home Phone: ___________________________

Email

Detailed product description

Number of sites being booked @ $20 per site: ___________________________

Total payment included of $: ___________________________

By signing this Stallholder Booking Form you acknowledge that you have read, understood and agree to the Terms and Conditions for the 2015 Killarney Vale Public School P&C Association Election Day Market Stalls.

Print Name: ___________________________ Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

Please retain a copy of these documents for your information.
The Entrance Netball Club

Players are wanted in the following age groups
6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13's year olds for the 2015 season
For all enquiries call Michelle 0478093312
If unanswered please send a text and your call will be returned.

The simplest way
Did you know that in NSW 9 out of 10 parents are not eating the recommended daily amount of veg and half are not eating the recommended daily amount of fruit?
What you eat influences what your children eat; this is especially important with fruit and veg because eating adequate amounts all your life can help protect you and your children against all of these:
• Coronary heart disease
• Some forms of cancer
• Obesity and being overweight
• High blood pressure and cholesterol levels
• Diabetes

By eating more fruit and veg now you'll be a healthy role model for your kids and help protect their health in the future.
For more information visit
www.eatittobeatit.com.au
or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit