Tell Them From Me:
Partners in Learning survey

You’re invited to participate in the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey designed for parents and carers. This survey complements the TTFM student and teacher surveys, which focus on student engagement, wellbeing and effective teaching practices. All Department of Education schools have the opportunity to participate if they choose.

Why should I participate?
Parents and carers are an important and valued part of the school community. Schools can use survey feedback to make practical improvements and inform school planning.

What does it involve?
This online survey takes about 15 minutes to complete. It is anonymous and voluntary. If you have more than one child at this school, and feel that your children’s experiences differ, you can complete the survey more than once.

How can I participate?
You can access the survey in your own time, between 10 September and 16 October 2015. Go to the site below on your computer or tablet:

https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com Log in using the following details:

User name: parent18340 Password: Woo4492

OR use the direct link

https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/j_acegi_security_check?j_username=parent18340&j_password=Woo4492 To assist parents to complete the survey, the school library will be open before and after school for half an hour. This will occur from Thursday, September 10 to Wednesday September 16. We will have a teacher available to help you log on to the computer and support you if needed.

More information on the Partners in Learning survey can be found on the NSW Department of Educations’ TTFM website: http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/
**Kindergarten Bug Visit**

A couple of weeks ago Ms Silberbauer came for a very special visit to kindergarten. As part of our literacy we have been learning about the life cycle of butterflies. Ms Silberbauer brought in lots of different insects for us to learn about. We saw beetles, moths and butterflies. The most interesting thing we learnt is that butterflies have 'fake eyes' on their wings to frighten away any predators. Thank you Ms Silberbauer for a wonderful learning experience!

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**The Way Back Home**

One sunny day a little boy went into the garage and got out his spaceship. He pushed it on the green grass trying to find the perfect spot to launch it. Then he got into his spaceship. Then he launched into space.

He zoomed in space in his spaceship and then he went to go and land on the moon. When he landed on the moon, he got out of his spaceship and sat on the moon looking around space. While he was sitting on the moon, a ship that an alien was in crashed on the moon. The alien waved at the boy then the boy waved at the alien. The alien asked the boy to help him fix his ship. So the boy slid on the moon then let out his parachute. Then he went into the garage to get the ladder and put it as far as it could go back on the moon. He climbed the ladder and got on the moon. He fixed the alien's ship then he got into his spaceship and flew back home.

By Bella 2/3G
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The start of Term 4 reminds me how quick the school year goes. This term is particularly busy with end of year events as well as planning for 2016. Next year we will have 11 classes as our numbers continue to grow at a steady pace. The Department of Education has given me permission to advertise for a new Assistant Principal so next year we will have 3 Assistant Principals. The new Assistant Principal will be the teacher for the eleventh class. Later in the term we will also be advertising for a new School Administration Officer.

Thank you to the school community for the support last term of the P&C fundraiser for Michael. I am sure the Sellick family is very appreciative of all your support; over $800 was raised. We all look forward to the day Michael arrives at school in his wheelchair modified car.

A gentle reminder from the P&C Association regarding raffle tickets: don’t forget to return your tickets including the unsold ones. If you are able to help sell unsold tickets please let the school office know.

As part of our planning, we always evaluate school programs and school culture. As of today we only have 11 responses to our online parent survey. It would be appreciated if you could spare 20 minutes to complete this. For details see the front page. If you need assistance to participate please come to the front office and we will help as we value your opinions.

Make sure you keep track of events and dates as there is a lot happening. Next week we have the Stage 2 Berry camp as well as the South West Sydney Public Speaking competition for selected students. The following week swimming lessons start for 60 of our students. It is so good to see so many children attending as drowning is a major cause of death in this age group.

Our students have also begun working on the end of year performance. Every second year the school does a musical. This year we are presenting Robin Hood and his Hooded Woodies. Every student is participating and with our new audio and lighting system in the hall it will be truly spectacular.

Regards

Carol Gruden   Principal

Thank you to everyone who diligently collected the Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers. We have approximately 30,000 points possibly more to use on new school equipment. As soon as we have confirmation from Woolworths I will update the tally. Thank you again for your support.
Student Banking

Student banking is every Thursday morning at the P&C window from 8.15am to 8.45am.

We are trying to win a gazebo for our school, to do this we need to have the majority of our students banking.

SO ... every NEW banker will receive a gift with their very first deposit.

Getting Ready for School Program 2016

Our Program begins Term 3 July 24 through to November 27 each Friday morning beginning at 8.45am and concluding at (Term 3) 10.30am and Term 4 finishing 11.00am.

Hope to see our new kinders there!