**Budgewoi Public School**

**Opportunities to achieve in a unique, caring school**

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**Week 7 Term 1 2016**

**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. More information about the survey is available at: [http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents](http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents)

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 14th March and 8th April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. If you *do not* want your child or children to participate, please contact Mrs Ellen.

**Coming events for Term 1 (updated as events arise)**

- Tues 9th: P & C AGM 7pm in library
- Wed 9th: Canteen fruit salad day Yrs 3-6
- Thurs 10th: Canteen Fruit salad day k-2
- Wed 16th: Sydney North swimming carnival
- Thurs 24th: K-2 Easter hat parade
- Fri 25th: Good Friday
- Mon 28th: Easter Monday
- Tues 29th: Students return to school
- Wed 30th: Healthy Lunchbox Parent forum
- Fri 8th April: Last day of Term 1
- Wed 27th April: Term 2 commences

**Congratulations to our Privilege Badge winners**

KCN Taylor, KL Thomas, KEB Stephanie, KD Charlie, 1K Carly, 1M Tahlia, 1T Harper, 1/2J Alierah, 2C Emily, 2M Nathan, 2JR Kaitlyn, S2SE Taya, S2J Marlee, S2F Byron, S2L Roy, S2A Grace, S2O Mackenna, S3W Alana, S3K Chloé, S3GP Aiden, S3VL Tynisha, S3M Amber, Unit 1 Jasper, Unit 2 Ryan, Unit 3 Maxwell and Unit 4 James.

**Best Attendance**

Congratulations to 1K who had one absence last week. Well done! Mrs Kerry Moore (Principal)

**School News**

**Zone swimming carnival Results:**

Congratulations to all the swimmers that represented Budgewoi Public School at the Wallarah Zone Swimming Carnival. All swimmers represented the school fantastically and should be proud of their individual efforts. A special mention to the following people who gained a position in the following races:

- Jackson V 2nd, 10 Years 50m Freestyle, 3rd 50m Junior Backstroke
- Bella S 1st, 11 Years 50m Breaststroke
- Zoe R 2nd, 11 Years 50m Breaststroke
- Nate V 2nd, 11 Years 50m Backstroke, 3rd 11 Years 50m Freestyle
- Ivy A 1st, 11 Years 50m Backstroke, 3rd 11 Years 50m Butterfly
- Kieran E 2nd, 11 Years 50m Butterfly, 3rd 11 Years 50m Breaststroke
- Dakota R, 3rd, 11 Years 50m Backstroke
- Jeremy H 1st, 12/13 Years 50m Breaststroke, 3rd 12/13 Years 50m Backstroke
- Cameron M 1st, 50m Freestyle AWD
- Boys’ Senior Relay (Nate V, Kieran E, Brodie W, Jeremy H) 2nd
- Girls’ Senior Relay (Olivia T, Ella G, Amber D, Zoe R) 3rd

**Cricket report**

Our cricket team went to Tuggerawong Public School to play cricket. Our team smashed them with 116 runs with Mitchell scoring 34 and Jack 24. Tuggerawong came in swinging but were no match for Budgewoi’s bowling with Luke getting 5 wickets. The team all had fun and tried hard for a good win. Mitchell H Captain

**S2SE News**

The Stage 2 unit for Science this term is “Plants in Action”. S2SE have completed some fantastic artwork representing sunflowers to support our Science unit. The following is the procedure used to complete our artworks. All students were very proud of their finished products.

**Procedure for Sunflower Artwork**

**Materials**

- Orange paint
- Hands
- Yellow crepe paper
- Art paper
- Red, blue and green A4 paper
- Glue

**Procedure**

Paint your one of your hands with orange paint

Make hands prints on your page that overlap

Get some green paper and make stems and leaves

Get some coloured paper and cut out a trapezium shape to make vase and stick on art paper

Get some yellow crepe paper and make little balls to stick inside the hand prints

Cut the hand prints out and stick on top of green stems

**SRC Semester 1 2016**

Congratulations to the following students who were elected by their peers to be the SRC representatives for Semester 1, 2016.

Small Size Underwear for girls

Parents may wish to consider packing a spare pair of underwear for girls in case of accident as we have run out of all sizes below size 8. If your child has borrowed any of our underwear we would appreciate them being washed and returned.

Q4:H2O Stage 2 Initiative

Q4:H2O is a one week activity to promote healthy drinks to Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4) students and their families. The aim is for students to accrue as many points as possible over the course of one week for choosing healthy drinks (water and reduced fat milk). Each student receives a Q4:H2O card to record their information. Parent/Careers are encouraged to sign off the student card at the end of the week and return it to school.

Each day students record on their Q4:H2O card:

- The number of cups of water and/or reduced fat milk they drink
- If they drink water or reduced fat milk with their evening meal
- If they had no sweetened drinks over the day
- If they drink half a cup or less of juice over the day

The Q4:H2O student card also contains useful tips and information for choosing healthy drinks. Background information on healthy drinks can be accessed from: www.healthpromotion.com.au/H2O/H2O_Home.htm

Students will also be talking about healthy drinks in class and participating in some fun activities. Please return the completed card to class by Monday 14th March, 2016. All students who return their cards will go into a draw for a great prize.

What are opportunity classes?

Opportunity classes cater for highly achieving Year 5 and 6 academically gifted students. These classes help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level. Parents normally apply when the students are in Year 4. Students who are placed then attend the opportunity class full-time in Years 5 and 6 at Wyong Public School. It is a two-year placement program. There is no provision to apply for Year 6 placement only.

Thinking of applying for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2017?

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Canteen News

Fruit Salad day is this Wednesday for Years 3-6 and Thursday for K-2. Thank you for the ever increasing flexi school orders. Online orders can be placed at flexischools.com.au, register and look for Budgewoi Public School.

Roster for week beginning 8th March:

- Tues 8/3/16 - Denise Wilson, Michelle Burgess.
- Thurs 10/3/16 – Leah Wensley, Georgina Atkinson.
- Fri 11/3/16 - Roxy Hill, Megan Lewis.
- Mon 14/3/16 – Alana Paku, Natasha Stoddard.

 Helpers, if for any reason you cannot attend, please contact Sophie early on 43992238.

P & C News

The P&C AGM is on Tuesday 8th March at 7pm in the school library. All Executive positions will be declared vacant and this year’s committee voted in. You must be a member prior to voting at the AGM and yearly membership is only $1.00. If anyone is interested in a position then they can look up the role and its responsibility at this website.

http://www.cccpandc.org/#!faqs/c1vgs

Madeline and Dale Clinten Presidents.

Book Club

Book Club Issue 2 will close on Wednesday 16th March. All cheques should be made out to Budgewoi P&C. No late orders accepted.

Community News

Free Night of Entertainment

Join our Easter Family Night Thursday 17th March 6-8pm at Bunnings Lakehaven Petting Zoo, Jumping Castle, Kids Craft, sausage on a roll and Easter Bunny Appearance