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 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

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 11th March. The FAQs and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website above.

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Calendar

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Special points of interest:
Tell Them From Me Student Survey

NO HAT, SHADE PLAY
History Studies

Following on from last week, after working as a group to consider some things that help make our country great each student then came up with their own thoughts on “What it means to be Australian”.

“I feel safe because lots of people come to Australia in blow-up (inflatable) boats” – Claire Y3

“I feel proud to be Australian because of our culture and past, also because we are safe. I think that we are very lucky because there is no such thing as not having enough food.” I believe that we have good emergency services too; they always come when you need them. My country is beautiful and means everything to me.” – Emma Y4

“I think Australia is a special place. There are great services and also great people like our leaders and government.” – Grace Y5

“My country feels like it is the safest place. I believe that everyone likes at least one thing.” – Jaiden Y6

“I think Australia is a good place because we can vote for our leaders. In some places in the world the governments just choose the person (leader). I feel Australia is special because we have different types of animals that are found nowhere else in the world.” – Ronald Y6

Visitor

This week, visitors to the school included community members David Holleley and Ronald Charles who came to use school resources. Don’t forget the Library Depot is open during school hours.

Student Awards!

Student of the Week
Charlotte Mobbs

Citizenship Award
Emma English

Attendance Award
Jaiden Roach

Mathletics Gold
Grace Browne

A number of students earned Mathletics certificates this week.

Sewing

Sewing lessons have begun with Mrs Groves. Our kindergarten students have started well, while the seniors are old hands at this!
Science

With Mrs Rayner the junior students have been talking and learning about how water gets into our homes. Where does it come from? Some houses have gutters, downpipes and rainwater tanks to collect the rain. Most houses in large towns and cities get their water from dams and reservoirs which goes to a treatment plant before travelling through pipes to their homes.

Senior students have been investigating and learning about the Australian stations in Antarctica to find out the reason for them and how they got their names.

In the Garden

This week we planted seeds of marigold, parsnip, leek, spring onion, rainbow chard and beetroot. The weather has been really dry. Only 3mm rain fell in February. We are lucky at school to have plenty of rainwater tanks and also town water. Every morning and throughout the day we are keeping our seeds moist. We also picked and ate some tomatoes. We collected nasturtium, rhubarb and basil seeds.

“Water is Life!”

Quote of the Week

I am lucky to be what I am!
Thank goodness I’m not just a clam or a ham or a dusty old jar of gooseberry jam!

Dr Seuss
According to Statistical Returns furnished by the Department of Mines, there was from 1857 to 1950, 665,552 ounces of gold mined. “If this was worked out as 5 pounds 10 shillings per ounce it would be worth 10,316,856 pounds” says M. Purser.