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 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 9th March and 2nd April to Years 4-6. 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 27th February. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

Parent Information Evening ~ “Grammar & Writing”

We will be hosting our first Parent Information Evening on Wednesday 4th March. The focus for the workshop will be related to grammar & writing. We will address such issues as:

- Showing you the features of NAPLAN marking for writing.
- Strategies associated with teaching grammar
- Clauses, phrases and complete sentences.

An information sheet will be sent home with this Bulletin.

Thank you to our Children

It is absolutely wonderful to hear so many courteous/positive children at our school. At times it is easy, as adults, to forget to speak with courtesy and with a positive attitude (due to pressures and so on). Isn’t it refreshing to know that our children speak so positively about their friends, their school and about their life experiences? At times we should sit back and just listen to kids speaking…as adults we could learn a lot.

Meet the Teacher Evening

We would like to thank all of the parents who attended the “Meet the Teacher” Parent Information Evening. If you still have questions about the evening, please feel free to contact the school to make an appointment with your child’s teacher.

We would also like to thank Mrs Marsden & Mrs Harvey-Shore, the wonderful fundraising team, and all the helpers; Mrs Johnson, Mrs Whiteman, Mrs Aplin, Mrs Laphos, Mrs Sullivan, for the fantastic sausage sizzle and disco, which the students love but the parents like even more. A special thank you to Mr & Mrs Matossian for working hard all night cooking all those sausages and Felicity & Trevor Conn from Glenorie Butchers for donating the sausages. Well done, it was an excellent evening.
Gymnastics Program
Due to a rather large price increase in our Gymnastics program we have moved this great program to Term Two as it was significantly cheaper to do so. You will receive further information about the program in Week 7.

Lost property
To prevent your child losing their property, use a permanent laundry marker to label clothes, hats and shoes, or sew or iron on personalised labels. Remember to go through your child’s bag with them each night. If something doesn’t come home, ask your child’s teacher and check the lost property box located at the office. Please also check your child doesn’t accidently come home another students belongings. If this happens, please return it to school office. Thanks.

Text Books and Contributions
Many of you would have noticed that we have issued textbooks to all students that have paid. If you have yet to pay for your child’s learning materials, please do so as soon as possible, as the teachers would like to start using these resources.

Asquith Girls High School Visit
There will be a school Information session for parents interested in sending their daughter/s to Asquith Girls High School in our school hall on Monday 23rd February after the morning assembly. Year 5 & 6 girls and parents are welcome to come and listen to what Asquith Girls High School is offering in Year 7 in 2016/17. There will also be a morning tea with the Principal of Asquith Girls High School on Thursday 5th March 9:30 -10:00 am at the High School if you cannot attend any open day sessions or our school visit.

P&C Meeting
We would again like to extend a warm welcome to all members of our school community to attend next week’s first P&C Meeting for the year. We hope you can be part of the process of deciding how P&C funds will be spent in 2015 at this meeting and to be part of the school’s decision making process. Tuesday 24th February 7:30pm Staffroom. We would love to see our new Kindy P&C parents at this meeting.

Free
The school is purchasing a new larger container and no longer need the old 20 foot container located next to the basketball court. If you would like to have it for free and have the ability to remove it yourself, please contact the school office on 9652 1237.

A note from the outgoing President
A big thank you to all of the kindy parents who dropped in to say hello last Thursday, at the Meet the Teacher evening - it was great to see you all. A big thank you, also to the parents who have kindly volunteered to be our P&C Class Parents. We are looking for P&C Class Parents for the other classes also, this role doesn’t require any attendance at P&C meetings, but rather just gives the P&C a contact point for each class if we need to distribute information on events/fundraisers etc. If you are interested in stepping in to the role for any of your children in years one through six, please let the ladies at the office know. And a big thanks in advance!

Our AGM is scheduled for March. A great school like Glenorie doesn’t just happen without a lot of work from dedicated teaching staff and school families. Our school enjoys wonderful resources and community involvement due to the commitment and involvement from families and staff.

The P&C is established to:
• Promote the interest of the school by bringing parents, students and teaching staff together into close cooperation;
• Encourage parents and community participation in curriculum and other educational issues in the school;
• Provide a forum in which parents can develop their partnership with the school and articulate their aspirations for their children’s education.

Helping out at school is a great way to get involved in your child’s education and to get to know the school staff and other parents.

At our AGM all positions are declared vacant; anyone is welcome to nominate for a position.

P & C Role Summary

President
The president leads the P&C and acts as a spokesperson for the association. They have a key role in working with the school principal and staff. The president will represent the P&C body at official school functions throughout the year. They are responsible for chairing each of the meetings. They have a role in bringing the P&C executive together, ensuring adequate and efficient communication exists. This person needs to attend P&C meetings.

Treasurer
The treasurer is responsible for the financial records for the P&C. They prepare a budget each year (based on the previous year), and
provide updates to the committee each meeting on income and expenditure. The treasurer is responsible for arranging the annual audit of P&C financial records and helps on fundraising days with the distribution of floats and collection/banking of receipts. This person needs to attend P&C meetings.

**Secretary**
The secretary provides the agenda for each meeting and records minutes. The minutes need to reflect all elections and appointments of committee members, the names of members of the committee present at meetings and all proceedings at the meetings. Keep the member register up to date. This person needs to attend P&C meetings.

**Vice President (2)**
The vice president is there to support the rest of the office bearers. They step into the other roles where those office bearers are absent for periods of time. It is preferable for this person to attend P&C meetings.

In the interim, our next P&C meeting is next Tuesday, and we look forward to hopefully seeing you there.

Warm wishes,
Lisa

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**Uniform Shop**
The Uniform Shop hours are:
9am to 10am Monday
3pm to 4pm Tuesday

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**Canteen**
Canteen is open each Monday and Friday. If you would like to volunteer in the canteen please contact the office.

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**Gold & Silver Awards**
Our next Gold and Silver Assembly will be Friday, 27\textsuperscript{th} February. Please ensure your awards are returned to Mrs Young at the office for processing by Tuesday, 24\textsuperscript{th} February. Awards received after this date may not be processed in time.
Glenorie Girls’ Brigade for Girls 7-12

Do you have girls between the ages of 7 and 12 who like to have fun with other girls? GGB might be what they’re looking for. Our varied program includes games, craft, cooking, learning about God, singing, dancing etc.

We meet Tuesdays 6.30-8.30pm at Glenorie Mission Church, corner Old Northern Rd/Muscios Rd.

Contact Captain Jenni Hoogesteger

0404 144 612 or just turn up and check us out.

Play Rugby League for the Hills Hawks!

The Hills Hawks Junior Rugby League club are now registering players for the 2015 season. We are holding Come and Try clinics at Dural Park at 5pm on Monday 9th February and at 5:30pm on Wednesday 25th February. This is a great opportunity for children aged 4+ to try some skills and for parents to find out more about their local club. Ages 4 to 8 play Mini Footy, ages 8 to 12 play Mod League and ages 12+ play rugby league.

For further information contact hawksrugbyleague@gmail.com or 0422001311 or check out our facebook at www.facebook.com/hawksrugbyleague

Asquith Girls High School

2016 Enrichment Class Examination

Saturday 7th March 2015

Visit our website to download an application

www.asquithgir-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

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