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'Communicating with our Caring Community'



Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> August 2016



### DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	EVENT
19 August	Olympic Sport Day
22 August	CANTEEN CLOSED
22 – 31 August	Life Education Visit
24 August	CANTEEN CLOSED
26 August	BW Zone Athletics Carnival
29 Aug – 2 Sep	Library Book Fair
29 August	CANTEEN CLOSED
31 August	Yr 2 Swimming Program begins
31 August	CANTEEN CLOSED
31 August	Kindergarten 2017 Parent Information Session – 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm
2 September	Father's Day Breakfast
5 September	CANTEEN CLOSED
5-6 September	Mariners Visit – ES1 & S1
7 September	CANTEEN CLOSED
7 September	Yr 2 Swimming - ongoing
13 September	School Photos
18 September	Blue Gum Art Show
18 September	RAP Bush Care Day

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

#### Central Coast Public Education Awards of Appreciation

On Monday afternoon I had the pleasure of attending the 'Central Coast Public Education Awards of Appreciation' presentation ceremony where two of our wonderful office staff received awards of appreciation for the great work that they do. Mrs Vila and Mrs Ward received an award for their leadership of the Learning Management & Business Reform (LMBR) initiative and for the fantastic work they do in managing the office every day. Congratulations ladies, well done. I would also like to acknowledge the great work done by all of our amazing office staff, we are very fortunate to have such caring, professional, dedicated, hardworking staff.



### Athletics Carnivals

What a great day it was, with two very successful carnivals. The Primary Athletics Carnival was organised by Mr Edwards and the Infants Athletics Carnival was organised by Mr Miller.



*'You never know what you can DO until you TRY.'*

Both carnivals ran smoothly thanks to the high level of organisation from Mr Edwards, Mr Miller, Mr Scriven and the staff who ran the events and supervised the students. Thanks to Mr Rainger, past staff members, family, friends and parent volunteers who worked all day to ensure the carnivals were a huge success, it was a real team effort.

Thank you also to Mrs Elise Blomfield, our canteen supervisor, for her high level of organisation which ensured the canteen operated smoothly on the day. Many thanks to everyone who worked in the canteen.

The boys and girls are to be congratulated for displaying both a high level of sportsmanship and athletics ability.

We had lots of proud mums, dads and family members watching and cheering the boys and girls on.

### Bright Sparks

This week, the boys and girls in Yr 5 and Yr 6 had the opportunity to participate in the Bright Sparks renewable energy program developed by Rumbalara Environmental Education Centre. The students had lots of fun learning about energy production through a range of engaging, hands on activities. We are lucky to have access to this most valuable resource on the Central Coast. Thank you to Mrs McMurtrie & Mrs McLean for organising this.

### Staff News

Renee Dwyer, who is completing her teaching internship with us, is working with 5D and Mr Wilson. Please make her feel welcome.

### Stranger Danger

Last Friday, I sent home a note to parents advising that there had been reports of a strange man who was following school children. He was allegedly driving a white Hyundai vehicle with tinted windows. The male attempted to approach and engage with the children from his car. These reports have been made by children in the Kariong and Budgewoi areas. The incidents have been reported to the Police.

This is a timely reminder for us all to talk about 'stranger danger.'

If children are walking to and from school or the bus stop, they should walk in a group and not respond to any strangers who approach them. If they feel unsafe they should walk quickly or run to their destination.

It would be appreciated if all parents could discuss 'stranger danger' with your children, including strategies that they can use that may be specific to your neighbourhood.

### Tell Them From Me - Parent Surveys

All families will have the opportunity to participate in our online school evaluation survey for parents. There are multiple choice questions and sections where parents can also write a short response. It would be great if all

families could be represented in this survey, that way we would be receiving balanced feedback that represents all families and not just a chosen few. PLEASE take the time to complete this survey as it is very important to us. It should only take 10 -15 minutes to complete. Parents, if you are currently experiencing computer problems or would like assistance completing the survey, we will be opening up our computer lab for you to use. Staff will be available to assist with technology. The survey goes live next Monday, 22 August.

More information is located further on in this newsletter.

The boys and girls had the opportunity to complete the student survey earlier on in the year. Results from this survey will guide forward planning.

The teachers will also have the opportunity to complete the staff version of this survey later on in the term.

### Olympics Day

On Friday we will be celebrating the Olympics with our students.

### Value

This fortnight we are focusing on *democracy*.

#### OURIMBAH PUBLIC SCHOOL VALUES

##### DEMOCRACY

Accepting and promoting the rights, freedoms and responsibilities of being an Australian citizen

Until next time,  
Linda Trigg  
Principal

### CORE VALUES

For the last fortnight we have been learning about our school value of 'Cooperation'. Below are our Core Value award winners.



## **CLASSROOM EFFORT & BEHAVIOUR POINTSCORE**

**Week 3 – Winning House – Kangaroos**

Kangaroos – 39                      Platypus – 33

Emus – 29                          Koalas – 25

**Week 4 – Winning House – Koalas**

Koalas – 38                      Platypus – 34

Kangaroos – 27                  Emus - 22

## **CLASSROOM AWARDS K-2**

**Week 4 – Blake A, Cooper C KM, Milana H, Sebastian S KS, Toby S, Indigo L KT, Samuel B, Scout F K/1B, Dana M, Hayden B 1A, Ethan W, Cameron H 1/2G, Taedym V, Brock H 2M, Cooper M, Melody W 2F, Emilie W, Sam B Library**

**Week 5 – Lachlan M, Zachary W KM, Grace M, Archer W KS, Finlay E, Caleb W KT, Hunter J, Declan K K/1B, Archie H, Emilie W 1A, Isabella S, Xander D 1MK, Caelli T, Josh P 1/2G, Emmy D, Eli S 2M, Anisha G, Lincoln M 2F, Ella T, Harrison K Library**

## **CLASSROOM AWARDS 3-6**

**Week 4 – Alison K, James A 3P, Phoebe M, Brock M 3RE, Isla T, Ruby M 3/4B, Connor K, Dusty P 4A, Jesse B, Aylin D 4E, Daniel W, Sierra H 5AK, Brendan E, Georgia K 5D, James G, Chloe W 5/6W, Charlotte M, Kate S 6E, Bethany W, Blake W Library**

**Week 5 – Remy M, Dominic G 3P, Rhiannon F, Zach J 3RE, Bailey C, Emma H 3/4B, Eloise C, Joseph T 4A, Kyah G, John S 4E, Lilijana R, Amelia E 5AK, Olivia W, Oliver B 5D, Dylan M, Hunter A 5/6W, Tahlia C, Elliot M 6E, Charlie L, Josephine C Library**

## **'PARTNERS IN LEARNING' PARENT SURVEY**

### **Survey Now Active**

The survey is now active and can be accessed through the login at <https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/>

The password is **magpie 2820**

The parent survey will be conducted between 22 August and 21 October.

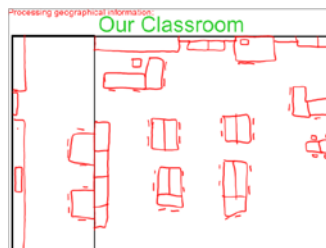
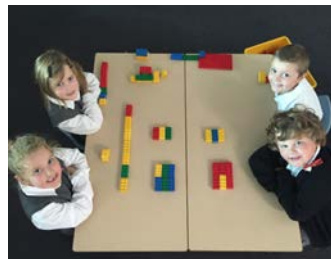
A Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) information sheet can be found later in this newsletter.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

## **SPOTLIGHT ON KM!**

KM has begun the study of Geography in Term 3. The aim of Geography in Years K–10 is to stimulate students' interest in and engagement with the world. Through geographical inquiry they develop an understanding of the interactions between people, places and environments across a range of scales in order to become informed, responsible and active citizens. KM is focusing on the area 'People live in Places'. As a class we have read literary texts and viewed a variety of maps. The students are in the process of acquiring data and information about the classroom. We discussed a bird's eye view of the

classroom and what this looks like. Below are photographs of the student's work. They worked collaboratively to build their interpretation of the classroom. From the classroom, we will continue to look at important places at school and how to take care of these places.



## **YEAR 4 CAMP PAYMENTS DUE NOW**

The Year 4 Aussie Bush Camp is at the end of this term from 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> September. All students should have paid their \$50.00 deposit to secure a place at the camp. It is now time to start making further payments either in full or by instalments. The balance of the camp after the deposit is paid is \$240.00. Remember that payments can be made via our POP online system or by cash or cheque sent to the class teacher. **All payments must be finalised by Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> September.**

## **NITBUSTERS DAY**

Thank you to the following volunteers for all their help on Nitbusters Day on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> August: Lisa Carson, Melinda Cooper, Leah Ward, Jacqui Woods, Emily Clifton, Jane Demellweek, Lynne Dallas, Jen East, Jane Brooker, Melissa Long and her mum Denise and also our coordinator Lorelei Barkley. Your ongoing support of this program is fantastic.

## **BRIGHT SPARKS INCURSION**

Last week, Stage 3 students participated in the Bright Sparks Incursion, run by Rumbalara Environmental Education Centre. The students engaged in hands-on investigations of renewable and energy saving systems. Some of the activities included using magnets and



mirrors to generate energy, an oven which uses energy from the sun and an energy bicycle.

The Stage 3 scientists enjoyed their time with Bright Sparks and have increased their understanding of sustainable energy solutions.

Nicole McMurtrie

Organising Teacher



### UNI OF NSW ENGLISH COMPETITION RESULTS

Congratulations to the following students on their English Competition results:

#### Merit

Yr 3 – Lainey G, Michael M

Yr 4 – Samara C, Minh N, John S

Yr 6 – Jayde F, Charlotte M

#### Credit

Yr 3 – Mitchell H, Lucinta M, Jack M, Cameron W, Chloe W

Yr 4 – Keith S, Taya W

Yr 5 – Blake W

Yr 6 – Timothy J, Caitlin M, Bethany W

#### Distinction

Yr 3 – Remy M

A great effort from everyone.

### SPORTS NEWS

#### ATHLETICS CARNIVAL LOST PROPERTY

There was lots of lost property left behind at last Friday's Athletics Carnival. Please come in to the office and have a look if you have any missing items.

#### K-2 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

A big thank you to our audience who cheered loudly for all of our competitors at the K-2 Athletics Carnival. We had perfect weather, well behaved children and lots of fun. It was great to see all of the children participating and having an enjoyable time. I would also like to

recognise our tremendous band of K-2 teachers and support staff for all of their contributions, organisation and support, ensuring a memorable day for all.

C. Miller

### PRIMARY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all the students who participated at last Friday's carnival. It was great to see so many good sports giving 100% throughout the day, whether it was a competitive track race or a fun field event, everyone kept trying. Well done to Lucy J who set a new record in the 12 years 100m. The new mark now being 13.91 seconds. The trophy presentation will take place in the coming weeks for all the age division champions and overall house winner. Parents of those involved will be contacted when the trophies are available for presentation at our Wednesday Primary Assembly. With the conclusion of the last field event taking place this week at school, I can tell you the final result will be very close indeed.

Notes will go home this week to the athletes who have qualified for the BWPSSA Carnival to be held at Mingara Athletics Complex on Friday, 26th August. Training for all events will take place at school in the days leading up to the carnival.

A big thank you to those who gave up their time to assist on Friday as your help was very much appreciated. Mrs Jacobs with the shot put and the familiar faces of Mr Driver and Mr Annabel in the judging area. Elise and her team in the canteen were also winners on the day and your efforts too were appreciated by all.

The final point score and age champions will be published after the presentation of trophies.

Gary Edwards

### OLYMPIC DAY

The special sport day relating to the Olympic theme will take place for all students K to 6 this Friday. All students are reminded to wear their sports uniform on the day. Please ensure that all permission notes are returned and payments are made before the end of the week. It will be a great experience for all.

Gary Edwards

### TOUCH GALA DAY

As part of the NSWPPSA Touch knockout the school's boys and girls teams will be participating in a Gala Day involving 5 other local schools. The winners of the day will progress through to the 4th round in the state wide competition. Good luck to all.

Dean Wilson and Gary Edwards

Gala Day Conveners

## DONATIONS OF LEGO NEEDED



Donations of Lego blocks (new or old and in any quantity) are needed for the Leadership Team's Take 3 Guessing Competition. The Lego will be put into a large container and will become the prize for the competition. A guess, as to how much Lego is in the container, will cost 50c. Guessing will take place during recess and lunch. The winner is the person who guesses the correct amount (or closest to it) and will be announced at the Blue Gum Art Show, where the winner gets to take the container of Lego home.


All funds raised go towards the Leadership Team's Take 3 mural.


All donations may be left at the office.

Thank you.

## LIFE EDUCATION

The Life Education van will be at Ourimbah PS from next Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> August. During this time there will be Life Education merchandise available to purchase. Please see below for items and prices. To make a purchase, please place the correct money in an envelope with your child's name, class and item required and leave it at the office. Orders will be filled by the educator throughout the two week program.

  
**HAROLD MERCHANDISE**

 Click on Tools, Sign, and Comment to access additional features.

Dear Parents,

Life Education NSW is a not for profit community-based organisation that relies heavily on fundraising within the community to assist in meeting the shortfall left after receiving minimal assistance from Government funding.

The sale of Harold merchandise to the children whilst the program is visiting each school supports the fundraising activities of local committees and all proceeds support Life Education within each local area. These products help to remind children about the messages delivered to them during their Life Education session and have either a picture of Harold or the Life Education logo on them.

The educator will provide the opportunity for children to purchase these products during the school visit. Please provide the **correct money** in an envelope with the item written on the face of the envelope along with your child's name and class. This allows the educator to process orders efficiently and accurately. Orders will be returned by the conclusion of the visit.


Product Description	Price Incl. GST	Quantity	Product Description	Price Incl. GST	Quantity
Tattoo	\$0.50		Harold Hand Ball	\$3.00	
Harold Post-it-note	\$1.50		Harold Stationery Set	\$3.00	
Harold Activity Bag	Not Available		Small Harold Soft Toy	\$8.00	
Harold Keyring	\$3.00		Large Harold Soft Toy	\$15.00	
<b>Total Owning</b>			<b>Total Owning</b>		

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Class: \_\_\_\_\_

**NB Harold Products are subject to availability**  
Life Education NSW thanks you for your support.

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Suburb: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email (optional) \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Class: \_\_\_\_\_  
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students and their fathers or male role models. Notes were sent home last week.

## STRANGER DANGER

Please take time to read the following alert that was issued on Friday afternoon.

### Stranger Danger Alert 12/8/16

This is to inform you that over the past few days there have been a number of reports of school children being followed by a strange male in a white vehicle. The male attempted to approach and engage with the children from his car. These reports have been made by children in the Kariong area.

Community members reported that he was allegedly driving a white Hyundai with tinted windows and the letters 'AB' on the number plate. The man has been described as being in his forties. The incidents have been reported to Gosford Police.

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It would be appreciated if all parents could discuss 'stranger danger' with your children, including strategies that they can use that may be specific to your neighbourhood.

Kind Regards,  
Mrs Linda Trigg  
Principal

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos for this year will take place on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> September. **Full SUMMER uniform** is to be worn for the photos. Envelopes and information will come home shortly. The cost of the packages will vary from \$20.00 to \$39.00.

## KINDER 2017 PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

The Parent Information Session for 2017 Kindergarten parents will take place on Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> August from 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm. This will be a very informative evening for all new parents and is also an opportunity to return enrolment forms, as well as relevant paperwork such as copies of birth certificates and immunisation statements.

If you are NOT sending your child to school in 2017, please return the form and advise the office staff.

## ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS AVAILABLE NOW

Entertainment books must be ordered online via [www.entbook.com.au/345q54](http://www.entbook.com.au/345q54) and once paid can then be picked up from the school office. There are only 3 books remaining.

## FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Don't forget to get your orders in early for the Father's Day Breakfast on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September. The cost is \$5.00 per breakfast and is available for both the



## UNIFORM SHOP

### Operating Hours – Mondays & Thursdays

The opening hours for the uniform shop are as follows:

**Mondays 8.30 am - 9.30 am**

**Thursdays 2.30 pm - 3.00 pm**

Online ordering and eftpos are available in the Uniform Shop. Order forms are also available from the office with an option to make arrangements for collecting/paying at the canteen or from the uniform shop.

## P&C NEWS

### PIE DRIVE THANKS

A big heartfelt thanks to Jane, Lesley, Belinda, Elise, Lynne and Karen for all their help distributing the 189 pies for the P&C Pie Drive. Thanks also to all the families that supported our fundraiser. It is always appreciated.

Albina Enberg

## BLUE GUM ART SHOW 2016

We are very excited to invite you to our 5th Blue Gum Art Show on Sunday, 18th September from 10 am until 4 pm for one day only!! We will showcase talented artists and their artworks from paintings and sculptures through to photography. We are including a Children's Exhibition Section for child artists from Kindergarten to Year 6.

So put the date in your diaries, grab an entry form from the school office or download one from the school website under OPS Information. You can even grab an entry form from the Ourimbah Newsagent and General Store. For more details, check out our pages on Facebook - 'Blue Gum Art Show' or 'Ourimbah Public School P&C'. Entry forms will need to be returned with your entry fee to the school office, no later than Monday, 12th September. We are also looking for performance artists, art demonstrators, musicians, dancers, poets etc, for entertainment on the day. If anyone would like to donate artworks or items for raffles it would be a great help to fundraise for the school. You can contact Cat Soper on 0438 821 673 if you need more information.

So grab an entry form and get creative!

You're invited to...

**OURIMBAH PUBLIC SCHOOL**

our 5TH  
**BLUE GUM**  
art SHOW

SUNDAY  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2016  
10am - 4PM

We are very excited to invite all artists to enter artworks in our 5th Blue Gum Art Show! Entry forms are available on the school website under OPS Information, Ourimbah Newsagency and Blue Gum Art Show Facebook page. Entry forms and fees are to be in by no later than Monday, 12th September, 2016. We will showcase local talented artists and again have a Primary School Age section for child artists from Kindergarten - Year 6. It's such a great exhibition so get your entries in as there is limited showcase space due to popular demand.

\*Like 'Blue Gum Art Show' or Ourimbah Public School P&C pages on facebook or call Cat Soper 0438821673 for more details.

## COMMUNITY NEWS AND ADVERTISEMENTS

### LISAROW OURIMBAH CRICKET CLUB

Registration dates



### Registration Days - 2016/2017 season.

Come and sign up with the mighty Magpies.

Boys and girls, new and old players for all ages.  
Milo in2cricket, T20 Blast, U/9's to U/16's

**When:** Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2016  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2016

**Where:** Tall Timbers Hotel  
Pacific Hwy, Ourimbah

**Time:** 11.00am to 3.00 pm

For further information go to  
[www.lisarowourimbahjcc.nsw.cricket.com.au](http://www.lisarowourimbahjcc.nsw.cricket.com.au)

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## ALINTA GYMNASTICS

Brochures with full dates and program information are available from the front office counter.

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- Gym Tots Under 5's
- Beginners Classes
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we have set the venue fee at \$5 p/lesson (whenever  
one trains) for everyone to enjoy+ participate in this  
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'Gi' lent while on trial. For more detail email or Contact: **Pete 0413 237 010**

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## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - BBQ FUND RAISER

**SUNDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER - 10 AM**

Operation Christmas Child is a great program  
organised by Samaritans purse. They deliver a shoebox with gifts  
inside it for Christmas to poor children in third world countries. The  
shoebox contains something for the child to wear, play with, for  
school, to love and for hygiene, such as a toothbrush.

It costs \$9 each to deliver a child one shoebox. Harvest Church is  
running a fund raiser BBQ lunch on Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> September to raise  
money for this important program. **Starting from 10 AM** at  
**Ourimbah Public School Hall** there will be a presentation on the  
program and a BBQ to follow. The BBQ lunch will cost \$5 per  
person and all profits will go to Samaritans purse to fund shoebox  
gifts. You can also learn on the day how to pack your own shoebox.  
This is a great program for kids to get involved in.



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ASSESSMENT**



You'll have something to smile about when you visit the **FREE\***  
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All ages welcome from babies through to adults.

Appointments available every day from 9.00am to 4.00pm.

Contact Us: (02) 4348 4164 to make an appointment.

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CENTRAL COAST

\* Available for students, pensioners and health care card holders on the Central Coast.

Meiso Tora Martial Arts presents

# Free Women's Self-Defence Seminar:

**Prizes to be won**

**Drinks and Nibbles**

**Empower Yourself**

**Suitable for ages 14+**

**Friday 26 August 2016**  
**Kariong Youth Centre**  
Seminar from 6.30pm to 8pm,  
followed by drinks and nibbles.

**Practical self-defence made simple**

- Learn what to do when you must stand your ground.
- Try easy and effective strike points and escape techniques.
- Learn situational awareness for prevention.
- Hear great safety tips.
- Empower yourself and take control.
- Enjoy a fun, social community evening with drinks and nibbles after the seminar!

**Prizes to be won on the night**

- Free membership with Meiso Tora Martial Arts.
- Free Gi (uniform).
- One month free training.
- Five free class training pass with Amy Cash Fitness.

For enquiries and bookings please call 0468 511 619

**AMY CASH FITNESS** Central Coast Council



## Tell Them From Me parent survey Frequently Asked Questions (parents and carers)

Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation

### 1. What is the Partners in Learning parent survey?

The Partners in Learning parent survey is part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys on student engagement. The parent survey helps to clarify and strengthen the important relationship between parent and school.

The survey is designed to measure, assess and report insights from the parent point of view at the school and system levels. The focus of this NSW survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

### 2. What kind of questions will the survey ask?

The survey questions aim at understanding parents' perspectives on their child's experience at school, including teaching, communication and the school's support of learning and behaviour. The survey also aims to understand parents' perspectives on activities and practices at home related to their child's learning.

The survey will ask parents questions about:

Parents feel welcome	Parents are informed	Parents support learning at home	Parents participate at school
School supports positive behaviour	Safety	Inclusion	School supports learning

### 3. How have schools been selected to take part?

The survey is open to all NSW government schools at no cost to them. Your school has decided to participate.

### 4. How will taking part in this survey benefit my child's school?

The parent survey provides school principals and school leaders with parents' perspectives on their school as well as learning at home. Communication between parents and staff, activities and practices at home, and parent views on the school's support of learning and behaviour help build an accurate and timely picture that schools can use for practical improvements. Data collected from the survey responses are quickly compiled into reports for school leaders. Principals can then use this information to help them identify emerging issues and plan for school improvement.

### 5. How does the parent survey relate to the student survey?

The parent survey is complementary to the *Tell Them From Me* student survey that your child may have been asked to complete. These surveys are offered (along with a teacher survey) to ensure schools can capture the views of students, teachers and parents.

For more detail on each of the surveys, see the survey website: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/>

### 6. What do I need to do to participate in the survey?

The survey typically takes 15 minutes and is conducted entirely online through a secure website operated by the survey developers, *The Learning Bar*. You will be provided with a link to complete the survey at home or your school may make computers available so that you can complete the survey during school hours.

### 7. Do I need to participate?

No, participation in the survey is optional. Whilst your responses are very much appreciated, if during the survey, you feel uncomfortable, you can stop the survey at any time. The majority of questions in the survey can be skipped.

### 8. Will the school be able to identify me or my child from my responses?

Staff in schools will not be able to identify individual parents or students from parent responses. To protect parent anonymity, schools will be provided with a single username and password for the school prior to the start of the survey period. This username and password will then be distributed to parents. Data suppression rules are applied to the school reporting tools where there are fewer than five responses.

### 9. What sort of analysis will be done of the survey data?

Once the surveys are completed, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within three business days. School leaders can use the data to better understand the experiences and views of parents at their school.

### What is CESE?

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### What is The Learning Bar?

*The Learning Bar* is a Canadian education company that specialises in school surveys for both primary and secondary students. Its survey, *Tell Them From Me*, is the largest national school survey in Canada, used in nine of Canada's ten provinces. More than 2,600 schools and 1.7 million Canadian students have participated in the survey over the last nine years. Australian schools have been participating in the *Tell Them From Me* surveys since 2012.

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More information about *The Learning Bar* is available at: [www.thelearningbar.com](http://www.thelearningbar.com)

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