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. 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 9 March and 2 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. A consent form for 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 27 February**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

**GARDEN BEE**

At Canterbury South Public School we are proud of our environment and lucky to have access to beautiful green playgrounds and gardens but we need help trying to maintain them. You don’t have a green thumb or stay the whole morning – any help or time given will be much appreciated.

Our focus this term will be on the front of the school.

**Chores include:**
- Weeding, moving mulch, watering, cutting grass and planting shrubs.

**WHEN:** Saturday 14th March 2015
**WHERE:** Canterbury South PS
**TIME:** 8.00am to 11.00am
**WHO:** Families, friends, community members (children **MUST** be accompanied by their parents)

Limited equipment may be available so we encourage you to bring your own gloves, shovels, trowels, forks, wheelbarrows etc.

*We hope to see as many families there as possible!!*

**Daniela Frasca**
Principal

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**Mathletics**

For those families who do not have a computer or internet at home, the school library will be open for children to access Mathletics on Monday afternoons from 3.15pm to 4.00pm.

**CSPS Chatterbox is going paperless**

From Term 2, the CSPS Chatterbox newsletter will be going paperless in an effort to be more Environmentally friendly. The newsletter will be available for you to view fortnightly starting term 2 via the Canterbury South App and website. If you do not have access to either facility, we will have a limited number of copies available in the office for your collection.

**Smartphone App**

The app is a fantastic way to receive school communication for excursions, what’s happening in the school and even the newsletter will be available. The app is suitable for both Android and Smart Phone users. To use the app you simply need to follow these steps:

1. **Download the free App from the Apple Store or Google Play Store**
2. **Search “CANTERBURY SOUTH” in the stores**
3. **Accept push notifications**
4. **Once the app has downloaded, sign in**

   **User name:** community  
   **Password:** canterburysthps
**Music at CSPS**

**Music Lessons**
This term 3/4S, 3/4A, 4/5M, 5/6J & 5/6R will have their music lessons on a Wednesday. As of Week 5 the students will be required to bring their recorder, *Cool Cats Recorder Book* and a document wallet or plastic display folder to keep their music and notes in. It is a good idea if recorder and books live in the children’s bags in the event they are called upon at a different time of the week to do a rehearsal. Thank you.

**Extra-Curricular Recorder Group**
This year recorder group will be held on Thursdays at 8:35am in the 2SY Classroom. It will start in Week 4 and is open to any students in Years 3 – 6 who are willing to join, come to rehearsals and are committed to practicing at home 3 times a week. We will be working on a repertoire of songs including 4 pieces that will be played at the Festival of Instrumental Music at the Opera House. Some students will be chosen to represent our school at the Jacaranda Concert of the Festival at the Opera House on the evening of 5th August 2015. We are very excited for our school to be involved in such a huge event where hundreds of students play their recorders to an audience of thousands. Believe it or not the recorder can sound beautiful! It will be a magical, once in a lifetime experience.

**Choir**
This term Choir will be held on a Thursday during whole school CAPA time. It is open to students in Years 2 – 6. The students will be working on vocal warm-ups, singing games a repertoire of songs for the Combined Public Schools Music Festival which will take place in late August (date to be confirmed) at the Bankstown Sports Club.

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**Endeavour High School 2015 OPEN NIGHT**

**Wednesday 25th February**

School Hall 6.00pm – 8.00pm

- Exceptional teaching and learning standards
- High student expectations and teacher commitment
- Dynamic learning environment in up-to-date learning and sporting facilities
- Enrichment in extra-curricular interests: band, debating, drama, the visual arts
- School community participating and
- Benefitting from state recognised student welfare initiatives:
  - White Ribbon, Captains Counsel, True 2 U-girls initiative, Boys 2 Men
  - Targeted Sport Program offering elite training and sportsmanship in: athletics, baseball, basketball, cricket, dance, girls development, golf, netball, rugby league, soccer boys & girls, swimming, tennis, union boys & girls
  - **Strong academic results** are evident in 2013, 2014 HSC graduates placed in University courses including: Health Science, Business & Economics, International Law, Architecture & Design, Psychology, Engineering Studies
  - **Student Visual Art Work** exhibited in Art Express, first in the state in Tourism and Hospitality Minister’s Award for Excellence in student achievement.

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**Swimming Carnival**

What a great day years 3-6 students had at the swimming carnival last Friday 13 February. Thank you to all the parent helpers who took the time to come out and assist on the day.

Congratulations to the winning house - Teape.

The Zone swimming carnival will be held Monday 2nd March at Ashfield Pool. Good Luck the students involved.

**A message from the Captains**

The swimming carnival was an awesome day! Congratulations to the swimming champions and great job to the House Captains, your teams war cry were amazing. Hana & Taiki, School Captains
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Assemblies will be held on a Friday every fortnight. The class nominated on the roster for that week will be responsible for running the assembly, performing an item and contributing to the newsletter.
Wests Magpies
Junior AFL Club

Western Suburbs Magpies Junior AFL Club is on the lookout for new players of all ages. U5-U17’s all welcome to join!

Registration:
Full season rego only $110 if done before mid-March. Register online or contact us re Rego days, training, games, season details!

Contact: Richard Stone
Phone: 0408 409 200
Email: Richard.stone@anz.com
Website: www.westsjuniors afl.com.au

Kids will learn the skills of AFL and U5’s-U8s receive an awesome backpack full of gear!

P&C NEWS

AGM – 17th February 2015
The AGM was held on 17th February where the new executive was voted in. The outcome of that was:
President – Sarah Johnson
Vice President – Naz Fadel
Treasurer – Helen Hume
Secretary – Kath van Gelder

Election BBQ - 28 March – Save the Date!
On election day the P&C will be running a fundraising bbq. Volunteers will be needed throughout the day for cooking, serving, bread cutting, money taking, cake baking etc. The BBQ will run from 7am to 4pm. A letter will be distributed asking for helpers. An hour or more of your time on the day would be a massive help!

Hat Parade & Easter Raffle – Get involved!
We will shortly be organising the hat parade and Easter Raffle which will take place on the last day of Term 1. Keep an eye and ear out for requests to help organise the event (and of course start designing your hat!).

Uniform Stall
The ever popular 2nd hand uniform stall will be in front of the library on Friday. $2 per item!