Tell Them From Me – Surveys  

To assist us with our planning and to ensure we provide quality teaching, community service and the best possible student outcomes for our students I have signed up our school for the Tell them from me Surveys from the NSW DoE Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation. This allows us an opportunity for students, staff and parents to complete surveys about our school and to assist us in partnership with future planning. The Partners in Learning (PIL) Parent Survey for our school has been activated and the survey window is 17 August-16 October. It would be fantastic if all parents could spend a few minutes and complete the survey online through the following link, just copy and paste the link into your browser and it will start automatically. Parents and carers access the survey via this direct link: https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/j_acegi_security_check?j_username=parent18779&j_password=Bon4507

We greatly appreciate your input and time to ensure we continue to provide the best possible outcomes for your child.

SSSMF – Junior Concert  

Wow how proud we were of all of the Junior Choir and Junior Dance groups last night at the Sutherland Shire Schools Music Festival. Students sang their hearts out and were beaming with pride. The Junior Dance jingled and shone in the item and looked fabulous. Thanks to Mrs Riggs for training the choir, Mrs Turner for stepping in at the last moment to assist, Mrs Harvey for her organisational skills, to Miss Hayley for her creative dance skills and finally Jacqui Pobje for organising the colourful and effective costumes. A huge effort by all and a great performance.

Slips –Leadership Day Jannali High  

Our four young leaders Brielle, Tia, Dea and Bridget had a wonderful opportunity on Tuesday to go to Jannali High as part of a Community of Schools Heart of the Shire Leadership building day. The girls had the opportunity to meet other school leaders and participate in some skill building activities. The day was fun, engaging and a wonderful opportunity to further their abilities to manage situations and be a strong effective leader in our school.

Public Speaking Finals  

Congratulations to our school finalists. Stage 1 – Samuel.Z; Stage 2 - Tabitha.L; Stage 3 - Annika.L. We wish these students the best of luck in the Woronora River Pool Finals next week at Sutherland Public School. We know they will do us proud and do their very best. Go Bonnet Bay!

DIARY NOTE: Grandfriend’s Day is on Wednesday 2nd of September, pop it into your Grandparents and friends diaries so they can plan ahead for a fabulous visit to Bonnet Bay. The Ken Tucker Artwork raffle will be drawn on this special day also. Books of 10 raffle tickets were sent home to families yesterday which we ask that you try to sell to your friends, family and work colleagues. 

Karen Deacon  
Principal
Canteen News

Canteen volunteers for next week are:
Mon: Linda Rabinau, Rachel Gibson
Tue: Shanan Green, Sharyn Green
Wed: Wendy Calder, Jenny Campton
Thank you for your contribution.
The Canteen Committee

Canteen Message

I’d like to say a HUGE thank you to Donna Brown for all her hard work in keeping the canteen running for the last few years! Donna has done an amazing job, but she has now officially moved out of the role of canteen co-ordinator so she can get back to focusing on her family and her studies!!

Due to the popularity of the canteen at the moment, and the increasing school numbers, the canteen is getting busier! We still require some extra volunteers to help... it is too hard for those volunteers who do the canteen on their own now so we need some extra Mums, Dads, Grandparents or friends to get involved! I appreciate that a lot of us work or have small children, so please note that you can bring little ones into the canteen. We have a small room with toys, TV and DVD player to keep them occupied! We also would love volunteers that can only work half days or a few hours. That way, you can help someone over the busy lunch period and we can share the load a bit better! You would only be rostered on once per month (or less if we get enough volunteers!).

We also require a few extra volunteers to help with the admin side of the canteen. We require a group of people (ideally) who can do the canteen banking. This is a relatively quick job that involves counting the money and bagging it on a Wednesday and then handing it to Kyla for banking. Jenny Campion has volunteered to do a roster for this, so you would not have to commit to every week.

Finally, Lisa Seaman has been doing all the admin/paying bills/stock take etc for many years and has done a wonderful job! But Lisa is now helping out in the Uniform Shop, so we need to give her a break!! So I am also asking for a volunteer to take over this role. Most of the work can be done from home and bills are paid online.

I urge you all to seriously consider how you can help (no matter how small!). The canteen is a wonderful service and it would be such a shame if we had to close it due to lack of volunteers. If you can help with any of the above mentioned jobs or have any questions, please email Felicity on felicityait-ken76@gmail.com

Thanks for your support!
Eleisha Legg
P&C President

Due to next week’s SSSMF Senior Rehearsal & Concert, there will be no Choir practice on Thursday (20/8). Choir will resume in Week 7 on Thur (27/8).
The Library Needs Your Help!
We have many new books waiting to be covered before they can be borrowed. If you are willing and able to donate your spare time towards this task, please see the Librarian on Mondays or Fridays.
Thankyou
Mrs Connor
Teacher Librarian

Peer Support Wrap-Week 5!
Respect was the focus of our Peer Support session this week. Through various activities the children identified what it means to have respect and discuss ways they can demonstrate respect for others. By completing a maze comprising of scenarios, the children were required to select the correct way to respond to a situation, progressing through the maze and reaching the 'Certificate of Respect'.
Encourage your child to discuss with you different people they respect and why. It is important to remind them that although we may not always agree or get along with people, we still need to show respect towards them.
Melissa Redmayne
Assistant Principal

Grandfriend’s Day
This year, we will be celebrating Grandfriend’s Day on Wednesday 2nd September. We would like to put together a slideshow to showcase students and their Grandparents and Grandfriends, to run while the band is playing. If you would like your family to be in the slideshow presentation, please email digital images to: Donna.Robertson1@det.nsw.edu.au before Friday 28th August. (Maximum 2 photos per student).

Uniform Shop
Uniform Orders Due By FRI 21ST AUG
Notes were sent home today regarding the SUMMER UNIFORM ORDER. As stated in the note, this is the last uniform order for this year so please consider your requirements carefully.
The uniform committee will be available to help with ‘try-on’ at the following times:
Monday 17th August from 8.45-9.15am
Tuesday 18th August from 8.45-9.15am
Please return your order and payment to the office BY FRIDAY 21ST AUGUST 2015. Some of our uniform items can only be supplied in bulk amounts so we need all orders in on time to place one large order with our suppliers.
Many thanks,
The Uniform Committee

Parenting Ideas
'Parenting Ideas' offers our BBPS Community practical expert advice for common concerns and helps our children become better equipped with life skills for greater future success. Here's an interesting article about mindsets :)

10 Mindsets That Will Radically Improve Your Parenting
The best intentions may not be enough to raise happy kids. Here are 10 mindsets to help you on the path to parenting success.
All parents want to be successful and raise kids to be happy and contributing members of our community. Good intentions are not enough. Often there is no difference between one parent and another in terms of skills, knowledge and understanding of kids. However, the biggest difference can be found in parents’ mindsets, rather than their parenting skills and understandings.
Here are 10 mindsets for parenting success:
1. Believe in your child
This is easy if you have an early maturer, a child who has talents you value, or one who easily achieves anything he or she puts his mind too. But it’s a different story if you have a child who struggles at school or to make friends, or just has a different interest to you. Your belief in your child’s abilities is revealed through your expectations, your body language, even the expression on your face.
2. Look for the best
What you focus on expands so if all you see is misbehaviour, weakness and poor performance than you’ll get more of those things. Set your antennae for children’s strengths, abilities and social behaviours and you’ll invariably get more of those.
3. Think long term
If you want your child to become independent then don’t do everything for him or her; you need to teach them some skills so they can become self-sufficient.
Awareness, teaching and opportunity are the main requirements for kids to pick up these skills. They need to be aware of what can be done. They need to acquire the skills - some take more teaching than others. They also need the opportunity to put things into practice.

4. Be brave
Parents of large families invariably give their later born children more freedom than they gave their first-born. We are always stricter with our first-born than later born as by the time you have 4 or 5 kids you’ve worked out what’s worth worrying about. So if you are parent of one or two kids give them more freedom and responsibility; you need to be brave!

5. Think family
Successful parents have found a way to lead their family in one direction. To do this you must think in terms of parenting ‘the gang’ rather than individual children. “What’s in the best interest of my child?” has replaced “What’s in the best interest of the family?” as the guiding family principle. This has partly come along as a result of small families, and partly it’s a social imperative that is common among aspirational parents where wanting the best for your kids means wanting what’s best for each child as an individual, rather considering what may be in the best for the entire gang.

6. Accept challenges
There are always challenges raising kids. It’s important to embrace these challenges whether they are behavioural, or a child has struggles at school, or he is moving into puberty. It’s these challenges that will make you a better parent.

7. Build your community
Parents don’t raise kids well in isolation yet there is often a reluctance to share the parenting with others. Successful parents know they haven’t all the answers so they build a community of support and expertise around them.

8. Trust the process
Sometimes the desire to want the very best for our child can lead us to interfere at school, pre-school, childcare, even when kids are at their grandparents. It’s best to trust the process and allow people to educate, care for and look after your child in their own way.

9. Adversity builds character
It’s natural to want life to be easy for our children, but sometimes in an effort to ensure their well-being we smooth things over for them. It is through the small hardships that kids experience that they build the persistence and resilience necessary for continued success.

10. This too shall pass
The hardest part of parenting is supporting kids when life doesn’t go their way. There is plenty of research that suggests that kids benefit from having parents who have a positive parenting style that gets the balance right between protecting, teaching and nurturing kids when life gets hard. This starts with the belief that “This hardship too shall pass.”

By Michael Grose