From the Principal…

Evacuation Practice - You may have heard our emergency siren being sounded today, or students may come home talking about leaving the school grounds. This is because today we held an evacuation practice. These practices are extremely important in ensuring all staff and students know what to do in the case of a real emergency. Our students followed all instructions quickly and accurately.

Sport and Group Photos - This Thursday 10 September photos will be taken of all sporting teams and other group photos (eg: debating, school musical, choir, etc). All students involved in photos will need to come in full school uniform. Any students involved in sport photos will need to bring their sports uniform to get changed into. Please refer to the note sent home on Monday.

Mini Fete - Thank you to the staff, students and community who supported the Mini Fete last Wednesday. The day was a huge success. We were very fortunate to have beautiful weather on the day, which encouraged lots of family and friends to come along and join in the fun. Thank you in particular to the staff and students on Stage Three who worked very hard to ensure the day was a success.

Raffle Tickets - All raffle tickets and money needs to be returned by this Thursday (10 September). Thank you to the families who have bought or sold numerous books of raffle tickets. The prizes are amazing! The raffle will be drawn this Friday. Winners will be contacted as soon as possible. If anyone is after last minute raffle tickets, there are still books available through the front office. Alternatively, our Stage Three students are still selling tickets at recess and lunch in the courtyard.

Years K-2 Athletics Carnival and Sausage Sizzle - New Date - The K-2 Athletics Carnival and sausage sizzle will now be held on Wednesday 7 October 2015 (Term Four, Week 1). A reminder note will be sent home closer to carnival day. Miss Vella.

Jump Rope for Heart - Years 3-6 - It’s time to return your sponsorship forms and the donations you have collected for Jump Rope for Heart. The money you have raised will be donated to the Heart Foundation to help people with sick hearts. It has been great to see so many students skipping during recess and lunch! Place the form and money in an envelope with your name and class on it and put it in the front office money slot. All sponsorship forms and money need to be returned to the office now. Don’t forget to keep skipping!

School Website Class of the Week - 3HM is GPK’s class of the week! Visit our website to see all the great things that have been happening in 3HM.

Instructions:
Click on ‘School Years’ tab
Click on side tab ‘What’s Happening in …’
Click on your grade under ‘School Years’ tab if you missed seeing your class!

Active Challenge - This is the last week for Active Challenge. It will recommence Week 2 next term, commencing 12 October 2015.
Safe, Respectful Learner Program - The focus rule for Weeks Nine and Ten is ‘Be Respectful, Cooperate - be a team player’.

We can achieve more by working together with others. You can be part of a team for sport, work, school, community groups and so on. On your own, you can achieve a little but by cooperating with others you can achieve so much more. Discuss the importance of cooperation with your children.

Anna Dolz, Student

Upcoming Events -

Week 9
9 September - Year 4 Tree Planting at Western Sydney Regional Parklands.
10 September - School Sports Photos
11 September - Kindergarten Excursion to Fairfield City Farm

Week 10
17 September - Regional Spelling Bee - Busby Public School
           Junior - 9:30am - 11:30am and Senior - 12:30pm - 2:30pm.

The Tell Them From Me STUDENT feedback survey - I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will again participate in a Department of Education 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 us 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. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 11 September and 16 October. 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 11 September. FAQs are available from the website above.

The Partners in Learning PARENT feedback survey - Our school will also be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents’ and carers’ perspectives on their child’s experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school’s support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 7 September and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.

Parents and carers directly access the survey via this direct link: https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/j_acegi_security_check?j_username=parent17949&j_password=Gov4567

Or sign in from the site using this username and password

Parents and carers can also access the survey through https://www.tellthemfromme.com/login.htm# using the username parent17949 and password Gov4567.


Have a great week!

Jason Corcoran
Principal
## Allambie Road Vacation Care September 2015 Program

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<td>Spanish Dancers</td>
<td>Picnic at Plough &amp; Harrow Park</td>
<td>Spring Craft Activities</td>
<td>Outdoor Sports Day</td>
<td>Q Station</td>
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<td>Children will be entertained and participate in flamenco dancing, clapping, castanets, fans and everything Spanish, Ori.</td>
<td>Come join us for a picnic, enjoy the great outdoors and get active on the play equipment.</td>
<td>Spring is in the air and what better way to show it than through a variety of art and craft activities.</td>
<td>Spend the day playing outdoor games, winning awesome prizes and just having lots of fun and laughs.</td>
<td>Explore the wonder and rich heritage of the unique Historical site offering stunning views, history, and immigrant stories.</td>
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<td>Merly Sea Life Sanctuary</td>
<td>Kids on Bikes</td>
<td>Cooking with Chocolate</td>
<td>Disco at Mountains</td>
<td>Movie at Hoyts Welliby Park</td>
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<td>See sharks, turtles, fish, penguins and many more sea animals. Join the feeding session and get hands on in the interactive rock pool.</td>
<td>Cycling is great for fitness, health, transport, recreation and sport. Let’s go riding and have some fun.</td>
<td>Every now and then kids deserve a treat and today is definitely the right day for it. The children will be cooking with chocolate.</td>
<td>Bring your moves and dancing shoes as we make our way to Mountains for a fun filled day.</td>
<td>Come and see the latest movie at Welliby Park Hoyts. Pigeons provided.</td>
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Before & After School Care and Vacation Care
Edensor Park Community Hall, Alambie Road, Edensor Park
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Email: allambie.road.vacationcare@edensorpark.nsw.edu.au

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## Every Day Counts....

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

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<td>40 days per year</td>
<td>8 weeks per year</td>
<td>Over 2 1/2 years of school</td>
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<td>16 weeks per year</td>
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<td>24 weeks per year</td>
<td>Nearly 8 years of learning</td>
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