Principal’s Report – Mr. Scott Campbell.

Congratulations are in order for two of our superstar dancers and performers. Sacchi has been accepted into Hunter Performing Arts School for 2016 and Tia is the first reserve in case of any withdrawals. I think both girls should be very proud of themselves because it is quite a process to go through and there is an amazing amount of competition. Well done girls! We are all sad you are going but very proud of you! Congratulations also to Will in year 2 who has been selected for the Under 9’s Emerging Jets Squad. Well Done Will!

Applications for placement in Year 7 in selective high schools in 2017 opened on 13 October 2015 and closes on 16 November 2015. Principals are to advise parents of primary school students of the opportunity to apply online. No late applications will be accepted. Application information can be downloaded from the High Performing Students Unit website at:

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

We didn’t get as many people to our Parent Forum this morning as we had hoped to! So we are trying again and have rescheduled for tomorrow at 9am – 10am and again at 2pm - 3pm for any interested parents who would like to provide the school with some opinions and input for our future planning for the school. The forum will still be held in the library.

Today all families will receive their login and password for the “Tell them From Me Surveys”. Students from grades 4/5 or 6 can also choose to complete the survey or the parents and caregivers can choose to opt out by returning the accompanying form. We all have until Friday 23rd of October to complete it. We would like to stress that it is completely voluntary but the feedback will be greatly appreciated.

A very exciting project we have booked for 2016 is a new partnership with Scope IT. Our teachers will be working with Scope IT to provide 21st Century Learning opportunities for the students. At the showcase event that I attended recently I saw children design a CAD drawing of a snowman and then 3d printed the snowman. It was just incredible stuff. The kids here at BNPS will absolutely love it.
Term 4, Week 2 Award Winners

Principal’s Award

K/1C  Zoe
K/1N  Amelia
2S    Codie
3B    Aisea
4A    Meredith
5/6M  Josh
5/6W  Will

Student of the Week

K/1C  August
K/1N  Zoe
2S    Sage
3B    Connah
4A    Sofala
5/6M  Georgie
5/6W  Toni

You Can Do It – Resilience

K/1C  Alby
K/1N  Harper
2S    Kaleb
3B    Ben
4A    Nick
5/6M  Tia
5/6W  Kiarli

Merit:

K/1C  Lucas
K/1N  Ruby
2S    Malachi
3B    Adele
4A    Mac
5/6M  Keisha
5/6W  Tyren
BELMONT NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

Radio Active Concert Extravaganza
THURSDAY 5th November

WHERE: Salvation Army Hall
460 Pacific Hwy Belmont

TIMES: Matinee: 1.00pm & Evening: 6.30pm

TICKETS: $5.00 each

Children under 4 are free & will be allocated a ticket.

Paid tickets will be sent home each Friday leading up to the concert.

PAY AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE

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Halloween Disco

Back on popular demand!! Come and celebrate Halloween at our Kids Disco, in the safety of our centre.

Held on Halloween!! Saturday 29th October

Starting 3pm till 5pm.

Cost is $6 per ticket which includes bag of sweets upon arrival. All tickets MUST BE PRE PURCHASED on 49470007

Sausage sizzle, canteen, drinks, & glow sticks for sale on the night.

Parent supervision required for 6yrs and under.

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Dates For your diary

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Kindergarten 2016
Orientation Dates

Visit #4 Tuesday 27th Oct
9 – 11am (Children Only)

Visit #5 Wednesday 4th Nov
9-11am (Parents & Children)
Sport Games With Year 6 Buddies
Parent Info Presentation
• Uniform Shop
• P&C Info
• Literacy & Numeracy Workshop
• Eat it to Beat it ! Presentation

Visit #6 Tuesday 24th Nov
9-11am (Parents & Children)
Parent Info Presentation
• Koomuri Aboriginal performance for parents, buddies and new Kinders.
• Face Painting, song, dance & storytelling
• Welcome BBQ Lunch

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Weekly Focus – Confidence
Canteen Roster
Week 3
19th - 23rd October

- Monday: Kristy
- Tuesday: Tammy
- Wednesday: Kel & Louise
- Thursday: Mel & Kayleen
- Friday: Shell, Kristy & Liz

Our school canteen is now open EVERY Monday.

PLEASE DONATE

NON PERISHABLE FOOD NEEDED
FOR CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

The P&C are starting to make Christmas Hampers for their Raffle.

We are asking for donations of non-perishable pantry foods.

All donated food to be taken to the school canteen please.

Thank you for your generosity.

BOOK CLUB
Due: Wed 21st Oct

Book Club was sent home last week and it’s our second last Book Club before Christmas. Books make great stocking fillers & gifts for all ages.

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Weekly Focus – Confidence
Dear Parents and Carers

This term, your school is taking part in the *Tell Them From Me* student survey. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students 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 them improve. The survey is completed on-line and is run by an independent research company, The Learning Bar, which specialises in school-based surveys.

Staff in schools will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. Where fewer than five students respond to a question, the results will be suppressed. The survey typically takes 30 minutes or less to complete and will be administered by the school during normal school hours. Once the surveys are completed by students, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within three business days.

This survey will help your school better understand how to improve student wellbeing and engagement. It will help the school identify what works to improve student outcomes.

Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. Your child will not take part if either you or your child do not wish to. If, during the survey, your child is uncomfortable answering any question, he/she should leave it blank and move on to the next question. Your child can stop the survey at any time.

If you do not want your child to take part in the survey, please complete the attached form and return it to your child's school by Wednesday 21st October, 2015.


Mr Scott Campbell  
Principal  
Belmont North Public School  

Dr Jenny Donovan  
General Manager  
Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation
Tell Them From Me Student Feedback Survey non-consent form

If you do not want your child to participate in the student feedback survey, please sign this form and return it to your school by Wednesday 21st October, 2015.

I DO NOT give consent for my child/children to participate in the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey.

Name of student/s ..........................................................................................................

Roll class/es ...................................................................................................................

Name of parent/carer ...................................................................................................

Signature of parent/carer ..............................................................................................

Date ........................................

CENTRE FOR EDUCATION STATISTICS AND EVALUATION
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Tell Them From Me student survey
Frequently Asked Questions (parents and carers)

Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation

1. What is the Tell Them From Me student survey?
The Tell Them From Me student survey asks questions about factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other outcomes. It aims to help improve the learning outcomes of students. The survey is designed to measure, assess and report insights 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 relate to the following 15 measures for primary schools:

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The survey questions relate to the following 22 measures for secondary schools:

| Participation in sports | Homework behaviour | Expectations for success |
| Positive learning climate | Participation in clubs | Behaviour at school |
| Experience of being bullied | Truancy | Sense of belonging |
| Interest and motivation | Effective learning time | Aspirations: finishing Year 12, University, TAFE |
| Positive relationships | Effort | Teaching relevance |
| Wellness | Valuing school outcomes | Positive learning climate |
| Teaching rigour | Advocacy at school | Advocacy outside school |
| Positive teacher-student relations | – | – |

3. How have schools been selected to take part?
The survey is open for all NSW government schools to participate in at no cost to them. Your school has taken up this offer.
4. How will taking part in this survey benefit my child’s school?

The Tell Them From Me student survey will provide school principals and school leaders with insight into student engagement, wellbeing and effective teaching practices at their school, from the perspective of students.

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. What does my child need to do to participate in the survey?

The survey typically takes less than 30 minutes and is conducted entirely online through a secure website operated by the survey developers, The Learning Bar. Schools will make computers or laptops available so that students can complete the survey during school hours.

6. Does my child have to participate?

No, participation in the survey is optional. Your child will not take part if either you or your child do not wish to. If, during the survey, your child is uncomfortable, he/she can choose to stop the survey at any time. The majority of questions in the survey can be skipped. Parents/students have a right to apply for access to, and correction of, a student’s information.

7. Will the school be able to identify my child from their responses?

Staff in schools will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. Where fewer than five students respond to a question, the results will not be made available.

8. What sort of analysis will be done on the survey data?

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

The results will help all schools better understand the relationship between wellbeing, engagement, effective teaching and student learning. Results from CESE’s analysis of this data will also help teachers and principals discuss what works to improve student outcomes. This supports the Department’s continuing focus on quality teaching and leadership. The data will be retained for future analysis to help us better understand the nature of student engagement and wellbeing over time.

9. Can all school students participate in the survey?

The primary school survey is designed for students in Years 4 to 6. Schools are encouraged to allow as many students as possible in these Year groups to participate. Secondary schools are encouraged to allow as many students as possible in Years 7 to 12 to participate.

10. When will the Tell Them From Me survey happen?

The surveys will be conducted in all participating schools between Monday 17th August (Week 6, Term 3) and Friday 16th October 2015 (Week 2, Term 4).

What is CESE?

The Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CESE) is part of the Department of Education and Communities, within the Office of Education.

CESE has been established to improve the effectiveness, efficiency and accountability of education in New South Wales. CESE will identify and share what works, creating new opportunities to improve teaching and learning across all of education.

More information about CESE is available at: www.cese.nsw.gov.au

What is The Learning Bar?

The Learning Bar is a Canadian education company that specialises in school surveys for both primary and secondary students. The 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.

The Learning Bar is led by Dr J Douglas Willms. Dr Willms is a Professor and Director of the Canadian Research Institute for Social Policy at the University of New Brunswick, and holds the Canada Research Chair in Literacy and Human Development. Dr Willms led the development of questions on student engagement for the OECD’s Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA).

More information about The Learning Bar is available at: www.thelearningbar.com

If you have any questions about the parent survey, please contact CESE via email: TTFM@det.nsw.edu.au or by telephone: 9561 8688 / 9561 8331 / 9561 8370.