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18 September 2018



### **SOUTH COAST ATHLETICS**

Congratulations to Seanna, Alivia, Elly, Sam and Sienna who represented our zone at the Regional Athletics Carnival in Canberra on Friday. It was a great achievement to have so many students qualify in what is such a competitive event with students from all over the South Coast. It was great to hear the pride the students had when sharing their achievements with the rest of the school yesterday.

### **SCHOOL MAGAZINE COMPETITION**

At the beginning of the term Stage 3 were challenged to enter a competition run by the School Magazine. They were required to write the beginning of a story which began with the sentence: "The creature was enormous." There was also a list of words that they had to include in their writing. Several students entered the competition and their writing was sent off to the School Magazine. The school was notified on 13 September that Kane's entry will be included in the October edition of the School Magazine along with all the other winning entries from around New South Wales. Well done Kane. See Kane's writing at the bottom of this page.

### **TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEY**

Our school is once again participating in the Tell Them From Me feedback survey. This is a department initiative and is for students, staff and parents. The survey focuses on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

Students in Years 4, 5 and 6 participated in a Tell Them From Me student survey in term 1 this year and will do so again before the end of October. This allows our school to identify trends in student responses across the school year.

A non-consent and information form is attached for students in Years 4, 5 and 6 who will complete the survey at school before the end of October.

The parent survey is anonymous and is online and can be accessed here:

<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/bermips2018>

### **COSTA VISIT**

Last Thursday we were very lucky to have Costa visit our school again. Costa started his morning with Steve and the Koori boys group. He spoke to students and staff on assembly telling us how impressed he was to see the expansion of our gardens and how the plants have all grown since his last visit. Stage 2 and Stage 3 students worked in class groups with Costa and Dan making earthen bench seat socks to build a retaining wall. Students from Kinder and Stage 1 also visited the garden and met Costa. Thanks to Dan for organising the visit and for the great work you are doing in the garden with our students.

### **JUMP ROPE FOR HEART**

Our whole school 'Jump Off' event is planned for THIS Friday, 21 September at 12:30pm. Stage 3 students will be assisting Miss Smith as group leaders for this event. Parents and families are welcome to join in having fun and being active.

Brendan Constable - Principal

### **DIMENSIONS - BY KANE**

The creature was enormous. Its bold outline contrasted against the pure darkness that I was surrounded in. The creature's sparkling shadow-like silhouette seemed to consume light as it bounded across the hard forest floor hunting its prey. The creature swooped and I could feel my energy draining as I sprinted from what I thought was certain death. The darkness was a rumour in the lands of Oakland: well, that was until I released the foul creatures into this dimension. I was an alchemist and I studied important dimensions. I believed that we could open a gate to explore the darkest secrets of what I thought was a mighty force that humans could control. In my chamber was where it all started.



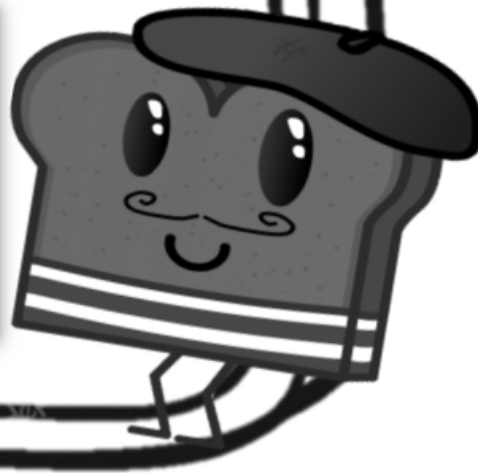


## Oh La' La' It's a French Toast Day

**Tuesday, 25 September  
from 8.30am to 9.15am  
\$2 per plate**

Come along and support the school canteen and enjoy some lovely French Toast.

Never had it before? Live a little and give it a go! Family and carers welcome.



### **Canteen will be closed on Mondays in Term 4**

Unfortunately the costs of running the canteen have become unsustainable. The combination of providing healthy lunch options at low cost and paying salaries are not possible with the small number of lunches being ordered. The P&C currently cover the losses and this money could be spent on other resources, activities and programs for our kids. Monday has the smallest number of lunch orders, so from the start of Term 4, the canteen will no longer be open on Mondays. The canteen will continue to operate as normal on Wednesdays and Fridays.

### **Save the Canteen**

The canteen has been running at a considerable loss for over a year. The P&C has been covering these losses to keep the canteen running. If the canteen can't perform better we may have to look at closing it. All the kids filled in a survey last week and we will revise the menu based on the outcomes of this survey. Hopefully this will improve sales. Some other things we can try are:

- Run the canteen on Mondays with no paid staff. This will require some dedicated volunteers, please let the P&C or Sarah (the canteen manager) if you are interested in volunteering.
- Increase the cost of menu items.

We'd love to hear your thoughts on how we can save the canteen. There is a suggestion box provided in the canteen.



### **P&C Fundraiser**

**Bermagui Beach Hotel**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September 6pm**

**BBQ and Raffles on Verandah**

### **Lamington Fundraiser Results**

Thanks to all that helped support our final Lamington Drive Fundraiser for 2018. The wonderful Cream Patisserie Staff have baked and packaged 846 lamingtons this time around for us to enjoy and helped us to raise \$564 for the school.

### **CRAZY CAMEL ART FUNDRAISER**

The P&C along with your child's teacher have organised the professional printing of a variety of gifts designed by your child ready for Christmas. Very high quality cards, calendars, family planners, notebooks, diaries, iPhone cases, pillow Cases and more will be available for purchase. Each item will be printed with your child's artwork, name and age on it. These items will make wonderful gifts for family and friends this Christmas and to enjoy throughout the year. Artwork will be completed in class however if you wish for your child to do their art at home, please collect special sized art paper from the office and return by the end of term 3.



**School hats  
available at  
the office**

**\$7**

# Aurora College

The virtual selective school for rural and remote students

Aurora College is NSW's first virtual selective school, offering a mix of online and residential school classes. The school provides innovative, flexible learning in a whole new context, by allowing students to connect locally and learn globally.

Aurora offers selective classes in English, mathematics and science to gifted and talented Year 7-10 students from rural and remote areas across NSW. Students connect with their teachers and classmates in timetabled lessons through a virtual learning environment.

The college also gives Year 11 and 12 students the opportunity to study subjects not available in their own school. For details please visit our website.

Aurora College offers students expanded career options through innovative partnerships with businesses and with scientific, cultural and tertiary education institutions.

Students in the selective stream are chosen in the same way as students in all other selective classes in NSW government schools.



Applications for entry into Year 7 in 2020:  
Open 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018  
Close 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Visit Selective High Schools website  
<http://bit.ly/shs2019>

For further information about Aurora College, visit the our website  
[www.aurora.nsw.edu.au](http://www.aurora.nsw.edu.au) | or phone 1300 287 629

## CANTEEN NEWS

Also a thank you to the following: Sara for donating pop corn and Vicky for donating eggs

# MONDAY MEAL DEAL

Please circle your choices

### Fruit/Veggie Break

Fruit Kebabs OR Veggie & Cheese cup

### Lunch

Cheese OR Ham & Cheese Pizza

### Recess

Savoury Muffin OR Apple & Blueberry Muffin  
with 1 cookie

### Popper

Apple OR Orange OR Apple Blackcurrant

Please circle your choices



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RETURN TO CANTEEN BY FRIDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER



*Tell Them From Me* student survey:  
Information and consent form for  
parents and carers

18-9-2018

Dear Parents and Carers

This term, our 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 our 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. 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.

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 24 September 2018.

More information about the survey and the research is available in English on the CESE website:  
<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

Brendan Constable  
Principal  
Bermagui Public School

Dr Jenny Donovan  
Executive Director  
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 the school by 24 September 2018.

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

Name of student 1

Roll class of student 1

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Name of student 2

Roll class of student 2

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Name of student 3

Roll class of student 3

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Name of student 4

Roll class of student 4

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Name of parent/carer .....

Signature of parent/carer .....

Date .....