Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Visible Learning

Our Visible teaching focus this term is ‘Feedback’. Research shows that giving feedback has more impact on student achievement than most of the things that teachers do. Below is an excellent article by Sue Atkins that we thought our parents may appreciate reading.

Top Tips for Giving Your Kids Positive Feedback

Children respond to the world according to their perception and experience of it and very often it’s not the same as your perception or experience of the world! So this is where arguments, rows and conflicts begin because their map of the world doesn’t fit in with yours. Yet a child’s map of the world can sometimes make you think again and catch you by surprise. It’s all about perceptions!

When teaching and guiding children it’s really helpful to step into their shoes and socks for a minute or two and really see the world from their eyes, hear the world from their ears and feel how the situation feels to them, as it shifts your perception of the event or the situation and helps you be more tolerant and understanding. No matter how honourable your intentions are for your kids it depends on how the message is received by your child that counts.

What you say, and how you say it, influences how well you are understood. It also affects how others respond to you. So it’s helpful to think about the words you use, your tone of voice, your body language and the vibes you’re giving out.

Your Checklist: Giving Positive Feedback

• Children pick up more from what you don’t say than what you do so be mindful of your attitude and mood.
• Have the end in mind and to know what you actually want to achieve by disciplining, guiding, or teaching them.
• Have your child’s best interest at heart before you talk with them and respect their age and maturity.
• Be in a positive, relaxed centred place yourself before talking or chastising them as this takes the emotional charge out of the whole thing and keeps you firmly in control.
• Ask yourself “Is this moving me further towards the long term relationship I want to build with my child or is it moving me further away?”
• “How am I making my child feel cherished, especially now when they’re misbehaving?”
• Remember to share feelings rather than blame. Say things like “When you …… I feel…… because …..”
• Always try to put forward suggestions rather than giving commands.
• Think about the timing of when you want to give your kids feedback. Ask yourself when it’s a good time to raise a topic – maybe after the immediate issue is over, and not at stressful times like dinnertime and bedtime.
• Hold back from hurtful words, name calling or negative references, bringing up the past or making comparisons to your other children as it diminishes your child’s self-esteem.
• And finally ask yourself, “What can my child learn from this experience?” and get your child, no matter how old they are, to ask themselves, “What did I learn from this?” as this will be a far more empowering experience and useful lifetime habit to get into.

We all make mistakes and childhood is all about learning so be patient with your kids. The most important thing in life is to help your children learn from their mistakes and to take the valuable lessons from them so they don’t keep on making the same mistakes over and over again.

Help your kids to see feedback as something positive moving them forward into fine tuning their life not as criticism which is disempowering, judgemental and negative which will forever hold them back.

Teach them to dust themselves off, pick themselves up and have another go.
Water Wise
The Water Wise Show was a very entertaining show provided by the Coffs Harbour City Council free to all our Kinder to Year 2 students. We learnt how to save water in the garden, shower, toilet and when we use a tap.

Water Wise Show by Sofia 1G
The actors showed us how to save water. We have to turn the tap off so it does not drip, use the small flush and have a short shower. We need to use a watering can to water the garden. It was fun.

Basketball
The students in Stage 1 participated in a basketball clinic on Tuesday as part of their Term 4 Sport program. This was run by Adrian and Robbie from the Coffs Harbour Basketball Association. Students displayed fantastic skills in dribbling and passing. Many of them surprised themselves (and their teachers) with how quickly they picked up the skills! Basketball lessons will be held on Tuesdays for Stage 1 for the next 3 weeks.

ASSEMBLY Week 3 CLASS AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students for their fantastic week at school.

KL  Lilah Harrison & Troy Backhouse
KD  Samantha Hayer & Maddison Welsh
KTD Izabel Trebilcock & Taylor Williams
K/1F Jack Benfield & Bailey Roach-Maddock
1A  Teo Whitlock & Angela Bathgate
1G  Cooper Thompson & Cormac Forsyth
1/2S Ben Caesar & Charlotte Sharkey
2JLS Lyla Kelly & Casie Anderson
2H  Jada Sothman & Harry Fardy
3/4B Joel Ible & Tai-Lee Pickering
3/4G Jay Bloomfield & Zali Kelly
3/4M Alby Squires & Shae Walsh
3/4R Lara Trebilcock & Kyla Thompson
5/6G Phoenyx Arnold & Ashton Reid
5/6SG Bree Lily Pickering & Luke Trebilcock
5/6TH Jessica Joice & Emma Aldridge

Muffin Awards
This week Jessica Joice and Ruby Robertson were the very deserving Muffin Break winners.

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2016 Kinder Transition Day
The children will again participate in early literacy, numeracy, craft, singing and tabloid activities in the kinder classroom. They will then enjoy lunch with our present Kindergarten students. Parents are to walk students to the kinder classrooms at 9.30am and collect them at the Tallow wood tree at 11.30am. Don’t forget to bring a hat and a yummy lunch.
Day For Daniel Coin Line
Once again we have seen Boambee Public School students and community dig deep to support our fundraising efforts. Our Day For Daniel class coin lines were amazing with 5/6TH taking out the Icy Pole Prize. Close second was KTD making the line reach the end of the hall and nearly back to the steps.

A huge thanks to Mr Martin and class 3/4M who are incorporating the counting/tallying/graphing of the money lines into their Maths data unit. The exact amount we raised will be in next week's newsletter. Thank you to everyone who has supported this worthwhile cause.

Jump Rope for Heart Prizes
Jump Rope for Heart Prizes have arrived today. They will be available to collect from Mr Shipman at recess on Monday for all those students who raised $30 or more. Please Note: The Jump Rope For Heart Foundation have informed us that they have run out of soccer goal frames for the $100 prize. The $100 prize will now be a beanie with built in headphones for your ipods or music players. Mr Shipman informs us they are super cool!

Golf
Golf practice has been going well this week with Hayden O’Rourke getting a hole in one. Well done Hayden!

Library Timetable Change
Below is the Library timetable for this week. Students will need to bring their library books on the following days:
Monday - Early Stage 1 (Kinder)
Tuesday - Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2)
Wednesday - Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4)
Thursday - Stage 3 (Year 5 and 6).

Bus Transport
All Year 2 students progressing to Year 3 in 2016 who use a free bus service (Sawtell Coaches, Busways etc) to go to and from school are required to fill out a new application form for next year.

If your child has not received a bus application form for next year, please call by the school office and pick one up. All forms are to be filled out and returned to the school office for processing. Thank you.

Community Arts Program
Stage 1 and 3/4G are submitting artworks in the Sawtell Art Gallery Exhibition.

Tern Up Sawtell: opening night 8pm Saturday 7th November at the Sawtell Art Gallery. Entry by donation.
Tern Up Twilight Street Parade: Sawtell Summer Sessions are back, 1st Ave Sawtell Thursday 12th November from 5-8pm.

Bingo
Tuesday evening at 7.00pm eyes down at the Coffs Ex Services Club. Come along and support our school
Tuesday 3rd November - Team 4
Vicki Totzl, Kristy Watson, Nicole Bourne & Peta Robinson

Canteen News
For the next two weeks as a special you can purchase a chicken burger with your choice of salad and a milk or water for only $5.00.

Canteen Roster
Wed 4 Nov  Leanne Larnach & Trista Shannahan
Thurs 5 Nov  Leonie Woodward & Agnieszka Hambling
Fri 6 Nov    Julie Bellamy, Karina Ryan, Mel McInally & Marie Cane

Important Dates
02.11.15  Musicale Musician/Band Audition at THS 3.30-5.30pm
03.11.15  Yr 5 & 6 Swimming
04.11.15  Kinder 2016 Transition Day 9.30 -11.30am
04.11.15  Yr6 THS Creative Writing & Industrial Technology Lessons 1.30-2.30pm
06.11.15  Golf at Nambucca Heads Island Course
06.11.15  Assembly 1.00pm (Stage 2)
11.11.15  League Tag Gala Day at Geoff King Motors Oval
16.11.15  P&C AGM Meeting
“Year 5 & 6 Swimming”