Dear Parents and Carers,

For convenience and greater ease of collection and collation, we have included all of the necessary permission information required at the beginning of the year into one note. Please complete the following permission slips and return to your child’s teacher as soon as possible.

INTERNET PUBLISHING PERMISSION

As the use of computers becomes more widespread so has the need to provide more access for parents and the community to daily happenings at Hobartville Public School.

Accessing the school website and Facebook page gives the Hobartville Community an alternate means of communication, a way of keeping parents informed of current programs operating at our school, as well as a means of visually sharing some of our special events.

In a broader sense it serves as a means of promoting our school for any prospective families intending to move into the area.

There are certain departmental guidelines we must adhere to for the publishing on the internet.

These guidelines are listed below:

- Full names of students are not published
- Student first names are not directly linked to a photograph
- Parental permission is required for any student’s photograph, which is published
- Parental permission is required for any student’s work that is published

At times there will be group photos of students, individual photos and possibly some student’s work on the website. At no time in the publication of these items will a student’s name be directly linked to a personal photograph. There may also be parents in some of the photos taken at special occasions.

PERMISSION FOR THE RELEASE OF HOBARTVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT INFORMATION

Throughout the year opportunities arise that promote Hobartville Public School, our students and Public Education. Given the likelihood of such opportunities arising, it is necessary for the parent / carer of students of Hobartville Public School to authorise any use of student names, photographs of students and/or their work, use of video and information relating to the reason for the student being involved in the promotion.

In all cases, no further information will be made available in accordance with your rights to privacy.

At all times, you will have the right to withdraw (in writing) such permission.

AGREED CODE OF BEHAVIOUR FOR USE OF TECHNOLOGY AND THE INTERNET

Computer facilities at Hobartville Public School are for educational purposes. The goal in providing these facilities is to promote educational excellence in teaching and learning programs via increased use of technology. The school is firmly committed to the proper and responsible use of all forms of technology by its staff and students, and, to this end, requires acceptance of, and strict adherence to the terms and conditions of this user statement.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Access to technological equipment at Hobartville Public School is a privilege to which certain responsibilities apply. This privilege is extended to all students annually, providing they work within the bounds of the rules defined by the school.

Students wishing to use technology equipment and the internet must abide by the following rules:

- I will treat equipment with care at all times.
- I will use appropriate language at all times when using computers, iPads, digital cameras and digital video cameras.
- I will use the resources available through the internet to sensibly research school assignments.
- I will respect laws pertaining to copyright.
- I will avoid websites that may have offensive or undesirable material.
- I will inform an adult if I find something that is inappropriate.
- I will inform an adult if I am aware that my peers are looking at, or for inappropriate sites.
- I will not use the internet for private or personal communication.
- I will not download any files from the internet without permission from a teacher.
I will not install and run software, including games from home or that I have found on the fileserver.
I will not delete, change or alter in any way, the appearance, sound or set up on any computers or other devices.
I will not play games of any description on a computer without first seeking teacher permission
I will not interfere with any other student who is using a computer or other equipment.

If a student violates any term or condition of this Code of Behaviour or the computer room rules, a note will be sent home informing parents. This will result in a child being unable to use any form of technology for up to two weeks.
A student who does not return the signed consent forms will not be allowed access to equipment or use of the internet at school.

Premier’s Reading Challenge 2016

Students at Hobartville Public School are encouraged to participate in the Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC). Reading not only develops lifelong reading skills, but it also facilitates the development of skills in comprehending texts, sentence structure, spelling strategies, extending vocabulary, correcting punctuation, and broadening imagination. Reading should be embraced by everyone and supported in student learning. Details of the challenge are outlined below and are also available on the PRC website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/premiersreadingchallenge/index.htm.

For each student completing the Premier’s Reading Challenge the permission slip will need to be completed and returned to the class teacher. This is required for the students to be publicly recognised with their name appearing in an Honour Roll in the Sydney Morning Herald. This year ALL students from Kindergarten to Year 2 will be participating in the PRC. Rather than the students completing the challenge at home, their Class Teacher will complete the challenge with ALL of their students, and then enter the Reading Data online for all of their students.

Parents are encouraged to continue reading a variety of books with their child/ren at home with age appropriate and enjoyable texts to target interests, comprehension and a love of reading.

Students from Year 3 to Year 6 will continue entering their individual Reading Data online using their DET Username and Password.

School Environment / Gardening Program

Many Hobartville students will be actively involved in the school environmental program during 2016. This will involve students working in the garden and will include a variety of activities including tree planting, weeding, mulching, watering and composting. These activities will be supervised by teachers and parents.

Students will also gain an understanding of sustainability, composting and worm farming.

Students will be supplied with gardening gloves, however students are permitted to bring the own.

Tamplin Field

Throughout the school year, students access Tamplin Field, adjacent to the back playground for sporting carnivals, Class/stage fitness, weekly sport lessons and team training.

Students walk through the side gate and enter the field just beyond the school boundary or walk through the back boundary gate directly on Tamplin Field. This is dependent on the water way.

Students are always accompanied by a teacher.

Crunch and Sip

Crunch and Sip is a program being implemented in 2016. It is a fruit break in the middle of the morning learning session. Students are encouraged to bring fresh fruits and vegetable to school as a snack and water. Further information about what is and isn’t allowed will be coming home shortly. It is a Department of Health initiative. Avoidance of oranges would be greatly appreciated.

PG Rated Material

At times throughout the year, students as part of their learning program watch DVD’s and movies. This could also be at School Camp. Some material that can be related to their program could be rated PG. Teachers monitor very closely the appropriateness of viewing material and make sure that it would not offend and be appropriate to the audience. This permission covers these times rather than sending home individual notes.

Lisa Crawford
Principal
Please complete the permission slips and return to your child’s class teacher. Please do not separate permission slips.

Student Name: ____________________  Class: _______  Date: __________

AGREED CODE OF BEHAVIOUR FOR USE OF TECHNOLOGY AND THE INTERNET

I am aware of the school’s Code of Behaviour for use of technology and the internet and it has been discussed with my child.

Parent Signature: ____________________

INTERNET PERMISSION NOTE

I give permission for pictures of my child and any of his / her schoolwork to appear on the school website and Facebook page.

I understand I am able to contact the school at any time and withdraw this permission in writing.

I also understand that on some occasions parents may appear in some of the photographs that are published on the website and give my permission for this to occur also.

Parent Signature: ____________________

PERMISSION FOR THE RELEASE OF HOBARTVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT INFORMATION

I give permission for my child to take part in promotional activities which may involve use of student names, photographs of students and/or their work, use of video and information relating to the reason for the student being involved in the promotion.

Parent Signature: ____________________

2016 PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE PERMISSION

I give permission for my child to participate in the Premier’s Reading Challenge. I understand that they will receive a Premier’s Reading Challenge certificate and will have their name appear in the Honour Roll in the Sydney Morning Herald once they have completed the challenge.

Parent Signature: ____________________

GARDENING / ENVIRONMENTAL PERMISSION

I give permission for my child to participate in gardening activities.

Special needs of my child which you should be aware of (e.g. allergies) ____________________

Parent Signature: ____________________

TAMPLIN FIELD PERMISSION

I give permission for my child to access Tamplin Field for the purpose of school based activities. I understand that my child will walk to the field adjacent to the school grounds and be accompanied by a teacher.

Parent Signature: ____________________

CRUNCH AND SIP PERMISSION

I give permission for my child to eat their fruit and vegetables, and drink water during ‘Crunch and Sip’ time. I will endeavour to provide a piece of fruit or vegetable on a daily basis.

Parent Signature: ____________________

PG RATED APPROPRIATE DVD’S AND MOVIES

I give permission for my child to watch appropriate PG rated material under the supervision of the classroom teacher.

Parent Signature: ____________________