Dear Parents,

Our year 6 classes are being offered a unit of Sexuality Education to begin in the first week of term 4. Sexuality education is an essential component of Victoria’s AusVELS curriculum. We have invited a local female Health Nurse to be a part of the program with the grade 6 girls and Mr White, current year 4 teacher, will run a program for the grade 6 boys.

All students will be learning about:
• The parts of the body
• The names of the reproductive systems and their functions
• Body changes during puberty
• How babies are conceived, develop and are born as part of the human lifecycle
• The qualities of good friends

We respect your right as parents to make decision on the type of Sexuality Education that your child is offered. As such we are asking any parents who would not like their child to participate in this program to return the attached form and we will make alternative arrangements for them while this program is running.

It helps children to know that everyone who has been through puberty has probably felt curious, uncomfortable or excited. We also want children to know who they can go to if they have questions or want to talk about how they are feeling. For that reason, this letter provides some questions that you might like to discuss with your child. They are about having trusted people to talk to about puberty.

Questions for discussion at home:
• When you were a child, did you ever have any questions about your body or growing up?
• If you did, did you have someone you were able to talk to?
• Ask your child whom they think they could talk to if they had any questions.
• Ask them if they have any questions now.

Thank you for your help. Please contact us if you have any further questions about the program.

Regards,

Clare Munro, Jane Hart and Lisa Durham
YEAR 6 TEACHERS

REPLY SLIP FOR – Sexuality Education

CHILD’S NAME: ____________________________________________

CHILD’S GRADE: __________________________________________

I do not give permission for my child to participate in Sexuality Education sessions during term 4 2016.

PARENT SIGNATURE: ______________________________________