Tuesday 4 August 2009

**Internet & Mobile Phone Usage**

Dear Year 5/6 Parents,

On Tuesday 11 August, Senior Constable Trent Ireson, Youth Liaison Officer, from the NSW State Police Force will give a presentation to our Year 5/6 students. The Year 5 session will commence at 10.00 am and the Year 6 session will begin at 11.15am.

Constable Ireson will cover the following topics;

- The Young Offender's Act – what is it, how it works, what happens if an offence is committed by a student?
- Mobile phone usage and abuse – what’s appropriate and what’s not.
- Cyber bullying and harassment.
- Internet usage and instant messaging – chatting on the internet.

There is a Powerpoint presentation on a chat room site, as well as a DVD which has 4 different scenarios involving the internet. This is a confronting topic. Nevertheless it is important that our children see clearly what they need to be cautious about on the internet.

Your child will need your permission to participate in this seminar. Please complete the permission slip below and return to school by Monday 10th August. Any students who do not have permission will be unable to attend.

This is a highly recommended seminar for our students. I am happy to discuss the topics that will be covered in the seminar. Please give me a call if you would like further information.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Nell O’Brien
Acting Principal

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**PARENT CONSENT FORM – INTERNET & MOBILE PHONE USAGE**

I give permission for _____________ to attend the seminar presented by Senior Constable Trent Ireson on the Young Offender's Act, mobile phone usage, cyber bullying and harassment, internet usage and instant messaging at St.Mary’s School Dubbo on Tuesday 11 August I understand that it contains a strong and confronting case study about internet usage. Signed:

Please print name:

PLEASE RETURN TO SCHOOL BY Monday 10th August 2009