



GRACEVILLE STATE SCHOOL

Established 1928

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Friday 22/7/16

Dear Parents of students in years 5 and 6

As part of learning about human relationships, the school is offering a sexuality education program or HRE (Human Relationships Education). The program will be conducted by Susan Summers who is trained by FPQ (Family Planning Queensland) and is a qualified primary teacher.

Sexuality is about being male or female. It includes physical growth and development, self-esteem, self-concept, body image and relationships. Sexuality Education assists young people to develop a positive attitude towards themselves and others. The program provides them with information to assist in the development of skills to make healthy/safe decisions now and in the future. Children are learning about sexuality from many different sources (eg. the media and their peers). It is important for children to have factual, age appropriate and relevant information from a reliable source.

It is recognised that you are the primary sexuality educator of your child. We encourage parent-child communication throughout these sessions. Parents and the school can work together to encourage the children to have healthy attitudes about themselves. The program also includes a very important "Protective Behaviours" segment entitled "My body belongs to me". This segment assists in teaching children how to recognise, and what to do, if they are in a potentially dangerous situation.

The school's policy does not allow any "values" to be included in these lessons. Parents are encouraged to talk to their child about the lessons and to establish their own family values, morals and beliefs. It is understood that the content of some lessons could be considered by some as sensitive.

Parents are encouraged to attend the parent information night. This **information evening will be held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August at 7-8pm in the Waratah room (Admin building).** Please indicate below if you will be attending.

The program consists of 3 x 1 hour sessions for years 5 and 6 students. The dates for the lessons are Thursday 4, 11 & 18 August Year 5 & 5/6D will have 2 sessions on 11th August as they are on an excursion on the 4<sup>th</sup> August. The cost of the program is \$21. This has been included in the Term 3 account.

Please complete the section below and return to the school office by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July.

Yours sincerely

Lisa McKeaten

Deputy Principal

**Parent HRE session** \_RSVP: (please return to the office)

**I/We , will/will not** be attending the parent information evening on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2016.

Parent name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_