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## **Child Protection**

Dear Families,

This term our students will be engaging in the Child Protection Program in their classrooms. This is a mandatory part of our Personal Health, Development and Physical Education (PDHPE) curriculum. The theme of the program is the need for children to develop skills and understandings which will enable them to recognise and respond to unsafe situations. This program will be taught during Term 2.

Key aspects of the program are:

- ◆ Child Protection is a safety issue and is at least as important as Road and Water Safety. It is not a Sex Education program.
- ◆ Children have the right to feel safe and need to understand that there is nothing so bad that they cannot tell someone.
- ◆ The Child Protection Program is positive and preventative. It is designed to assist children to appreciate normal relationships, identify possible assault situations and be able to act responsibly.

Although we vigorously encourage all children to be involved, we also understand that there may be parents who do not want their children to participate. If you decide you do not want your child to participate in child protection lessons, please contact the school to let Mr Mason know, and your child will be removed during these lessons and provided with an alternative education program.

If you require further information about any aspect of the program, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Trev Mason Principal