GRADE 5/ 6 NETBOOK PROGRAM 2011

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

After a very positive response to the netbook survey late last year, the school has decided to introduce a 1:1 netbook program for this year, 2012 and 2013 in the 5/6 area of the school.

The school has ordered 45 Acer netbooks for student use at school and at home in Grade 5/6B and 5/6G. This will mean that all students are using the same model netbook, with the same operating system and pre-loaded with the Department of Education’s EduStar image. This will provide students with a wide range of licensed educational software to enhance their learning. They have a 3 year onsite warranty and includes an insurance component. Excess for accidental damage or theft is $150.00 and would be payable by the parent. A hard case is provided and must be used every day by the student.

As mentioned in the survey, we are asking parents to provide a co-contribution towards the cost of the netbooks which the students will be able to use for the entire school year. The amount we are asking parents to contribute is $120.00 for the year. Your contribution can be made as a one off payment or instalments of $40.00 on set dates that will be listed in the lease agreement. Netbooks are handed back to the school at the end of Grade 6.

We are anticipating the netbooks will arrive very soon, if so, detailed documentation will be sent home later this week. As soon as the netbooks are connected to our school network, student will begin using them in class under supervision from the teachers. They will start going home each day once all documentation (user agreement and lease document) are signed and the first instalment is paid.

We are also providing parents with the opportunity to attend a netbook information session on Thursday 10th March at 7.00pm in the Grade 5/6 rooms. If you are planning to attend the information session, please complete and return the reply slip below.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

Regards

David Twite
Principal

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NETBOOK INFORMATION SESSION

I will/will not be attending information session on Thursday 10th March to gain more information regarding the Netbook program.

Name: ___________________________________________ Child’s name: ___________ Grade: ______