Story Dogs 2016

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Year 2 students have the opportunity to participate in the Story Dogs program during this year. Selected students will read to the dogs each week and others will be selected as part of a larger rotating group.

Please read the information and sign the parent consent form on the back of this letter and return to your child’s class teacher. All students must have written permission to participate in this valuable volunteer program conducted at school. We will begin the program when all targeted students have returned their notes.

Emma Andrews - class teacher

Jenny Foster – Relieving Principal
Dear Parent/Carer,

Story Dogs is a fun and unique reading support program that improves children’s reading and communication skills by children reading to a trained companion dog and its handler.

The Story Dog program is primarily designed for students who have reading challenges, however students may be chosen by the Classroom Teacher to participate in the program as a reward or as an alternative reading activity.

Students will spend approximately 20 minutes with the Story Dog Team once per week reading books which are appropriate to their reading level. During the session, the dog will be on its lead at all times and the handler will be with the dog and student at all times. Although the dog is immaculately groomed, fully wormed with flea protection, children with allergies are recommended not to be involved with the program.

The program is free to all students.

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Story Dogs Permission Slip

I (print your name) ............................................................... do / do not  give permission
for my child (their name) ................................................................ of class .......................

to be part of the Story Dog program.

I give permission for photographs to be taken of my child participating in the program and am aware that these photographs may be used for promotional purposes including appearing on the internet on the Story Dogs web site (www.storydogs.org.au)  □ Yes  □ No

I give permission for my child to participate in any research activities relevant to the Story Dogs program.  □ Yes  □ No

□ My child does not have any known allergies that will be triggered by contact with a dog.

□ My child does have known allergies that that will be triggered by contact with a dog.

Signature of Parent/Carer ................................................................... Date ................

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