Dear Parents,

The staff held a parent information session on Thursday 15 October to float the idea of implementing a 1:1 iPad initiative across K-2 from the beginning of 2016. There was widespread support for the idea from those who attended the meeting. We have therefore distributed this survey to ascertain the number of families who would consider sending their child to school with an iPad next year.

Important things you should know:

• If we introduce the 1:1 iPad concept, every child will have access to an iPad, regardless of a family’s capacity to provide a device.
• If a family wishes their child to use a school device, a refundable one-off bond of $250 is required for the device to be taken home. If the device stays at school, there is no cost at all.
• If a family decides to provide their child with an iPad, it is strongly recommended that parents seek their own insurance against theft and accidental damage. Department of Education insurance does not cover personal items.
• iPads may be used by students in Years 3-6 (regardless of the outcome of this survey), so there is no requirement for parents to provide both a laptop and iPad. Conversely, laptops may be used across K-2. Parents will have the flexibility to choose what best suits them.
• We do not recommend any specific iPad model for use at school. iPad Air 2, iPad Air, iPad Mini 4 and iPad Mini 2 are all appropriate devices for students to use. iPad 2 (the older model that is available second-hand) is also acceptable, although its longevity will be a lot shorter than the other models. 16GB models are acceptable for school use, although parents may consider iPads with larger storage.
• Android (non-Apple) tablets will not be supported by the school.
• A hard shell protective case is highly recommended.
• Should we proceed with the 1:1 iPad concept, prices will be made available for bundles from Rosman Computers in Thirroul. Rosman is our preferred supplier, but of course, iPads may be sourced anywhere. Rosman will also offer iPad only prices, if parents choose to purchase a protective case elsewhere.
• A list of essential app’s will be provided to families providing their own iPad. You could expect to pay approximately $20 for app’s required for school use.
• Clear protocols will be explained to children about caring for and managing their devices. Basically, the rules applying to laptop use will apply to iPads as well.

Peter Holmes
Principal
21/10/15
1:1 iPad Survey

Please complete the following survey and return to school by Friday 30 October. Thank you very much.

☐ I intend to provide my child with an iPad to bring to school next year.

☐ I am considering providing my child with an iPad to bring to school next year.

☐ I would prefer my child to use a school-owned iPad.

☐ I do not wish the school to introduce a 1:1 iPad initiative.

Additional comments: ………………………………………………………………………………
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Parent’s name: ..................................................

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