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Friday 24 March 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

The NSW Government is establishing a new Responsible Pet Ownership Education Program for 5-7 year olds for delivery in NSW schools by a team of Pet Educators and their suitability tested dogs. The Program uses multimedia, role play, song and story to provide primary school children with a smorgasbord of stimulating activities to teach a wide range of concepts relating to responsible pet ownership.

The Program focuses on teaching students about dog safety incorporating:

- When dogs should be left alone
- Things we should not do to dogs
- How can you tell if a dog is happy, frightened or angry
- A safe way to approach and greet a dog
- What to do if approached by an unknown or aggressive dog.

Each of the Pet Educators will be accompanied by their suitability-tested dog. These dogs are very comfortable in the school environment and enjoy their time with the children. **They are on leash and under the direct control of the Pet Educator at all times.** The dogs work under strict guidelines in relation to how often and when they can work. The dogs are owned by, and reside with, the Pet Educators. The health and well-being of these dogs and the safety of participating children is their key priority.

We are very fortunate that all students K-3 have the opportunity to participate in such a great program. **It is free** and will be held in **one of our classrooms on Wednesday 29 March 2023**. **Please let your child's teacher know if your child has any allergies or is frightened of dogs.** This will enable us to be better informed and we will be able to cater for your child accordingly.

Please only return the note or send a Seesaw message to your child's teacher by Tuesday 28 March 2023 if **you do not give permission for your child to attend or **if there are special allergies/considerations that we need to cater for.****

Thank you in advance

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Please either send a Seesaw message to your child's teacher or return **the note below by Tuesday 28 March** if you do not give permission for your child to attend of if there are special allergies/considerations that we need to cater for.

Are there any special considerations that we need to know regarding your child and dogs such as allergies / or frightened?

Child's Name: _____

Class: _____

Yes _____

Signed Parent/Carer:

Date:

I do not give permission for my child _____ of class _____ to participate in the Responsible Pet Ownership Program that is being held on Wednesday 29 March 2023. **I understand that this event is free of charge.**

Signed Parent/Carer: _____

Date: