Dear Parents,

In order to reduce the number of individual pieces of information which you need to read and permission notes which you need to sign throughout the year, I am including a number of items together at this time. Please read all the information included and sign all of the related permission slips. We can then store this information centrally and avoid the possibility of students missing out on lessons or activities during the year because of an oversight at the time. We will still issue detailed notes about the sports competitions, class excursions and performances which occur from time to time so you will be fully informed of the activities which relate to your child’s school programs. Individual permission notes will still be required for these activities.

Nicole Humphreys
Principal

1. Short Walking Excursions
   From time to time opportunities arise for brief educational experiences to occur in the local area, outside the school grounds eg. a walk to the Falls. At such times teachers will escort children and conduct relevant lessons or activities in that location. Students will be fully supervised at all times. Please sign the relevant permission slip if you agree to your child taking part in such activities.

2. Student Access To The Internet
   Internet use provides opportunities to enhance student learning experiences through access to the vast amount of material available. The use of the Internet at Falls Creek School is focussed on improving student learning outcomes in purposeful curriculum specific contexts. While much of the information available on the Internet is suitable for use in schools, some material is inappropriate for use by students. Teachers preview, select and may bookmark the sites which students are expected to use in the course of their work. The Department’s Web Services provides technical barriers to restrict access to inappropriate Internet material. Parental permission is sought for students to access the Internet under the conditions outlined above. Students are expected to abide by the Internet code of behaviour which is viewed each time a student logs on.

3. Photographs
   Throughout the year many occasions occur where photographs of school activities may be taken. As part of the promotion of our school we may wish to publish these photographs either within the school or in the local press. We realise that there may be many implications of the publication of children’s photographs and names. Please complete the permission slip which relates to the taking and publishing of photographs of your child in this context.

4. Application of Sunscreen
   During the year students and teachers are engaged in many activities which keep them outdoors for extended periods of time. We encourage all students to wear protective clothing, including hats, and to apply sunscreen prior to such activities. Frequently students do not apply sunscreen at appropriate intervals and in order to offer them increased protection we seek permission to provide sunscreen to your child at such times. If your child has an allergy to any particular preparation or ingredient please inform us of this when completing the appropriate permission slip. At Falls Creek we use “Ultra Protect” 30+ SPF, which is PABA free and recommended for sensitive skin. It also contains an insect repellent.

5. Scripture Lessons
   Falls Creek School has scripture lessons each Thursday. Currently we have two options for Special Religious Education – Catholic and mixed denominations. However parents need to be aware that under the Education Act 1990 public schools must provide religious education. Children not attending Special Religious Education options will have lessons in General Religious Education. That includes what people believe and how those beliefs affect their lives.
PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED WHOLE PAGE TO SCHOOL

1. Short Walking Excursions Permission Slip

I GIVE / DO NOT GIVE permission for ____________________________________ to participate in short walking excursions in the local area. I understand that all such excursions will be under teacher supervision.

Signed: ___________________________________ (Parent/Guardian)  Date: __________________

2. Student Access to the Internet Permission Slip

I GIVE / DO NOT GIVE permission for ____________________________________ to access the internet as part of the curriculum at Falls Creek School. I understand that, should my child not abide by the school’s Code of Behaviour regarding internet use, consequences will be put into place.

Signed: ___________________________________ (Parent/Guardian)  Date: __________________

3. Photographs – Permission Slip

I GIVE / DO NOT GIVE permission for ____________________________________ to be photographed whilst participating in school activities. I understand that these photographs may be displayed or published within the school or local news media.

Signed: ___________________________________ (Parent/Guardian)  Date: __________________

4. Application of Sunscreen – Permission Slip

I GIVE / DO NOT GIVE permission for ____________________________________ to be provided with sunscreen to use during outdoor activities at school.

He / she has no known allergies to such preparations.  [ ]

He / she has a known allergy to ____________________________________.

Signed: ___________________________________ (Parent/Guardian)  Date: __________________

5. Scripture Lessons – Permission Slip

I GIVE permission for ____________________________________ to attend Special Religious Education. Please select appropriate box. If you do not select a box your child will attend General Religious Education.

[ ] Catholic

[ ] Mixed Denominations

Signed: ___________________________________ (Parent/Guardian)  Date: __________________

This signed permission slip remains effective until I advise the school otherwise.