21st March, 2013

Dear Parents,

YEAR 6 HEALTH UNIT – PERSONAL GROWTH, ADOLESCENCE AND DRUG EDUCATION PROGRAM

Beginning next term, as part of the Physical and Social Learning Strand of the Victorian Essential Learning Standards, the students in Year 6 will be studying units on Personal Growth, Adolescence and Drug Education.

The ‘Catching on Early’ program will cover the development of boys and girls through puberty and the reproductive system, including female menstruation.

The Drug Education Program aims to promote healthy behaviours and support students when talking about drug issues. The ‘Talking Tactics Together’ program from the Department of Education provides information about drugs such as, ‘What is a Drug?, Australian Drug Use, Harm Minimisation, and Refusal Tactics.

The class teacher, with the assistance of the School Nurse Anthea Cupido, will conduct the units of work. It is hoped that the material discussed at school will also be discussed at home to ensure that the students feel comfortable with all the information that is presented.

If you have any questions, would like to discuss the units to be studied, or do not want your child to participate, please contact your child’s classroom teacher or the Principal by Friday 19th April 2013.

Yours sincerely

Jennifer Churcher
On behalf of Year 6 teachers

John Hurley
Principal.