

IRAMOO PRIMARY SCHOOL No. 5152

Thursday, September 14, 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This letter is to inform you that as part of the Grade 5 curriculum, students will be participating in two important programs throughout Term 4, beginning on Wednesday, October 11, 2017.

CATCHING ON EARLY

Catching On Early is an evidence-based program founded on the latest research into sexuality education and the personal development of children. The program has been developed by the Victorian Department of Education & Training and the Department of Health & Human Services and is currently being delivered to Grade 5 & 6 students throughout our region.

The program provides a basic introduction to aspects of sexuality education. It aims to educate and prepare students about the physical, social and emotional changes they will experience during puberty. The program is also aimed at developed independence and daily hygiene routines.

Our students will participate in a series of weekly lessons throughout Term 4. Some weeks, students will be given homework tasks to discuss and work through at home with parents/guardians. The unit will be delivered by Mr Graham Byworth and Mrs Michelle Dorias.

Parents who would like further information can access the Department of Education and Training website at: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/health/Pages/sexuality.aspx>

TALKING TACTICS TOGETHER

Talking Tactics Together is an interactive, harm-minimisation program where students undertake a series of activities relating to issues associated with drugs (tobacco and prescription drugs) and alcohol. This program has also been developed by the Victorian Department of Education & Training and the Department of Health & Human Services.

The program objectives are to promote and maximise student health and wellbeing and to assist them in making healthy and safe choices. The activities aim to support the development of life skills and protective behaviours and promote the development of positive relationships with family and peers.

Parents who would like further information can access the Department of Education and Training website at: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/health/Pages/druged.aspx>

If you ***do not*** give permission for your child to participate, please notify me in writing by **3 p.m. on Friday, September 22, 2017.**

GRAHAM BYWORTH
GRADE 5 & 6 AREA LEADER