18 April 2016

Dear Parents/Caregivers

**RE: BRAVEHEARTS DITTO SHOW**

An important component of the Early Years Curriculum is the development of the children’s emotional and social competence as well as their health and physical wellbeing. I believe that the Bravehearts program on Personal Safety is a fun but informative method of developing the children in these areas.

I would encourage you as a parent or guardian to complete the attached permission form to allow your child to attend the “Ditto Show” on Thursday, 28 April 2016. Without a completed permission form your child will not be able to attend this very informative show. The following classes will see the show at 11.30 am, Prep - Year 1.

I would also like to encourage you to attend this performance yourself (at no cost) so that you can share in this valuable learning experience for your child and continue the conversations at home.

As we believe that this is a vital part of all children’s development, there will be no cost to you for this program. The P&C have kindly agreed to fully fund every child’s attendance at this program. We thank them for this generous offer.

Yours sincerely

[Signature]
Desley Jones
Deputy Principal

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**PERMISSION FORM**

**Bravehearts Ditto Show**

I, _______________________________ DO/DO NOT give my permission for my child, _______________________________ in class ________ to attend the “Ditto Show” on Thursday, 28 April 2016.

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Parent Name                  Parent Signature
Ditto’s Keep Safe Adventure Education Program

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

On Thu 28th April your child will have the opportunity to experience our Personal Safety Education Program “The Ditto Show”. Bravehearts are extremely proud of this program and believe that by providing children with the basic principles of personal safety, we are providing them with the tools to stay safe.

Just as teaching children the road rules cannot guarantee our children’s safety on the roads, no program can guarantee to “abuse-proof” our children. But, by teaching them the principles of personal safety we are giving them the knowledge they need to stay safe and know what to do if anything does happen.

The ‘Ditto Show’ is live performance with “Ditto” being the star attraction. The show runs for 35 minutes (and we have a 20 minute one for our under 5’s). The cost of the performance is $20.00 per child.

Our program has been delivered throughout other states in Australia since 2006 empowering over 300,000 children.

‘Ditto’, the Bravehearts’ mascot comes to life as the star of Ditto’s Keep Safe Adventure Education Program to ensure the program is delivered in a fun, interactive and engaging manner.

Specially written songs for the show include "Private Parts" and "Run and Tell Someone You Can Trust". These are catchy songs and our experience shows children are remembering them in the same way they remember common nursery rhymes. Feedback from schools and centres has indicated that children are singing the songs in the playground. Ditto’s Keep Safe Adventure Program and resources are NOT SEX EDUCATION. Private Parts are simply explained as the mouth (as we don’t just go around kissing anyone) the chest, between the legs and our bottoms. The main aim of the program is to enhance children’s emotional literacy.

The findings of an independent evaluation suggest that the delivery of the principles embedded in this program can reduce the prevalence of not only child sexual assault, but also other forms of abuse including family violence and bullying, in a range of settings.

Topics covered throughout the show consists of “Yes” & “No” Feelings, The Body’s Warning Signs, Private Parts, Secrets and what to do if you feel unsafe or unsure.

If you do not wish for your child to attend the show please notify your school/centre. Should you have any questions about the program please do not hesitate to contact our Head Office on 07 5552 3000. For information on attending our Parent/Teacher Information Session, please contact your school for availability & times.

PARENTS WELCOME!

Kind regards,

Bravehearts Education Team