Special Religious Education (SRE) Program and Philosophical Ethics Classes 2011

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Local providers of religious education offer scripture classes to the students of Merimbula Public School. In the past years, Catholic Scripture classes were the only classes offered at Merimbula Public School. This year Christian (Baptist) Scripture classes will also be held.

In Term 1 we are anticipating that scripture classes will be held each Friday at 11.30am. Scripture lessons are held for 30 minutes to students of the same grade / stage. Mathematics classes will be held at an alternate time to accommodate students attending scripture classes.

Following a recent decision by the NSW Government, and an amendment to the NSW Education Act 1990, our school may now hold Philosophical Ethics Classes for Year 5 and 6 students, whose parents do not wish them to attend Special Religious Education (SRE) - when trained providers are available. Philosophical ethics provides a secular framework for examining ethical questions through argument and justification, to develop a child’s understanding of ethical issues, his/her skills in ethical decision making and the dispositions to act ethically. Additional information for parents / caregivers of Year 5 and 6 students has been attached.

Times and locations of all SRE and Ethics classes will be shared with parents via the school newsletter after student numbers in each group are finalised.

If you would like for your child to participate in any of the above optional programs, please indicate by completing the permission note below. All notes should be returned to school before Tuesday, March 1 (next week).

Regards,

Mrs Michelle Hulme
Principal

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Special Religious Education / Philosophical Ethics Program Permission Note

Dear Mrs Hulme,

I would like my child _____________________________________________ of class ______ to participate in the following program each Friday during 2011, when held at the school (tick):

☐ Catholic Special Religious Education
☐ Christian (Baptist) Special Religious Education
☐ Philosophical Ethics Classes (Years 5 and 6 students)

Parent / Caregiver: _____________________________ Signed: ___________________ Date: _______