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Dear Parents,

As discussed with Mr Bienkowski at your enrolment interview, we have engaged 'Smart Talk' Speech Pathology to provide an on-site speech and language screen for each of our Kindy and new Pre-Primary students. The purpose of the screens is to profile each child's speech and language skills and identify the children who require further in-depth speech pathology assessment. These screens will also provide parents and teachers with valuable information about the children's development in foundation skills.

Before the screens commence, 'Smart Talk' Speech Pathology will be hosting an information session with parents (15-20 minutes) in the school's library on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 9:00am. They will outline the screening process, the areas of development to be screened and will be available to answer questions from parents.

The screens will take place in the kindy classroom during school time on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March and will assess the following areas:

- Narrative and sequencing (retelling a simple story and ordering pictures sequentially)
- Articulation (clarity of sounds in speech and dysfluencies in speech)
- Knowledge of basic concepts (colour, shape and location)
- Comprehension (understanding questions)
- Phonological awareness (identifying syllables in words and rhyming words)
- Semantic category knowledge (identifying objects that belong to specific categories i.e. fruit, transport, animals)

At the completion of the assessments, a letter will be provided to parents and teachers to outline ways we can support development in foundation areas, and to enable early intervention leading to successful educational outcomes. For those students who may require individual therapy, the speech pathologists will be available for appointments and may be contacted directly.

The cost of the Kindergarten Speech and Language Screen will be \$45 per child and will be added to the 2018 fees. Please fill in the permission slip below and return to School by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on 97826500.

Kind regards,

Jenny Gorman  
Assistant Principal

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I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ to be screened by 'Smart Talk' Speech Therapists.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

My child is currently having speech therapy. YES/NO

Name of Therapist: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Therapy: \_\_\_\_\_