Dear Year 4 & 5 - 2017 Parents,

As previously stated in a letter sent home in September, the school will continue with its one-to-one parent-funded technology programme for 2017. From 2017, Year 4 students will also be included.

After analysing the recent parent survey results, consulting with an outside ICT agency and discussion with the school’s ICT team, it has been decided that for 2017, parents are asked to provide their child with either an iPad/iPad Mini or a Chrome Book.

This decision will hopefully assist the majority of our Year 4 & 5 families financially as the feedback from the recent survey identified that the majority of the students either own, or have access to, an iPad or Chrome Book.

In the past, the school has purchased devices and have asked parents to purchase it direct from the school. However, in 2017 parents will be required to source their own device from stores such as: Big W, JB Hi-Fi, Harvey Norman, The Good Guys and the Apple Store (iPads). I recommend eBay as a good and cheap option to find protective cases for iPads/iPad Minis (Griffin Survivor or M Edge Super Shell Case).

Parents may be required to purchase and download apps which will be of assistance to their child in class. The classroom teachers will inform you early on in the year which apps, if any, will need to be purchased and downloaded to your child’s device. There will be a parent session early on next year to assist those who need help setting-up the devices.

Below are the **minimum** requirements of each device:

**iPad/iPad Mini:**
- 16GB Wi-Fi iPad/iPad Mini
- Protective case
- Earphones (on class book list)

**Chrome Book:**
- 14" Screen (4GB of memory & 9.6 hours battery life)
- Protective sleeve or cover
- Earphones (on class booklist)

If parents foresee financial difficulty in being able to provide their child with an iPad/iPad Mini or a Chrome Book for 2017, please contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Travis Bienkowski
Principal