Dear Parents,

Story Dogs is a fun and unique reading support program that improves children's reading and communication skills by children reading to a trained companion dog and its handler.

The Story Dogs program is primarily designed for students who have reading challenges, however all students in the class will get a chance to read to the dog at least once during the term.

☐ Your child is one of the focus children and will read to the Story Dog each week.
☐ Your child will read to the Story Dog at least once per term.

Students will spend approximately 20 minutes with the Story Dog team, reading books which are appropriate to their reading level. During the sessions, the dog will be on its lead at all times and the handler will be with the dog and student at all times. Although the dog is immaculately groomed, fully wormed with flea protection, children with allergies to dogs are recommended not to be involved in the program.

The program is free to all students, however your support of the school's annual Story Dogs free dress day for a gold coin donation is appreciated.

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**Story Dogs Permission Slip**

I (print your name).................................................. do / do not give permission

for my child (their name)..............................................of class..............
to be part of the Story Dog program.

I give permission for photographs to be taken of my child participating in the program and am aware that these photographs may be used for promotional purposes including appearing on the internet on the Story Dogs web site (www.storydogs.org.au)

☐ Yes  ☐ No

I give permission for my child to participate in any research activities relevant to the Story Dogs program. ☐ Yes  ☐ No

☐ My child does not have any known allergies that will be triggered by contact with a dog.

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**Signature of Parent/Carer**.................................................................

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