Dear Grade 2 Parents,

This year at GIPS, the Grade 2 children have been lucky enough to have a ratio of 1:2 iPads to use during class time. Although this is a fabulous achievement in our first year of implementation, there are some limitations around sharing devices that are intended for personal use. As a result, we would like to undertake a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Trial in Grade 2.

A BYOD Trial is a voluntary program that will run from Monday 23 November to Friday 4 December. During these dates, Grade 2 children are welcome to bring along an iPad from home to use during class time. iPads will be used in many classroom activities whenever they may offer additional learning opportunities for the children. The BYOD Trial program will not replace our traditional curriculum. But rather, the technology will be used to enhance student learning and development.

For each iPad brought to school, a username and password will be generated to access our eduPASS Wi-Fi network. Once these details have been entered on the personal device, it is expected that devices should pick up our network whenever it is within range.

Families wishing to participate in the trial are requested to install the following apps on their device:

- Book Creator
- Popplet
- Mathletics
- PM eCollection
- Seesaw: The Learning Journal

Families are NOT expected to purchase a device for this trial. Children who do not bring a device to school will use an iPad from the class bank. No child will be disadvantaged during this trial.

Each day during the trial, children who bring an iPad to school will be responsible for delivering their bag to a drop off point in the main building if they arrive at school prior to 8.45am. From 8.45am, children will be asked to enter the Grade 2 building to put their bag in their locker and place their personal iPad in a specific location. Children will take their personal iPad home at the end of each day and must ensure it is fully charged ready for use the following day.

Things to remember:

- This is a short term trial so we can evaluate its effectiveness and make decisions about the future management of iPads across the school.
- Your child is NOT expected to participate. No child will be disadvantaged.
- If you agree to participate, you will be responsible for ensuring the apps listed above are installed on your device.
- Children will be responsible for placing their bag and iPad in the secure location provided.
• iPads will be kept in a secure central location in each Year 2 classroom and will be used to enhance learning. There will be no ‘free time’ using an iPad.
• iPads must be fully charged for each day.
• A sturdy protective case must be used with the iPad.

Why iPads?
The school has previously made the decision, in consultation with School Council, to invest in iPad technology rather than other tablets. The iPad is supported by the school’s network and infrastructure and has key features, such as AirDrop, that allow ease of sharing work and collaboration. We are only able to support iPads for this trial.

Additional information about a 1:1 program
A 1:1 program provides students with personal, portable devices to enhance their opportunities for learning. 1:1 programs are also known as ‘anywhere, anytime’ for students’ programs. 1:1 programs support the individualising of learning, can increase independence and extend learning beyond the classroom.

A 1:1 program enables each student’s learning tools to be always available to that student, and this is not possible with shared technology. 1:1 gives the students ownership of their work and allows student reflection and sharing of their work. It becomes a valuable tool for assessment, providing feedback and enabling students to continue their learning at home.

One of the key benefits will be that students and parents will be able to share work from the school day. Children will be able to take their parents through the steps of their learning which will reinforce and support what has been learnt. This allows parents to be more engaged and involved in their child’s learning.

There will be an information session for interested parents on Friday 13 November at 3.00pm in the School Library.

Kind Regards,

Meredith Carracher
Principal

Susie Walton, Meagan Cofield and Amy Kopciewicz
ICT Team

Grade 2 iPad Trial

Please indicate your interest in the trial below

Our family (child’s name) ____________________________________________ of Grade 2 ________

☐ Is interested in participating in the BYOD Trial from ___________ to ____________.

We are aware that we will need to install the following apps: Book Creator, Popplet, Mathletics, PM eCollection and Seesaw and will ensure that the iPad is charged each day.

☐ Is not interested in participating in the trial at this time

Information Session

I ___________________________ will attend / will not attend the information session on Friday 13 November.