



Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2018

Dear Prep Parents/Caregivers,

As part of our investigation in to people who help us in the community, Teddy Bear Hospital is running an event at Glen Iris Primary School, with the support of the Monash University Medical Students, for the Preps on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Participation in the Teddy Bear Hospital program is free of charge.

Teddy Bear Hospital is a world-wide program that provides primary school students with the opportunity to interact with student doctors. The program aims to alleviate the 'white coat anxiety' children often feel when visiting health professionals. Teddy Bear Hospital is a unique and interactive way for children to experience the atmosphere at a hospital or general practice without being patients themselves.

**The day involves the Preps bringing their own teddy bears (patients), and the medical students acting as their doctors.** The children rotate through a number of role-play scenarios, simulating experiences such as calling an ambulance, examination of eyes and ears and using asthma devices. The importance of good hygiene, healthy eating and physical activity are also encouraged. You can check us out at <http://www.teddybearhospital.org.au/>

Please also note that no sharps (needles, scissors, scalpels etc) will be used, all 'treatment' is non-invasive and all volunteering medical students have current Working with Children and Police Checks.

Please advise your child's teacher if your child has any allergies or you do not wish them to be photographed during the event. Don't forget to remind your child to bring their favourite teddy or soft toy (no oversized teddies or toys please) with them to school next Tuesday.

We hope your child enjoy Teddy Bear Hospital!

Event Organiser  
Teddy Bear Hospital Committee

Lily Collins, Hayley Greeves, Christine Hallam and Barb Maclarn  
Prep Teachers