Dear Parents/Guardians,

Coding Curriculum Program – Years 3, 4 5 & 6
Semester One 2017

At Glen Waverley Primary School we are committed to providing the most comprehensive educational program possible in order for every child to reach their full potential. As a means of further developing the Extra-Curriculum opportunities for our students, we have implemented a Coding program. This program is only open to students in years 3, 4 5 and 6.

Coding has been highlighted as a 21st Century skill with tangible benefits for students, it has been included in the draft of the Victorian Curriculum for senior students, and was highlighted in 2015 and 2016 with the worldwide initiative “Hour of Code,” in which Glen Waverley Primary School participated. While the use of technology is a great way to support our students’ learning, so too is coding which allows them to understand the logic and science that controls this technology.

Chess Kids School Coaching is the company who will run the coding program for our school. The students will participate in a one hour coaching session each Wednesday, during the luncheon recess or after school. Using a design-based learning approach, students explore computing, programming logic and design concepts through hands-on exercises using the proven platform Scratch. The program will commence on Wednesday 15th February 2017 and over the course of the semester (Terms One and Two) the children will participate in 14 lessons as follows:

Term 1: February 15th and 22nd, March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th
Term 2: May 3rd, 10th, 24th, and 31st, June 7th, 14th and 21st

The cost of the program is $90 (just under $6.50 per session) and must be paid in full by Friday 10th Feb. Registration and payment is to be made through our Qkr Accounting System only. Please ensure you choose either the Luncheon Recess or Afterschool Coding Session to ensure your child is enrolled in their choice of class. You can visit our website for instructions on how to download the Qkr app to your phone.

We strongly encourage you to consider the program for your child(ren) as the educational benefits are immense.

Yours sincerely,

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