Dear Parents/Caregivers,

In conjunction with the Daystar Foundation, students in Year 6 (in 5/6R and 5/6S) are being given the amazing opportunity to participate in a Literacy Buddies Program. The Daystar Foundation develops in-school education programs to assist children to fulfill their educational potential. The Daystar foundation works with 15 schools across the Minto/Campbelltown/Riverwood and Canley Vale Education districts and has been running this program successfully for a number of years. High profile firms such as Coors Solicitors, Dimension Data and the Westpac Management Team form the basis of the corporate community involved in this program.

The Literacy Buddies program is designed to:
- Enhance students’ literacy skills
- Engage students in a creative, personal & meaningful program
- Encourage students to take an interest in writing fluently and in a creative manner

Students will be involved in writing letters to an employee buddy from Dimension Data. Through these letters, students will develop the necessary literary skills to communicate effectively in the written form. Letters will be written approximately 7 times throughout the year, with the final exchange culminating in an end of year activity. Employees from Dimension Data have been fully trained and vetted for working with Children.

There are strict guidelines in place to ensure that no personal information about the students is forwarded. The letters will be proofed in a number of stages by Mrs. Rutten before leaving the school to ensure that the guidelines are adhered to.

This is an amazing opportunity for the students and we welcome the chance to participate in the program. For further information on either company you may like to visit their web pages; www.daystar.org.au and http://www.dimensiondata.com/en-AU.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Rutten.

Mrs Rutten
Literacy Program Co-ordinator

Ms McLeod
Principal

Year 6 Literacy Buddies Participation Permission Slp

Please Complete and return by Friday 19th February, 2016

I give permission for my child ______________________ of Class ______________ to be engaged in the Literacy Buddies Program. I understand the benefits of the program and that all participants have been vetted for ‘Working with Children’. I also understand that no personal information will be provided to the Literacy Buddies that will identify an individual student.

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Parent Signature

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Date