Dear Parents/Guardians,

This year, students in Years 3 - 6 will be participating in Skooville.

Skooville is an online place where children up to 13 years of age learn to conduct themselves safely on the Internet. It is a protected social learning network for primary students, where children learn, play and talk with their school friends. Together they create projects, build their personal web pages, earn their CyberSMART badges (accredited by the federal government’s Australian Communications and Media Authority), work to get their Star Awards (ten different Stars, all awarded for excellence in Digital Technologies and Cybersafety), collaborate with other children and schools worldwide, and contribute to a huge selection of events, competitions and activities.

Skooville is a network that is different to all others. It is protected 24/7 by trained moderators, who monitor all online traffic to ensure the students are posting and sharing appropriately. Every child that joins Skooville is first authenticated by their school, and teachers can only communicate online with students from their school. Safety features such as these makes Skooville the safest children’s online community anywhere in the world.

Skooville will be used by students during school time so that our teachers can explicitly and directly teach skills in online behavior, so that our children will be better equipped to protect their own wellbeing and develop values in appropriate online conduct. Apart from teaching cybersafety, Skooville is an excellent resource for teaching web-based skills such as site building and file uploading/downloading, as well as consolidating skills in reading and writing.

Skooville is affiliated with and has the support of the Telstra Foundation, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, and CyberSmart - the Federal Government’s cybersafety initiative.

If you give your child permission to have a Skooville account, please complete and return the form below. If you have any queries or concerns, please email Mr Hanley at hanley.ciaran.c@edumail.vic.gov.au or visit Skooville: http://www.skooville.com

Kind regards,

Ciaran Hanley
Digital Technologies Coordinator

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**Skooville Parent Permission 2016**

I give permission for my child to be registered with and utilise Skooville (www.skooville.com). I understand that Skooville is protected 24/7 by trained moderators, who monitor all online traffic to ensure the students are posting, sharing and behaving appropriately online.

Child’s Name: ________________________________ Grade: ___________

Parent Name: ________________________________ Signature: ________________________ Date: __________