Dear Parents/Guardians,

In Term 2 students of Grade 6B will be given the opportunity to create an online portfolio of student work through a website creator, ‘Wix’. Students will use a pre-existing template to further their understandings of Digital Technologies by learning to create and edit a webpage as well as showcase selected pieces of schoolwork. An example of a Wix website created for the 90th Celebrations in 2015 can be accessed here: http://scsteven8.wix.com/yarraroad90years

Parents will be given the opportunity to view student websites at the end of Term 2 on completion of the task. Students will have their login details and may access their work in progress from home for parents to view, however this is not an expectation as it is a school-initiated project to be completed in school time.

‘Wix’ is a resource that is intended for Grade 6 students to consolidate Digital Technologies skills in preparation for the diverse range of tasks that will be encountered in secondary schooling. By creating portfolios students are able to personalise their own webpages however will not be identifiable to the public. **Students will not be allowed to post photos of themselves or other students at the school.** Furthermore students are only permitted to use their first name and the first initial of their surname (eg. Annie C). This is to ensure the protection of student privacy of personal information on the Internet.

At the completion of the task with parent consent, selected webpages will be provided to Deakin University as samples of student work and progression in Digital Technologies skills for the purposes of initial teaching internship assessment. Grade 6 Teachers will have access to all student webpages at all times through a common ‘Wix’ school account. Our school Digital Technologies Acceptable Use agreement applies to web applications including ‘Wix’, and students are expected to use such tools appropriately.

If you give your child permission to participate in the ‘Wix’ class project, please complete and return the form below. If you have any queries or concerns, please email Shanae Stevens at scsteven@deakin.edu.au or Hazel van Loenen at vanloenen.hazel.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

Kind Regards,

Miss Shanae Stevens and Mrs Hazel van Loenen

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**Permission Form 2016 ‘Wix’**

I give my child ______________________________________________________ (child’s name) permission to participate in a school project to create a personal webpage showcasing student work. I acknowledge that my child’s work will be accessible on the Internet and may be provided to Master of Teaching assessors at Deakin University.

Parent Name: (PRINT) ________________________________________________

Parent Signature: ___________________________________________ Date: ____________________