Dear Parents,

As you may be aware, Milgate commenced a 1 to 1 iPad program in 2013. To continue the program in 2016, current Year 2 students will require an iPad in 2016. The iPad will be a student owned device purchased by parents. Students will take their iPad home each night and be responsible for charging it prior to the next school day. We are asking parents to purchase an iPad for their child prior to the commencement of the 2016 school year. The minimum requirements of the iPad are the 16GB Wi-Fi. We are happy to provide you with assistance regarding the purchase of the iPad if required.

Milgate Primary School is now working with JB HiFi–Education Solutions in order to provide our students the opportunity to purchase Apple iPad devices at educational pricing. In addition to the educational price, parents can purchase optional insurance that covers accidental damage and theft for up to three years - a service not offered in stores. There are also various finance options for parents including the option to enter into a 12 month interest free Credit Card Payment Plan or a one off upfront payment via BPAY / Credit Card. Simply visit the link below and enter the school code: MPS2015.

As a broad guide, we have the following goals for the iPad program:
1. iPad will be used to facilitate learning by allowing students to:
   (a) access, use, create and publish digital and online information
   (b) develop knowledge, understanding and skills through creativity, critical thinking and problem-solving
   (c) collaborate with others
   (d) communicate, in a variety of ways, their knowledge and learning experiences.
2. Students will use the iPad as a tool to manage their work and learning.
3. Students will develop age-appropriate ICT skills and understandings, including the responsibilities of online citizenship.
4. Students will accept responsibility for their personal actions when using ICT, the care and functionality of their iPad.

Prior to the end of the 2015 school year, parents will be provided with a list of Apps to be installed on the iPad ready for 2016. An Acceptable Use Policy will also be distributed and both parents and students will be required to sign the form prior to being connected to the school network.

At Milgate we are committed to providing students with the ability to support their learning with the latest technology, and we are looking forward to successful implementation of the iPad in your child’s classroom.

To provide you with further information and to answer any question you may have in relation to the program, we are holding an information session for parents on Tuesday 13 October 2015 at 2:45pm in the Staffroom.

Yours sincerely,

Debbie Mierisch
Principal