Friday 19 February 2016

Ethics Classes at Hurstville Public School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Ethics classes are available in NSW public primary schools as an option for children who do not attend Special Religious Education (SRE). The NSW government has authorised Primary Ethics to create curriculum and deliver these classes. Curriculum is available for children from Years K-6.

Classes are inquiry-based and children use dialogue and discussion to learn how to think about ethical matters through the give-and-take of reasoned argument. Trained and vetted volunteer ethics teachers lead discussions.

The ultimate goal is to develop students’ critical thinking skills, which are applicable to all areas of academic achievement.

We have had ethics classes at Hurstville in recent years, but our previous volunteer ethics teachers are unavailable this year. To enable classes to re-commence at Hurstville Public School we require new volunteers as ethics teachers.

Ethics teachers must receive full training by Primary Ethics, and the curriculum and teaching resources are provided. Volunteer teachers must attend a two day training course, complete the required background checks and commit to teaching their weekly ethics class for a minimum of one year.

We will re-commence ethics classes at Hurstville as new volunteer teachers are available. Ethics classes will be offered at the same time as SRE classes. If you wish your child to attend the ethics class, please complete the permission slip below and return to the front office by Tuesday 23 February 2016. There are limited places available. Places will be allocated as notes are received at the office.

For more information, please visit the website at www.primaryethics.com.au or contact the Ethics Coordinator, Peter Chapman on 0468 693 063 or peter.r.chapman@det.nsw.edu.au Please indicate below if you are willing to become an ethics teacher.

Mrs A. Hewson      Miss D. Scott
Principal       Deputy Principal

Ethics Classes 2016

I would like my child ________________________________ of class ________ to participate in Ethics classes in 2016 if they become available.

☐ I am interested in becoming a volunteer and would like to be contacted by Primary Ethics (Please provide details below)

Parent’s Name: ____________________________ Ph: _____________________

Signed: ____________________________      Date ____________________

Teachers: Please send immediately to the office