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Dear Parents/Carers

RESPONSIBLE PET EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Responsible Pet Education Program is funded by NSW Government for one visit per year, and will be coming to our school on **Monday 2 December 2019**.

Statistics find 80% of dog attacks on children under the age of 9 are by the family's own dog or a dog known and trusted by the family, so giving children strategies to help avoid an attack is important. Many children who are not familiar with dogs are unaware of how to react when a chance meeting may occur, such as in a park or visiting someone who owns a pet.

While all dog bites cannot be prevented, this **free program** can help students by teaching them how to behave safely around dogs as well as the correct way to approach a dog and when it is safe and when it is not safe to approach a dog.

The talks have been designed for and presented to students from **Kindergarten to Year 2** in NSW schools. Each session is 40 minutes, and is presented by a well-trained educator and dog who has passed the RPO stringent suitability test.

All students are encouraged to take part - there will be a couple of songs, a little dancing, some children will be selected to role play and, at teachers' discretion, some children will be selected to say hello to the well trained dog supervised by the Educator.

Please complete the permission slip below, **indicating your child has any allergies or phobias to dogs**, and return to school no later than Thursday 28 November 2019.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Belinda Harrington
Coordinator

GROSE VIEW PUBLIC SCHOOL

Responsible Pet Education Program



My child _____ of class _____ is invited to participate in the Responsible Pet Education Program on Monday 2 December 2019 at school.

I give permission to attend

I do not give permission to attend

Information we may need to know: _____

Parent/Carer Signature: _____ Date: _____