Dear Families,

As a school, and in particular as a girls’ school we have an obligation to teach girls how to stay positive in cyberspace and how to be discernible about what they read or see in the media.

The school has invited Melinda Tankard Reist to run various workshops with all of our students on 27 and 28 June and have also booked her to run a workshop for parents on Thursday 27 June at 7:00 pm.

Melinda is an author, speaker, media commentator, blogger and advocate for women and girls. She is also a columnist with Melbourne’s Sunday Herald Sun and a regular guest on television and radio programs. The examples that Melinda uses in her presentations are current and they are real; she is fearless and even confronting; I believe, however, that her message will be strong and girls will take notice.

Melinda will speak on the following issues:
1. Girls and the online world: bullying, exhibitionism, pro-harm sites, how to help girls stay positive in cyberspace.
2. Positive bodies: You’re OK just the way you are!
3. Sexualisation of girls in media and popular culture: and what we can do about it.
4. The sexual world of the 21st century adolescent.

Melinda will address one year level at a time and will adjust her presentation to suit the various age groups. For the Parents’ Workshop Melinda will also address most of the issues listed above so that you can also support your daughter to stay positive and safe.

Please put this important date in your diary and do not miss out on such an important workshop. You will not be disappointed.

We can only accommodate about 120 parents in our Performing Arts Centre. Please complete the form below and ask your daughter to return it to her Care Group Teacher at the beginning of Term 2.

Yours faithfully,

Antoinette Jones
Principal

Please return to your Care Group Teacher by Monday 29 April 2013
(Care Group teachers: please return slip to Jenni Stewart)

Melinda Tankard Reist : Parent Workshop
Thursday 27 June 2013

Student’s Name: ________________________________ Care Group: ________

Parent Names: ________________________________

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