28th February, 2014

Survey Information for Parents and Carers

What is KidsMatter Primary?
KidsMatter Primary is an Australian initiative that aims to improve children’s mental health and wellbeing. It recognises the important role that parents and carers play in the lives of their children and encourages effective working relationships between school staff, parents and carers as well as the broader community. For further information, including information sheets especially written for parents and carers, visit www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary

An important aspect of implementing KidsMatter at Orange Grove Public School is the consultation process with parents and carers. We ask you to please take the time and complete the short survey at:

www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary/parentsurvey

If you do not have access to internet hard copies of the survey are available at the school office.

What is the survey about and how long will it take?
The survey asks for your perspective about our school and what you think is important for the school to consider in supporting children’s mental health and wellbeing. We expect that it will take you approximately 10 minutes to complete the survey.

Why are you being asked to complete this survey?
KidsMatter Primary encourages schools to reflect on how they are doing things - what they are doing well already, and what they can improve to promote children’s mental health and wellbeing. School staff are surveyed and it has been recognised that including the voice of parents and carers also adds valuable information that will assist school planning.

What choice do you have?
Completing this anonymous survey is entirely your choice. Whether or not you decide to participate, your decision will not disadvantage you or your child. However, we hope that you will contribute to helping us improve our school community. Please feel free to discuss any concerns you may have about completing this survey with any of the staff.

How is your privacy protected and what happens to the answers?
The answers provided by parents and carers are completely anonymous and it will not be possible to identify you or your child from your answers. Data is stored electronically by KidsMatter Primary in a password-secured database. Only summarised results that align to the four components are used by the school to assist with school planning. KidsMatter Primary may also use data summarised at a state level to inform the national development of KidsMatter.

What do you need to do to participate?
Please read this Information Statement and be sure you understand its contents before you consent to participate. If there is anything you do not understand, or if you have questions, please talk to a school staff member.

Survey closes: Monday 10th March, 2014

Thank you for your support.

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