Teddy Bear Hospital 2018

Dear Parent(s),

HOPE4HEALTH is excited to announce the Teddy Bear Hospital will be visiting your child's school! Teddy Bear Hospital is a fantastic way for your child to experience a medical consultation environment in a non-threatening way by having their Teddy Bear examined by 'Teddy Doctors' and 'Teddy Dentists'; all of which are Griffith University health students.

The aim of the Teddy Bear Hospital is to reduce children's fear of physicians, dentists, and hospitals. We wish to show children that illness, and its treatment, is a part of everyday life and does not necessarily have to be experienced as intimidating or frightening. The Teddy Bear Hospital will also provide an opportunity to discuss the prevention elements of health care via workshop stations, such as: sun protection; exercise; healthy eating; healthy gums and teeth; medicines safety; and when and how to call for medical help.

The Teddy Bear Hospital is planned for your child's school on **Monday 19 FEBRUARY** this year.
It will take place during normal class time in the school hall and will run for approximately 60 minutes.

All your child will need on their day is a Teddy Bear so that they can act as Teddy's parent. If they do not have a teddy bear, one can be provided by the Teddy Bear Hospital.

We believe that the Teddy Bear Hospital will provide a positive learning environment for your child and will certainly be a unique and fun experience. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the day, please feel free to contact us. Also, following the Teddy Bear Hospital visit, we would appreciate any feedback you have regarding the day.

Yours Sincerely,
Teddy Bear Hospital Coordinators 2018
Email: tbh@hope4health.org.au

I am the rightful parent/guardian of _____.
I hereby give permission for my child named_____ to participate in the Teddy Bear Hospital presented by Griffith University medicine and dentistry students on the_____. I also give my permission for my child to appear in any media coverage of the event, including: any newspaper articles, newsletters, and/or television segments. I understand that visiting students will each possess a Blue Card and will have received training on child protection and the ethico-legal aspects of working with children.

On the scale of 1-10 below please circle how frightened your child currently is of the doctor and/or dentist:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Not frightened **Terrified**

If there are any concerns, restrictions, and/or specific cultural sensitivities you would like us to be aware of regarding the examination of your child's Teddy Bear, please detail these below:

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Signed …….. Date: ……..

Please return the bottom portion of this letter to your child's class teacher by 9 February. Thank you.