Dear Parents,

We believe it is important to give our students the ability to direct technology rather than be directed by it. Douglas Rushkoff, the author of ‘Program or be Programmed’, wrote that introducing children to computer programming “fundamentally transforms their perspective from that of user to maker, consumer to creative.” We want them to both “read and to write in the foundational languages of the digital age.” We are working towards that goal through our regular ICT program but would like to offer students who have a particular interest in this area the opportunity to explore it further.

Next term we will be offering a Lunchtime Programming Club to interested students in Years 4 to 6. The program will be based on the After-school Coding Club model set up by Codecademy and will begin with the basics of HTML, CSS and Javascript and move on to Python. There is no cost for the program but all students will need an email address to join www.codecademy.com and commit to attending every week. There are a limited number of places available so in the event that a large number of students express interest, places will be offered based on the interest students have shown in ICT throughout the year.

If your child is interested in joining, please return the form below to me.

Carey Baldwin

My child _____________________________ Grade ___________
would like to participate in the lunchtime Computer Programming Club.

They have permission to use an email address to join Codecademy.

Signature: ________________________________