Dear Parents,

At Essex Heights Primary School we have a comprehensive provision for Religious Education. Under the provisions of the Education Act parents have the right to elect to have S.R.I. for their children in Government Schools, provided an appropriately accredited instructor is available.

S.R.I., in the School will again be offered from Prep - Year 6. It will occur for 30 minute periods on **THURSDAY or FRIDAY afternoons** and will occur every week.

- **Christian R.E.**
  - Non-denominational program prepared by the Council for Christian Education in Schools
  - There will be an **$8.00 charge to cover costs of materials for CRE.**

- **Jewish R.E.**
  - Provided by the Jewish Education Board.
  - There will be an **annual charge of $36.00 to cover costs of materials for Jewish R.E.**

- **Buddhist R.E.**
  - Training, resources and curriculum are all provided by the Buddhist Council of Victoria – the governing body of the Buddhist Education Program in Victorian Primary Schools.

- **Hindu R.E.**
  - Provided by the Hindu Heritage Foundation.

- **Greek Orthodox R.E.**
  - Approved by the Greek Orthodox Religious Education in Schools.

The courses are all approved, as are the Teachers, who follow a specific set of instructional material.

**S.R.I. will commence on Thursday 12th March, 2015.**

Would you please indicate below your preference for your child and return the attached reply slip to your class teacher by Friday 13th February, 2015. Following receipt of this Expression of Interest, we will forward a specific Permission Form relating to the selected course.

**For planning purposes, it is important that ALL children return this notice.**

Thanking you.

Andrew Crossett
Principal

Lois Banihashemi
R.E. Co-Ordinator

Please detach and return to your class teacher

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**SPECIAL RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION (S.R.I.) – 2015**

‘Expression of Interest’

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<th>STUDENT’S NAME</th>
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If you would like your child to attend, please tick the preferred S.R.I.:

- [ ] Christian Religious Education – Approved Course. I enclose **$8.00** for payment of materials
- [ ] Jewish Religious Education – Approved Course I enclose **$36.00** for payment of materials
- [ ] Buddhist Religious Education (Yrs 3 – 6 only) - Approved Course No charge
- [ ] Greek Orthodox Religious Education – Approved Course No charge
- [ ] Hindu Religious Education – Approved Course No charge

**OR**

- [ ] I **DO NOT** wish my child to attend any Religious Education Sessions

**Signature of Parent/Guardian**