

# 2KM'S CLASS BLOG!

Dear Parents,

Shortly, 2KM is going to continue on with the 2009 2KM class blog. We are using a program called *Global Student* which is a site supported by the Victorian Government for teachers and students to create blogs.

I had great success working on a blog with my Grade Three students in 2008 and Grade Two students in 2009. You can see last year's blog by visiting <http://2kmblog.globalstudent.org.au/>

## About our blog

If you are unfamiliar with blogs, they are like online journals. Blogs are essentially websites where administrators (in our case Miss McGeady and 2KM students) can add posts which are displayed in reverse chronological order. There are panels on the side where you can go to past posts and view recent comments.

We will use our blog to add information about what is happening in 2KM and for students to add work and photos.

Here is what our blog looks like...

The address is

<http://2kmblog.globalstudent.org.au/>



## Why blog?

Blogs are great because you can share things with a wide audience. Instead of me just seeing the students' work, all of the parents can view the work and leave comments. Using blogs is also a great way for students to improve their ICT skills and get experience using an emerging technology. Students improve their literacy skills while blogging and it a fantastic opportunity for students to learn about appropriate online behaviours. One of the most rewarding experiences from blogging in 2009 was the global connections we made. We were able to communicate and even Skype with classes from all over the world!

## Safety

Keeping our students personal details private is of upmost important to us. If you give permission for your child to contribute to our class blog by adding their work and pictures etc, you must complete the form attached and return it to school.

The following **guidelines** have been established ensure our blog is kept secure.

- Students will only be identified by their first name.
- Students will not publish personal details about themselves.
- Student posts are checked by Miss McGeady before they are saved onto the blog. The class has discussed the blog rules for posting.
- All comments submitted on our blog have to be approved by Miss McGeady before they are included on the blog.
- The class will thoroughly discuss the 2KM blogging rules.

\* we would love you to comment on our blog once we get it up and running. Please only use your first name to protect our students' privacy.