



Dear parent/care givers

Our school is fortunate to have the new Baby Think it Over Program underway. Your child will soon experience many of the responsibilities as the parent of a new infant. If you want to know more about this program – their website is www.virtualparenting.com.au As a temporary parent, your child will care for a computerised baby simulator that must be supervised by your child at all times. The baby simulator sounds and behaviours replicate those of an infant. The experience is intended to demonstrate the full-time commitment required for parenting an infant. The baby will cry according to its 24 hour schedule and require the participant to care for it. The student responds by bringing a waterproof, electronic ID near the baby so that it can recognise its correct 'parent' and then figure out what kind of care the baby needs – whether it needs rocking, burping, feeding or have its nappy changed. Incidences of neglect, head support failure, shaking, rough handling, wrong position and no nappy are recorded on the baby's computer. Some of these behaviours will produce intense crying that your child should learn to avoid. You may already be aware that your daughter has been practising with the baby's in class.

You can help by providing emotional support and treating the simulator as if it was real. Offer advice, but your child should do the actual work of caring for the baby. Lack of sleep may cause your child to become drowsy. Please do not allow your child to drive if overly tired. Instruct your child to pull over to care for the baby if it cries while she is driving (as you would with a real baby)

The Real Care baby's are school property and expensive to replace. If the baby is abused, damaged or lost in your child's care, you will be held responsible for repair or replacement costs. Other charges may be assessed for damaged or missing accessories.

As a part of your child's studies in Exploring Early Childhood, she will have an opportunity to bring the baby simulation model home for 3 nights. This will start on the Friday morning and continue over the weekend for the baby to be returned to school on Monday morning. I will give students possible dates for the simulation and they may sign up once I have received the permission note with your signature.

Thank you for your anticipated patience and support for making this project a worthwhile learning experience

Mrs A. Evanson

TAS Leader of Learning



Dear Parent/Guardian

As the parent or caregiver of a student who is eligible to participate in the Baby Think It Over Program, I have read and understand the following:

The Baby Think It Over Program will require my son or daughter to be the sole caretaker of the Baby Think It Over infant simulator. I understand that the RealCare Baby II requires care throughout the day and night. When Baby cries, it will be the responsibility of my daughter to attend to Baby's needs.

Baby's crying and need for care may cause my daughter to lose sleep, and may possibly disturb other family members. Lack of sleep may cause drowsiness.

I will not allow my son or daughter to drive if overly tired.

I am aware of all safety precautions daughter must be aware of while caring for Baby. The baby will be returned before school on Monday morning in excellent condition.

The baby will activate at 5pm on Friday and turn off 8am Monday morning. It is the responsibility of the student to N/A work or find a suitable sitter for a short period of time if absolutely necessary. It is still the responsibility of the student and parent/guardian if damage occurs from a third party while in the care of the student.

The Baby Think It Over' infant simulators are school property. If the Baby is abused, damaged, or lost while in my child's care, the parent/guardian may be held responsible for repair or replacement costs.

REPLACEMENT COSTS

Real Care Baby 11	\$1630
Nappy	\$20
Bottle	\$30
Parent ID	\$25
Baby outfit	\$35

Having read all of the above, I agree to allow my child to participate in the Baby Think It Over Program.

Student name: _____ Admin: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____