Melbourne Zoo Excursion
Wednesday 13th April, 2016

Dear Parents,
As part of Term 2’s Integrated Unit ‘Wildlife Warriors’, the Prep Department have booked an excursion to the Melbourne Zoo on Wednesday the 13th of April, 2016.

The children will participate in the zoo education program; Wild Explorers. This program enables children to transform into detectives, where they will use their senses to explore the world around them searching for clues in local habitats and discovering which animals are living nearby. Through a facilitated workshop, students will investigate what animals need to survive, ranging from their food, water, shelter and family structure along with considering the features they have to be able to get all of these things.

The cost of the excursion is $25.00. This will be the only Prep excursion for Term Two.

As this excursion is very early in term 2, we request that the permission note and payment are due back at school by Thursday 24th March, 2016.

We will be travelling by seat belted bus and children will need to be at school by 8:45am, as the buses will leave promptly at 9:00am. The buses will take us directly to, and pick us up from the Melbourne Zoo entrance gates.

Full school uniform will need to be worn on the day. We also ask that children please bring their own snack, lunch and drink in a small backpack, or their school bag, on the day.

Parent Helpers:
If you are interested in assisting your child’s class with this excursion, please complete the expression of interest section on the permission note. All parent helpers are required to have a current Working with Children Check to attend. We are limited in the amount of adults who may attend. Each classroom is limited to a maximum of three parent helpers. Each classroom teacher will place all expressions of interest notes in a hat and draw two or three parent names, to ensure selection is fair. Parent Helpers will travel on the buses with their child’s grade. It is their responsibility to assist the classroom teacher, monitor the children, escort them to and from the buses & toilets, and participate in the Zoo’s activities as well as being an extra set of eyes.

Friends of the Zoo:
If you hold a Zoo Membership, or would like to visit the Melbourne Zoo to meet up with us at some stage throughout the day, please chat to your child’s teacher for more information.

Thank you,
Shonelle, Christina, Joanne, Tammie and Hannah
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I give permission for my child …………………………………………………………………………
in grade .......... to attend the excursion to the Wild Explorers program at the Melbourne Zoo on Wednesday 13th April, 2016.

I understand that my child will be travelling to/from the Melbourne Zoo in Parkville by seat belted bus and have enclosed payment to cover the $25 cost for this excursion.

Payment by (please tick one):

☐ Cash/Cheque ($25 enclosed)
☐ EFT (at office)
☐ BPAY

I authorise the teacher in charge of the excursion to consent, where it is impractical to communicate with me, to my child receiving such medical or surgical treatment as may be deemed necessary.

Please indicate if your child suffers from the following:
- Allergy YES / NO
- Breathing disorder (Particularly Asthma) YES / NO
- Other relevant information

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Telephone Numbers where you may be contacted on excursion day:

Home / Work: ........................................ Mobile: .........................................

Signature of Parent / Guardian: .................................................................

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Parent Helper Expression of Interest:
I, ................................................................. am interested in assisting with my child’s class with this excursion to Melbourne Zoo.

I have a current Working with Children Check YES/ NO