

Melbourne Zoo Excursion



Dear Parents,

As part of Term 2's inquiry learning, the Prep team has booked an excursion to the **Melbourne Zoo** on **Thursday 26th of April, 2018**.

During our visit to the Melbourne Zoo, the students will become Wild Explorers for the day, investigating the wonders of wildlife through the rich, multi-sensory environment at Melbourne Zoo. The sights, sounds, smells and immersive environment of the Zoo will enhance and awaken a sense of awe and curiosity towards animals. The teachers have planned an engaging program where students will visit the different habitat regions of the zoo. The children will observe animals in their habitats and hear from animal keepers to further their knowledge around what animals need to survive, ranging from their food, water, shelter and family structure.

The cost of the excursion is \$28.00. This will be the only Prep excursion for Term Two.

We request that the attached permission note and full payment are sent to school by Thursday 19th April, 2018.

We will be travelling on seat belted buses, 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 back entrance gates.

Full school uniform will need to be worn for the excursion. We also ask that children please bring their own snack, lunch and water bottle in a clearly named plastic or paper bag on the day. We will not be able to take lunch boxes or school bags with us. The Melbourne Zoo is committed to sustainability and conservation; please carefully consider the amount of rubbish you are sending with your child.

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. It is also a school requirement that you read, agree and sign the 'Volunteer Code of Conduct', which will be given to you should you be selected as a parent helper. Each classroom is limited to a maximum of three parent helpers. Classroom teachers 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 as well as being an extra set of eyes.

Other Parent Attendance:

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,

Tammie, Natascha, Yolanda and Laine.

Prep Melbourne Zoo Excursion

Please return this completed form with payment by Thursday 19th April, 2018.

I give permission for my child in Prep to attend the excursion to the Melbourne Zoo on **Thursday 26th April, 2018.**

I understand that my child will be travelling to/from the Melbourne Zoo in Parkville on a seat belted bus and have enclosed payment to cover the \$28 cost for this excursion.

Payment by (please tick one):

- Cash/Cheque** (\$28 enclosed)
- EFT** (please pay at office)
- BPAY**
- Credit Card**

Name on Credit Card: _____

Credit Card Number:

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CVC Number:

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Expiry Date:

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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

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, parent of
..... am interested in assisting
with my child's class with this excursion to Melbourne Zoo.

- I have a current Working with Children Check

- I have read, agreed and signed the Volunteers Code of Conduct