



Tuesday 19th April, 2016

Year 1/2 Melbourne Zoo Excursion

Friday 13th May, 2016

Dear Parents,

As part of our Inquiry Unit this term, Year 1/2 are learning about animals and will be attending an excursion at the Melbourne Zoo.

Date: Friday 13th May, 2016

Depart school: 9:00am

Return to school: 3:15pm (approx.)

Cost: Deducted from Excursion Levy

At the Melbourne Zoo students will participate in the “Wild Explorers” Program. This program will include the following concepts:

- **Empathy for animals:** Encourage students to emotionally connect with and develop empathy and respect for animals and nature. Identify "what makes animals special?"
- **Life Cycles:** Students will look at how animals change as they grow and the characteristics of these life stages.
- **Animal Features:** Identify the external features of animals, including body parts and what they are used for. Recognise how different animals have similar and/or different features from other animals.
- **Animal Habitats:** Discover how animals live in different habitats and have different needs in order to survive.

For this excursion all students will need to bring two disposable bags – one containing **MORNING TEA** and one **containing LUNCH**. Please also bring a **DRINK BOTTLE**. Ensure that they are clearly labelled.

We welcome parent helpers for this excursion. If you are able to assist and have a current Working with Children Check, please notify your child's classroom teacher.

Please complete the attached permission form and return to your child's teacher by Friday 6th May, 2015.

Yours sincerely,

Alec McPhee & Frieda Apostolopoulos
1/2 Classroom Teachers

PERMISSION FORM

TITLE: Year 1/2 Melbourne Zoo Excursion

DATE: Friday 13 May, 2016

I give permission for my child to travel by bus to the **Melbourne Zoo on Friday 13 May**. 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. I understand that the Department of Early Childhood Education & Development does not provide student accident cover insurance.

Student's Full Name: _____ Class: _____ Date of Birth ___/___/___

PLEASE TICK IF YOUR CHILD SUFFERS ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Fits of any type Blackouts Travel Sickness Dizziness Migraines
 Asthma (Ensure the school has a current Asthma Management Plan)

*Please note that all Asthma puffers (e.g. Ventolin) should be kept with students at all times.

Allergy (e.g. bee/wasp, nuts, Penicillin, other) to _____

(Ensure the school has a current Allergy Plan)

Other please specify: _____

Special care is recommended: _____

Is your child currently taking any medications? Yes / No

If yes, please state the name of and dosage of medications: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Number on the day: _____

Emergency Contacts are people that Mount Waverley Primary School may need to contact in an emergency. Please ensure that the people named are aware that they have been nominated as emergency contacts and agree to their details being provided to Mount Waverley Heights Primary School.

Parent's Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

This confidential form asks for personal information about your child. The main purpose for collecting this information is so that Mount Waverley Heights Primary School can allocate staff for supervision and it assists us to properly care for your child. The school depends on you to provide all relevant health information. Withholding some health information may put your child's health at risk. The school will use this information if your child is involved in a medical emergency. This medical form must be current when the excursion is run. Parents are responsible for all medical costs if a student is injured on a school approved excursion unless the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development is found liable (liability is not automatic). Parents can purchase student accident insurance cover from a commercial insurer if they wish to. All staff at Mount Waverley Heights Primary School and the Department of Education & Early Childhood Development are required by law to protect the information provided on this form. All information is held in confidence.