28 May, 2014

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for allowing your child to attend the Canberra excursion. It will be a wonderful experience for all involved.

When: Monday 2 June to Wednesday 4 June (Term 2, Week 6)
Please arrive at school at 7:10am

What to bring
Day One: Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea packed from home.
Food for day one must be packed into your daypack.
Day pack – a small bag containing food for day one, camera, water bottle, raincoat, wallet and tissues. The daypack is taken on the bus and must be small in size (no school size backpacks).

Luggage
• Connells Point Public Winter school uniform for attending War Memorial – Yianni and Sophie only
• Casual clothing for two-days (remember Canberra is cold in June). Dressing in layers is best as most of the venues are well heated.
• Shoes must be closed in and suitable for indoor and outdoor activities.
• Warm jacket to be worn over day clothes and be taken on the bus.
• Beanie / Scarf (optional)
• Wet weather gear packed in daypack
• Winter pyjamas or tracksuit for sleeping in. The temperature in Canberra can drop to minus degrees. Warm nightwear is needed.
• 3 sets of underwear
• 3 pairs of socks
• Toiletries – toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, hair product, deodorant (no aerosol cans), comb etc…
• Spending money- children are allowed to use the shop at Questacon and at other venues when given permission by venue staff and teachers. $30 maximum.

Please note that all linen and pillows are provided at accommodation venues. Children are allowed to bring an iPod (NOT iPhone) to use when travelling on the coach to and from Canberra. Once in Canberra the coach driver teaches the children about the area, venues and updates them on their itinerary. Children will be asked to store their devices in daypacks when in Canberra.

Teachers take no responsibility for iPods, cameras or spending money that may become lost or damaged. The responsibility of such items is with your child. The teachers attending camp have all of their time taken up with activities and general supervision. They do not have time to investigate these types of instances.

Children are not to bring mobile phones. This decision is made taking into account the following points:
• Phones allow students to take photographs and transmit these immediately, (by messages or email) which can be inappropriate, embarrassing and detrimental to relationships.
• When children are over tired and over stimulated, and have limited opportunity for rest, they become less tolerant of others and may become distressed easily, further exacerbating issues which may arise. Late night texting or messaging is likely to cause social issues which would otherwise be avoided.

Our intention is that all students have a fun and happy experience at camp. Following these rules will help facilitate this. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

Mrs Therese Corben
Relieving Principal

Year 6 Teachers