Dear Parents/Guardians,

A walk and camp has been arranged for the pupils of Year 6 on Tuesday 23 March to Thursday 25 March 2010.

At present we will be camping at Yadboro Flat and climbing Pigeon House. If a total fire ban is in force at the time of the camp we will need to change the camp venue to Island View Caravan Park, Narooma.

On Day 1 the bus will depart from school at 8.00am sharp. The children will walk to the top of Pigeon House Mountain and then along the Pigeon House fire trail to Yadboro Flat beside the upper Clyde River where they will camp for two nights. The children will sleep in tents with a fly.

On Days 2 and 3 the children will be involved in various activities at the campsite. These activities will include Nature Study, Camp Cooking, Bushcraft, Games, Swimming, Compass Reading and Sketching. The bus will return to school at approximately 3.30pm on Thursday.

We feel sure that this will be a very valuable social and educational experience for the children. It is also the culmination of the school’s K-6 Camping Program and the skills learnt at camp, particularly the Year 6 one where children must be more or less self-sufficient, are very useful in helping the children to participate in a leisure activity which is relatively inexpensive and can be enjoyed throughout life.

The cost will be $50 per child and covers the cost of transport and food. So that food can be purchased, final payment for the camp should be made by **18 March 2010.**

As this camp is part of the school program all children will be expected to attend. **We do not want any child to miss out on the camp owing to financial reasons, so please see your child’s teacher should this be a concern.**

Tom Purcell  Mrs Bev Nicholas  Mrs Helen Smart  Mrs Gwen Haynes
PRINCIPAL  *Year 6 Teachers*  

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For the camp, your child will need the following items. Each should be clearly labeled with your child’s name.

To be carried in a back pack – this goes with your child on the bus
- Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea for the first day
- A drink and water bottle of at least 2 litres capacity (full)
- A small first aid kit (antiseptic cream, bandaids, etc.)
- Camera (not compulsory)
- A small plastic bag for rubbish

To be packed in large bag and taken to the campsite by vehicle.
- Knife, fork, spoon, deep plate, mug and a tea towel
- Soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, brush or comb and a towel
- Sunscreen, insect repellent
- Swimmers, warm change of clothes, clean underwear, socks, raincoat
- An old pair of shoes (they will get wet) or water shoes.
- Torch (not compulsory)
- Sleeping bag or blanket(s)
- Air mattress (not compulsory)
- A tent (if you have one)
- Ice cream container

Please Note
This equipment should be brought to school on the morning of Monday 22 March. It will be loaded into vehicles on Monday afternoon at 1.45pm

Your child should wear
- T-shirt, shorts and a hat
- Long thick socks and sturdy, but comfortable enclosed shoes. (Joggers in reasonable condition will suffice)

Pre-Camp Activities

1. **Parent Helpers Meeting**
   There will be a brief meeting for parents attending the camp on 18 March 2010 in the staffroom, beginning at 3.00pm, to discuss transport arrangements and Pigeon House camp procedures. We hope to see you there.

2. **Tent Practice**
   Children with tents are asked to bring them to school on 19 March 2010 so that a practice session of pitching and packing them away can be undertaken. This will also assist the teachers in determining whether all children attending the camp will be comfortably accommodated whilst at Yadboro.

3. **Holmes Lookout Practice Walk**
   On Friday 19 March 2010, the Year 6 children will be undertaking a walk to Holmes Lookout. They will be accompanied by the Year 6 Teachers. The group will leave the school at 12.20pm and travel by bus to the Holmes Lookout turn-off on the Kings Highway. The bus will return to school at 2.30pm. No cost is involved. The purpose of the walk is to determine the general fitness of the children who are asked to carry the pack containing their lunch and water bottle, and to walk in the shoes that they intend to wear during the Pigeon House hike. This will give the teachers the opportunity to check the suitability of the footwear, backpacks and water bottles. Please complete the accompanying permission note.
HOLMES LOOKOUT PERMISSION NOTE

I give permission for my child ............................................ of Class .................. to attend the excursion to Holmes Lookout, Batemans Bay on Friday 19 March 2010.

Signed ........................................................................    Date ..............................
Parent/Guardian

PIGEON HOUSE CAMP PERMISSION NOTE

I hereby consent to my child ........................................................ participating in an excursion to Pigeon House and Yadboro on Tuesday 23-3-10 to Thursday 25-3-2010.

Signed ....................................................................   Date ......................
Parent/Guardian

(Payment can be made any time prior to 18 March 2010)

Please return this form ASAP

PARENT HELPERS

I am available to help at the camp during the following times:

a) The full camp - 3 days/2 nights
b) Tuesday 23 March 2010 Morning
   Afternoon
   Overnight
c) Wednesday 24 March 2010 Morning
   Afternoon
   Overnight
d) Thursday 25 March 2010 Morning only
e) I have a truck, ute, etc. and can help with transporting gear to camp

PARENT’S NAME .................................................   PHONE NO. .................

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MEDICATION/ALLERGIES/EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Should your child be taking any medication please specify type, dosage and times required. Should your child suffer from any allergies or illnesses, e.g. asthma etc. please complete the form below.

Child’s Name ........................................ Current Medication ................................

Illness/allergy ......................................................................................................................

Times required .....................................................................................................................

Emergency Contact No.  Home ............... Work .................................

Your current address ............................................................................................

Parent’s/Guardian’s Signature ........................................ Date ......................

Should you have any further details, e.g. allergic to bee stings, antibiotics, etc., please state below.

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SWIMMING PERMISSION NOTE

My child ...................................................... is a competent swimmer and has my permission to go swimming. He/She is able to swim 25 metres or more. I understand that all swimming sessions will be under strict teacher supervision. Swimming sessions will be conducted in the safe swimming area adjacent to the campsite.

Signed ........................................................................ Date ......................

Parent/Guardian

NON-SWIMMERS/POOR SWIMMERS

I do not wish my child to attend the swimming sessions during the course of the camp as he/she can only swim 20 metres 15 metres 10 metres less than 10 metres (Please circle one of the above)

Child’s Name ..............................................

Signed ........................................................................ Date ......................

Parent/Guardian

NAME:

I enclose cash/cheque (circle) for $50.00 or I am paying by credit card – details below.

FOR CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS:  PLEASE DEBIT MY CREDIT CARD: $______

CARD NAME:  ________________________________  EXPIRY DATE: ___/___

ADDRESS:  ____________________________________________

Please debit my  □  Bankcard  □  Mastercard  □  Visa Card

Card Number:  __________________________________________________________________

SIGNATURE:  ________________________________  DATE:___/___/___
EXCURSION/ACTIVITY CONDUCT AGREEMENT

Rights:
When representing our school all children have the right:
• to feel safe
• to be treated with kindness, care and respect
• to enjoy themselves

Responsibilities:
When representing our school I have the responsibility:
• to act in a caring and sharing manner in order to keep myself and others safe
• care for our environment
• to respect the property of others
• to be on time
• to respect other peoples’ opinions and differences
• to use my manners and positive language
• to try my best
• to have fun

Consequences for not meeting your responsibilities could include:
• being reminded of your responsibilities
• exclusion from further excursions/activities
• non participation in excursion/activity
• parents being contacted to come and collect you from excursion/activity
• suspension from school

Signed: ________________________Child ________________________Parent

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